

**In line with the Welsh Government's 'Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021' requirement for all 735 Town and Community Councils in Wales to electronically publish the key information and the outcome of their Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council hereby publish an unnumbered and unsigned summary of the:**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of  
Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Present:** Cllr DJ Davies (Chair), Cllr P Rosser (Vice Chair), Cllr L Phipps, Cllr A McConnell, Cllr K Ingram, Cllr N Bull, Cllr L Aldworth, Cllr J Winslade, Cllr C Morgan,

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

**Apologies:** Cllr D Havard, Cllr E Phipps-Magill

**1/ Police matters**

Report was sent and circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Cllr Phipps will email PCSO Collins for clarification on some of the quoted figures

**2/ BWH**

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

**3/ Declarations of Interest**

As noted below

**4/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

The meeting acknowledged the minutes as a true and correct record and agreed for signature

**5/ Clerk's report**

- a/ Presentation of summary of account from the Christmas pantomime held on 17<sup>th</sup> December. £1,327.60 has been added to the "schools" budget to make a total of £3,559.40 available. It was proposed £1,500 be used to purchase items for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room project at Bedwas High School. As Cllr Phipps, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Davies are members of the governing body of the school they declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The remaining councillors agreed unanimously. Clerk to speak with school and order items from their "wish list"

**6/ Finance matters**

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

**Financial Assistance Applications**

None received this month.

## **7/ Council Committees**

### **Finance, Employment and Policies Committee**

Final version of the draft budget was agreed unanimously, including a precept increase of 5%.

### **Environment & CIL Committee**

The following proposals for CIL spend came from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December. £3,710.88 to be given to top up the fund for the new training kitchen in GYR

Up to £14,000 to be allocated for land purchase at Bedwas Workmen's Hall to support ongoing refurbishment plans

Up to £100 per planter to be made available for the servicing in situ of the planters in three wards. Work to be undertaken by councillors and volunteers on a trial basis for one year

Up to £50 to be made available for the painting of handrails at Machen cenotaph. Cllr McConnell to arrange

BTMCC to take guardianship of the defibrillator outside Tesco on Crossways Park. This currently needs new pads. Cllr McConnell has ordered same

### **Land & Buildings Committee**

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **Events & Leisure Committee**

Cllr Winslade reported on the pantomime held at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Profit made has been banked to the "schools" budget. A meeting will be called shortly to discuss projects for 2024

## **8/ Planning Applications**

Cllr Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussions.

Case references 23/0525/CLPU, 23/0788/HH and 23/0863/FULL were noted and approved

**The meeting closed at 7.15pm**

**The full Minutes, when agreed and signed, will be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible**