

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 15th January 2026 – 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1279 A report was sent but no officer available to attend

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

1280 Minutes of the monthly committee meeting will be forwarded to members

FULL COUNCIL

1281 **Declarations of Interest:**

As below

1282 Cllr Winslade chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1283 The meeting acknowledged the minutes of the Full Council meeting, held on 4th December to be a true and correct record and agreed for signature. Proposed Cllr Ingram, seconded Cllr Aicheler

1284 **Clerk's report**

- a/ CCTV – Following an incident at the offices it is noted there is a blind spot in the CCTV coverage – the driveway in to the car park is not covered. Quote from Rooftop Aerials to add an additional camera for £250 was accepted unanimously. Clerk to action
- b/ The EICR survey for both BWH and BTM Offices due this year. Quote from UK Safety Management for both buildings was £1,759. Accepted by council and Clerk to arrange
- c/ Consideration to be given to advertising empty office space with the Caerphilly Observer. Quote obtained and agreed. New poster to be designed
- d/ Clerk has received complaints from tenant about water ingress through front window downstairs. Refer to L&B Committee for action

Finance matters

1284 Finance report

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

1285 Financial Assistance Applications

None received

1286 Budget and Precept for 2026-2027

The budget proposal from the F,E&P meeting on 8th December was discussed

The original proposal from Cllr Ingram, which was agreed at F, E & P, was for four festive lights on the LGYR estate at contract renewal. Cllr McConnell proposed the amendment to two lights on the LGYR entrance and two additional lights – one for Bedwas and one for Trethomas – in line with the previous agreement that festive lights would not be installed inside housing estates

Proposal of low noise / silent fireworks discussed and rejected by majority vote

Alternative budget proposed by Cllr Aicheler and seconded by Cllr Ingram was discussed. Vote taken and majority voted in favour of the original budget as discussed at F,E&P.

It was agreed an increase of £1.75 (band D residents) per year would be requested to cover increased costs in running council

1287 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Minutes from meeting held on 8th December were circulated and discussed.

Agreement was given for the proposed amendment to the Festive Light Contract

Next meeting arranged for 23rd March 2026

Environment & CIL Committee

Next meeting arranged for 23rd February 2026

Land & Buildings Committee

Next meeting arranged for 16th February 2026

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Winslade would like to hold the Community Awards at the Council Offices in March. Cllr McConnell to create nomination poster and Facebook post

All councillors are invited to join the Chair in presenting a cheque to St David's Hospice Care shop

Next meeting arranged 26th January 2026

1288 Planning Applications

CLlr Aldworth declared an interest and took no part in discussions

Case ref: 20/0819/HH noted and agreed

Date of next meeting

Next Full Council meeting is 5th February 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Signed: J Winstade Chair Date: 5.2.26.