

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 2nd November 2023 – 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1019 No report was sent in advance and no police attendance at the meeting. Clerk will chase for a report

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

1020 Derek Allford – BWH Chair offered apologies for absence. Nothing new to report from the Hall this month

FULL COUNCIL

1021 Declarations of Interest:

As noted individually below

1022 Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.38pm. Attendance and apologies for absence noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1023 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 5th October 2023. The meeting agreed the minutes for signature as true and correct record

1024 Boundary Changes

The Review of Community Arrangements of the County Borough of Caerphilly report was discussed. Agreed unanimously to support the proposed boundary changes. Clerk to reply to Boundaries Wales



1025 Governor Vacancy

A minor authority vacancy has arisen at Tyn-Y-Wern Primary school. Councillor Kev Ingram expressed an interest in filling this role and council unanimously agreed. Clerk to inform EAS

1026 Budget

Initial draft budget was looked at and some ideas proposed. Councillors to send all other suggestions to the clerk for inclusion in the next draft copy. Final decision on next year's budget and precept will be made at the December meeting

1027 Clerk's report

- a/ Gutters – only 2 of the five companies approached were able to offer a quote. These have been forwarded for consideration
RESOLVED that: AJM Cleaning Services be asked to clean and inspect the gutters at the council offices at a cost of £250
- b/ Access Control System. The door buzzer system has a fault which cannot be repaired as the system is obsolete. Three quotes to replace the system have been forwarded to all councillors for consideration
RESOLVED that: Protectorcomms be asked to proceed with replacing the access control system at a cost of £1,400
- c/ Plumbing – Two companies were approached to look at the emergency plumbing issues at the council offices. Only one was able to offer a quote
RESOLVED that: Ignium Mechanical Ltd be tasked with carrying out the emergency repairs at a cost of £240

Finance matters

1028 Finance report

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

1029 Financial Assistance Applications

Two received this month. St Mary Street Allotment Association and BTM Brass Band Society. It was agreed to offer St Mary Street Allotments £300 from the Bedwas budget and BTM Band £300, £100 from each ward budget. Cllr Phipps declared an interest in the St Mary Street Allotments and took no part in the discussion

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.

1030 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Cllr Morgan advised a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 9th November

Environment & CIL Committee

Next meeting 11th December

Land & Buildings Committee

It was agreed by majority vote to accept the quote from P Simmons for the resurfacing of the car park. Cllr Davies registered his objection

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Winslade reported the panto went well. It was a sell out and enjoyed by all. Not all councillors were able to attend, and the staffing of these events is difficult. It was proposed the arranging of future pantos be handed over to Bedwas Workmen's Hall. Cllr Phipps will raise this at the next BWH Management Committee meeting.

Arrangements are in place for the firework display being sponsored by BTMCC. The Art of Sparks will be organising the display which will take place at the Cornfield in Trethomas at 6pm on Friday 3rd November. This event typically costs £4,000. BTMCC have offered to support the event to the costs of £1,500 plus VAT and the Chair of Council has offered a further £500 from his allowance. Charities buckets will be used to collect donations for St David's Hospice

Remembrance Day arrangements are in place for Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen

1031 Planning Applications

Cllr Aldworth and Cllr Phipps left the meeting prior to discussions

Case references 23/0630/FULL, 23/0635/COU, 23/0657/HH, 23/0633/NOTT and 23/0683/RET were noted and approved

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 7.12.23