

## **Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Land & Buildings Committee on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

<b>PRESENT (Committee)</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
N Bull (Chair)	Emma Phipps Magill
K Ingram	D Davies
J Winslade	
A Butler (Minutes)	

#### **1/ Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **2/ Men's shed / Garden**

The Men's shed is up and just need some final tightening to be completed. This will be done on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May by the garden volunteers.

Gwent Green Grid have awarded the garden a grant of £1,500. The funds have been transferred to the Council bank account. £1,000 for plants and £500 towards the cost wood. Cllr Bull to purchase wood to create a shelf in the new shipping container and supports for a new shelter in front of the Men's Shed. Richard Thomas to source plants as per garden plan submitted to the funders.

Cllr Bull has suggested the purchase of 3 gallons of linseed oil to treat the raised beds. From agreed garden budget - Clerk to order

Previously discussed and agreed, checker plates for the stage area still to be sourced. Cllr Ingram to chase

Cllr Bull would like to explore the possibility of growing all our own plants for the ward planters, with advice and support from Rudry resident. Suggest the purchase of two greenhouses. Cllr Ingram to raise at the next ECIL meeting

Cllr Ingram has requested a spreadsheet of garden spend be added to the paperwork for each meeting of L&B committee – Clerk to arrange

#### **4/ Car Park - Council offices**

Staff from The Garage Bedwas are using the car park to park their personal vehicles from 9am to 6pm weekdays. This frees up space on the road outside the garage. Cllr Bull has asked if we can draw up a contract for this use and accept payment from the garage. Clerk to check the legal position regarding charging and this to go on agenda for Full Council to discuss.

#### **6/ Vacant offices**

The office space is still vacant, with no interest shown. Chris Evans MP has taken details to consider when his lease ends in Pontllanfraith. Stairs to access the first floor has been an issue for some potential tenants. Clerk to obtain quote for stairlift. Cllr McConnell to be asked if she can re-advertise including photos of chamber with hourly hire option and including the garden space to add to the appeal

Meeting closed 7.22pm

Signed: *Nigel Bull* Chair

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025