



Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – Section 52

1st April 2025

WARD	COUNCILLOR
Bedwas	Dave Davies, Lisa Phipps, Jill Winslade, Emma Phipps-Magill
Trethomas	Elizabeth Aldworth, Kev Ingram, Nigel Bull
Machen	Chris Morgan, Amanda McConnell, Derek Havard, Phil Rosser (Chair), Steve Aicheler

Month	Description and comments	Total spend
April	Plants ordered for the 3 ward planters – trial of volunteer led care. Work starting on BWH refurbishment. Prepared accounts to internal auditor. Clerk successfully completed CiLCA training Skateboard Academy to provide free skateboard sessions for the community at GYR skate park - £342	£30,481.57
May	AGM, followed by the first Full meeting of Council. Declaration of office signed, and request made for any updates to the current Register of Interests to be notified to the clerk. Councillor allowances paid. Details returned to IRPW and published on website. Pat testing completed at offices Grants to Machen AFC £300, Messy Church Bedwas £150 and Bedwas Crafters £300	£21,167.39
June	Console box mural at GYR completed. Replacement pads for defib at Machen RFC. Grant to Trethomas Bluebirds £300 and Bedwas Theatre Group £300	£15,012.54

July	<p>Green Flag award for 2024-25 awarded for community garden. Council Office Chamber was fitted with TV screen and webcam to allow hybrid meetings. Benches from Community garden galvanised and powder coated. Councillors attended Machen Show, along with DWR council and Ruperra Trust, with gazebo and information for the community. Documents sent to Audit Wales for the Triennial Full audit (not completed last year). One Voice Wales membership renewed</p> <p>Grant to Machen RFC £300</p>	£25,604.95
August	<p>ICO membership renewed. Fun Day in conjunction with Gwent Police held on Bryn Field. New bench installed Lower GYR</p> <p>Grant to Machen RFC under 7s £300 and St Mary Street Allotments £300</p>	£13,255.09
September	<p>Transport Day at Community Garden. Repairs to toilets – first floor Council Offices. Annual gutter clean and inspection. New parking sign added to car park</p> <p>Grant to Skateboard Academy for holiday sessions Bedwas and GYR £864. Machen WI £300</p>	£105,246.29
October	<p>McMillan Coffee Morning. SLCC membership renewed. Insurance for BTMCC & BWH checked and renewed. Donation by Chairs from allowance to St David's Hospice Care, Ty Hafan and Marie Curie - £100 to each. First Halloween event held in Community Garden. Building & Contents insurance for Council Offices and BWH</p> <p>Grant to BTM Band £300</p>	£204,496.70
November	<p>Payment 2 of 2 for Christmas Lights. Sign planters at GYR have been renovated, painted and planted by a resident with help from GYR School Children. New shipping container purchased for Community Garden. New lift opened at BWH. Very positive feedback from customers. CCBC's Rural Development Grant provided funding for new accessible toilet on the first floor, easy access doors to the lift and some additional monies to help with emergency roof repairs on both sets of toilets</p>	£106,603.62
December	<p>Chair's Christmas Carol Service with refreshments and gifts for children.</p>	£133,519.07
January	<p>Refurbishment of BWH apart from snagging, making the building wind & water tight and accessible. The community feedback has been very positive, with some residents able to access the first floor of the Hall for the first time</p>	£102,052.99
February	<p>Second bench installed in Lower GYR. Emergency repair to roof at BWH following storm damage</p> <p>Skateboard Academy provided free lessons at GYR skatepark during half term holiday. Clerk complete CiLCA training</p>	£16,399.52

March	Clerk took two webinar based training sessions. Kevin John made good damage to offices caused by the removal of equipment. Preparations underway for Chair's and Community Awards in April. Console Box in Trethomas painted	£40,495.18
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Date	CIL	Infrastructure projects	
April 24	BTM	Litter picking equipment	£ 188.79
	BTM	Plants for Ward Planters	£ 102.90
	Bedwas	Fence at Bowls Club	£8,460.00
	BTM	Defib pads x 3	£ 213.00
	BTM	Plants for garden	£ 401.59
June 24	Machen	Pads for Defib	£70.00
	BTM	Plants for garden	£84.60
July 24	BTM	Plants for garden	£19.00
	Machen	Mural on console box Lower GYR	£75.00
	BTM	Top soil / Manure for garden	£350.00
August 24	Machen	Bench Lower GYR	£1,086.00
Sept 24	BTM	Bulbs for ward planters	£14.99
	Bedwas	Bin Store	£156.95
Oct 24	Machen	Drainage mat for planter	£22.80
Nov 24	Machen	Repair & refurb sign planters GYR	£141.33
	Bedwas	Shipping container (Partial payment)	£1,975.20
Jan 25	BTM	Drainage mat for planter	£24.00
	Machen	Plinth for new bench Lower GYR	£75.00
	Bedwas	New settlement sign (50%)	£152.40
February	Machen	Second bench Lower GYR	£1,098.00
March	Machen	Donation to GYR Kitchen	£3,710.00
	Bedwas	Wood for Pergola	£351.11
	BTM	Planter for ward planters	£26.85
	Machen	Car park bike rack & bollards	£4,440.00
	Trethomas	Console box mural	£325.00

Financial matters	
Income	£795,547.73
Expenditure	£814,344.91



Planters being cared for by
councillors and volunteers
this year

Refurbishment works
started on the Hall –
There were a few
surprises are the works
progressed



Local artist Matt Dey
transforms another
console box in to a work
of art



Machen Show is always popular. BTM Community Council joined with DWR Community Council and Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust this year



A new bench was installed on the hill in Lower GYR. A welcome resting place for walkers and residents

During our annual Transport and Motor Day, Cardiff Transport Preservation Trust id bus rides to Caerphilly and back – a lovely trip down memory lane for lots of our residents





The Community Garden hosting a summer evening of music. BTM Band Next Generation getting in some practice in the sunshine before their summer concerts

It was the turn of Bedwas to host the Macmillan Coffee Morning. The council office Chamber was a perfect venue



The Council acknowledges the services to the community for certain individuals. Our annual awards ceremony is always popular

ECIL monies used to improve facilities. A new bike rack and bollards in Machen





A local resident of GYR worked hard repairing, painting and planting, and included children from Graig Y Rhacca Primary school. The pupils loved being involved and the signs look fantastic

Christmas is celebrated at Bedwas Council Offices with carols, mince pies and mulled wine. A special visitor brings something for the children too!



BTM Community Council hold and support many events in the community. Litter picking and riverside maintenance, Christmas events and much more. Information available on our Facebook page and in the community noticeboards