

## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 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**

1278 A report was sent but no officer available to attend

### **BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL**

1279 Minutes of the monthly committee meeting will be forwarded to members

### **FULL COUNCIL**

1280 **Declarations of Interest:**

As below

1281 Cllr Winslade chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1282 The meeting acknowledged the minutes of the Full Council meeting, held on 4<sup>th</sup> December to be a true and correct record and agreed for signature. Proposed Cllr Ingram, seconded Cllr Aicheler

1283 **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December were circulated and discussed.

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

Next meeting arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

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

Next meeting arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

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

Next meeting arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Signed: J. Winslade Chair Date: 5.2.26.