

# Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 6.30pm

<u>Present</u>		<u>Apologies</u>
D Davies (Chair)	C Morgan	P Rosser
A McConnell	K Ingram	
L Phipps	E Aldworth (Arrived 6.45pm)	
N Bull	J Winslade	
D Havard	S Aicheler	
E Phipps-Magill	A Birkinshaw (Clerk)	

### 1066 Chair's address

Prior to the meeting starting, Cllr Davies made members aware of an issue he has with his Labour Party membership, which he is trying to resolve. Cllr Davies offered to stand down as Chair. Councillors agreed unanimously he should continue as Chair until the Annual Meeting in May.

### GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1067 Report was sent and circulated to members in advance of the meeting. PCSO Gibbs attended and updated council on current initiatives and upcoming events

### BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

1068 Derek Allford – BWH Chair provided members with an update of the recent Hall activities

### FULL COUNCIL

1069 **Declarations of Interest:**

As noted individually below

1070 Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1071 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. The meeting agreed the minutes for signature as true and correct record

## **1072 Clerk's report**

- a/ Resident's letter discussed – clerk to reply
- b/ Request for funding of Gwyl Caerphilly Festival discussed. Clerk to respond
- c/ Clerk requested permission to invite Sustrans to address the next full council meeting in April

## **1073 Machen Show**

Sponsorship of Machen Show was discussed and decided. Pitch for large gazebo, to share with DWRCC, also to be booked. Clerk to arrange

## **Finance matters**

### **1074 Finance report**

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

### **1075 Financial Assistance Applications**

Request from Caerphilly and District Town Twinning Association was rejected as it doesn't meet the terms of the grant policy. Letter received from Gwent Federation of Women's Institutes requesting a donation was rejected as not in BTM area. Application from St John Ambulance (Bedwas Division) was approved and £300 to be awarded.

***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.*

### **1076 Council Committees**

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

Report from meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> February. Council congratulated the clerk on achieving her CiLCA qualification last month. It was agreed the clerk will receive one additional scale point for the qualification and one further point in April, as per contract of employment. Clerk has requested to reduce working hours to 30 hours per week, starting April 2024. Council agreed Letter received from Wayne David's office requesting they pay their rent in quarterly instalments this year. This was agreed with the first payment expected by 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Environment & CIL Committee**

Next meeting arranged for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Land & Buildings Committee**

Meeting which was arranged for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed.  
New date to be arranged shortly

#### **Events & Leisure Committee**

Meeting originally planned for 4<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled and will be rearranged shortly. It was agreed to spend up to £50 on refreshments for the GYR litter pick arranged for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Phipps to arrange

#### **1077 Planning Applications**

Cllr Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussions. Cllr Phipps and Cllr Phipps-Magill declared an interest in Case reference 24/0100/OUT and took no part in discussions regarding this

Case references 24/0030/FULL, 24/0032/FULL, 24/0053/HH, 24/0055/COU, 24/0103/NCC and 24/0100/OUT were noted and agreed

**Meeting closed 8.00pm**

Signed:  Chairperson      Date: 4-4-2024