

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 7th December 2023 – 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1032 No officers were able to attend in person this month. Reports were sent for November and December. No issues raised

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

1033 Derek Allford – BWH Chair updated the meeting with hall activities and events

FULL COUNCIL

1034 Declarations of Interest:

As noted individually below

1035 Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1036 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 2nd November 2023. Draft minutes were amended to correct wording in Minute 1030 Events & Leisure and to record Cllr Phipps' declared interest in Financial Assistance request minute 1029 – and also planning. The meeting agreed the amended minutes for signature as true and correct record

1037 NALC Payscale update

The new pay scales were accepted by council and backdated to April 2023, as per OVW guidance

1038 CCBC Joint Events

Council discussed the possibility of co-hosting a community event with CCBC. Ideas to be discussed at the next Events & Leisure committee meeting in January 2024

1039 Clerk's report

- a/ P Simmons have scheduled the car park resurfacing in to their calendar for mid-January 2024. The surveyor will attend site shortly
- b/ Window Cleaning. AJM Cleaning are to take over the window cleaning at the council offices. They will attend on an 8 weekly basis and offer a cost saving of £17 per visit compared to the previous contractor

Finance matters

1040 Finance report

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

1041 Financial Assistance Applications

One received this month. Inside Out Cymru.

RESOLVED that: the application be refused on the basis it does not comply with the terms as set out in the BTMCC Grant and Financial Assistance Policy

1042 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

PRESS & PUBLIC EXEMPT – Caretaker job description & revised contract

The new job description and contract were agreed by the FE&P sub committee at the last meeting. Full council accepted both documents and changes will be effected from 1st April 2024

RESOLVED that: BTMCC will pay a contract cleaner to cover cleaning during Caretaker's annual leave (One day per week). This to be reviewed in 12 months

Proposed budget for 2024-2025 was discussed and proposals made. Clerk to make the amendments and send revision to all councillors for consideration and to bring back to January meeting for approval

Environment & CIL Committee

Next meeting 11th December

Land & Buildings Committee

It was agreed to purchase bin storage shed at a cost of £189.99 from CIL monies. Clerk to place the order

Next meeting 15th January 2024

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Winslade reported on the fireworks display which took place on 3rd November. Notes have been made for amendments and improvements for next year's event. The bucket collection raised £455.76 for St David's Hospice. This was presented by Councillors on Thursday 7th December at BTMCC Council Chamber

Remembrance Day events in Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen went well, although it is noted attendance was down on usual numbers. The poor weather may have caused this, and it's hoped next year will see a return to the great turnout we usually see
Sunday 17th December is the final BTMCC Panto at Bedwas Workmen's Hall. It is proposed from next year, BTMCC sponsor prizes for the panto and the Chair of Council chooses winners and presents the prizes

1043 Planning Applications

Cllr Aldworth and Cllr Phipps left the meeting prior to discussions. Cllr Winslade declared an interest in case reference 23/0770/HH and took no part in discussion.

Case references 23/0666/FULL, 23/0674/FULL 23/0718/RET, 23/0655/FULL, 23/0745/COU, 23/0770/HH, 23/0740/HH and 23/0783/NOTT were noted and approved

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 4.1.2024