

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 5th October 2023 – 6.30pm

<u>Present</u>		<u>Apologies</u>
D J Davies (Chair)	E Phipps-Magill	D Havard
P Rosser (Vice Chair)	K Ingram	C Morgan
A McConnell	E Aldworth	
L Phipps	J Winslade	
S Aicheler	N Bull	
A Birkinshaw (Clerk)		

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1009 A report was sent to council in advance of the meeting. CO376 Rhiannon Collins and CO500 Dylan Greedy attended the meeting to answer any queries

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

1010 Derek Allford, Chair of BWH Management Committee, provided a monthly update

FULL COUNCIL

1011 Declarations of Interest:

As noted individually below

1012 Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1013 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 7th September 2023. The meeting agreed the minutes for signature as true and correct record

1014 Clerk's report

- a/ Internal repair of ceiling and decorating completed in the entrance foyer following successful repair of roof
- b/ Audit Wales have returned this year's Full audit as unqualified
- c/ Christmas office closure agreed as follows:
Close after work 21st December and re-open Tuesday 2nd January. The remainder of clerk's annual leave has been booked and agreed
- d/ Letter from local resident brought to the attention of full council
RESOLVED that: Council have answered all the questions raised in the letters received regarding this item. No further correspondence will be entered into and BTMCC consider the matter closed

Finance matters

1015 Finance report

Cllr Rosser presented a summary of the financial transactions for September. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

1016 Financial Assistance Applications

One received this month. Caerphilly Veterans Support Hub. It was agreed to offer £150 to CVSH, £50 from each ward budget. Clerk to arrange presentation of cheque and photographs

RESOLVED that: In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure above satisfies the requirements of that section.

1017 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Cllr Rosser presented the report from the meeting held on 26th September. The half yearly review of the budget shows an overspend in the Maintenance section due to emergency repairs to the roof at the council offices. It was agreed to vire the amount of £4,100 from reserves to the Maintenance budget to cover these unforeseen costs

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps reported on the meeting held 11th September. The ECIL committee agreed and recommends to council a spend of £4,500 for the installation of a bike rack and bollards at Machen Village Hall car park, plus the remarking of the bays. It was also proposed up to £100 be made available for a mural at GYR Community Centre? Agreed unanimously

Land & Buildings Committee

Newport Road. It was agreed clerk to seek clarification on one quote before a final decision is made. Items proposed by the ECIL committee we discussed and a decision postponed pending further discussion at the next ECIL meeting. Cllr Bull has been asked to bring plans and quotes to the meeting on 11th December

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Winslade reported the Transport Day on 17th September went well, despite the very wet weather. Macmillan coffee morning on 29th September at Machen Village Hall was successful and £200 has been banked to the Macmillan charity. The next event is the BTMCC Family Halloween Panto on Saturday 28th October and all councillors are encouraged to attend. This show is already sold out

1018 Planning Applications

Cllr Aldworth and Cllr Winslade left the meeting prior to discussions

Case references 23/0571/HH, 23/0601/FULL and 23/0544/CLPU were noted and approved

Meeting closed 8.05pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 2.11.23