



Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

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

1st April 2026

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	<p>Community Star Awards were held at the Council Offices on 10th April. Recipients of awards joined councillors for a presentation and buffet. Prepared accounts to internal auditor. Payment 1 of 2 for Christmas lights</p> <p>Garden volunteers continue with hard landscaping in the garden, creating a raised bed with dry stone walling</p> <p>A donation of chocolate eggs was made to Parklands Care Home from the Chair, using her allowance £51</p>	£17,980.08
May	<p>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 DBCC and published on website. Pride Event held at Council Office On 31st May. Following a drone survey of the roof, remedial works were agreed to address water ingress at the council offices. Accounts sent to Audit Wales.</p> <p>Garden volunteers continue with general maintenance, oiling woodwork and touching up paintwork</p> <p>Grants to Machen Show £300</p>	£9,264.16

June	<p>Transport Day was held on 22nd June. It was agreed to install a stairlift in the Council Offices to make the upstairs rooms accessible to all.</p> <p>Timber is purchased for shelving in the garden shipping container</p> <p>Sports trophies purchased for Inter School Sports event £259. The Chair made a donation from her allowance to Bedwas Theatre Group £50</p>	£14,229.14
July	<p>Green Flag award for 2025-2026 awarded for community garden.</p> <p>Volunteers continue work in garden, creating a new fence and gate</p>	£17,647.54
August	<p>ICO membership renewed. Fun Day in conjunction with Gwent Police held on Bryn Field on 16th August. New boiler at BWH</p> <p>Grant to Machen RFC under 7s £300 and St Mary Street Allotments £300</p>	£12,967.72
September	<p>Macmillan Coffee Morning held at Trethomas Life Centre.</p> <p>Steel posts purchased for fence and gate in garden</p> <p>New line marking to aid access at Parklands Care home was funded by the Chair from her allowance £100</p>	£35,306.38
October	<p>Building & Contents insurance for Council Offices and BWH.</p> <p>Halloween treasure hunt held at the council garden and offices Audited accounts returned unqualified</p>	£37,841.61
November	<p>Payment 2 of 2 for Christmas Lights</p> <p>Grants awarded to GYR Community Association £300, BTM Band £300 and St Mary Street Allotments £300</p>	£17,518.82
December	<p>Chair's Christmas Carol Service with refreshments and gifts for children held on 2nd December</p>	£7,036.64
January	<p>Grit bin, salt and spreader purchased for use at Council Office car park. Vacant office space advertised in Caerphilly Observer. Batteries and pads ordered for defibs within the wards</p>	£16,167.44
February	<p>Clerk completed Designated Safeguarding Lead training. 5 year fixed electrical testing completed. Clerk laptop upgraded with latest security</p>	£8,708.72
March	<p>Clerk completed COSHH and Fire Warden training.</p> <p>Repainting of front of offices agreed. Deposit paid and scaffolding erected. New pc for office purchased.</p> <p>A donation of 150 easter eggs was made to Parish Trust £215</p>	£15,904.34

Date	CIL	Infrastructure projects	Total
April 25	Bedwas	RBLI 80 th VE Day Tommy statues	£350.00
	Machen	Noticeboard for Machen Welfare Ground	£2,450.88
Sept 25	Bedwas/Machen	B&Q – Spring bulbs for all wards	£192.00
	Trethomas	Tesco – Spring bulbs for all wards	£50.00
	Bedwas	AJC Electrical – Power to Men’s Shed/garden	£1,647.40
	BTM	BG Heat – Contribution towards new boiler BWH	£10,000.00
Nov 25	BTM	Gardening Express – winter plants for ward planters	£78.75
	Trethomas	Boston Seeds – Spring bulbs	£50.99
Jan 26	Machen	Kneerail fence at Lower GYR	£845.00
Mar 26	BTM	Erraco – Chairs for community use in garden	£313.56
	Trethomas	Procter Brothers – raised beds for Trethomas allotments	£862.66

Financial matters	
Income	£207,677.22
Expenditure	£210,572.59



Community Star Awards and Chair's Award – April 2025 presented by the outgoing Chair Cllr Phil Rosser

To celebrate the 80th
anniversary of VE day, we
purchased a pair of
commemorative Tommy
Statues for the
community garden



Our Pride event was well
supported by LGBTQ+
groups and the public. A
fantastic day at the
BTMCC Community
Garden





Transport day for 2025 was moved to June, in the hope of better weather!

Once again, the Community Garden achieved Green Flag Status. Our hardworking team of volunteers do an amazing job!



It was the turn of Trethomas to host the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year. Many thanks to Trethoms Life Centre for their warm welcome.



Remembrance Day is celebrated in Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen villages each year.

Lest we forget



We were delighted to welcome the community to our second Halloween Treasure Hunt through the Community Garden. Lots of spooky fun, with sweet rewards from the witch at the end





Our annual Chair's Christmas Carols is a hugely popular event. Supported by BTM Next Generation Band, we gather to sing Christmas songs in the garden and celebrate with coffee, mince pies and mulled wine in the chamber afterwards

A special visitor arrives with treats for the children



Chair Cllr Jill Winslade
 donated chocolate
 Easter eggs to
 BTM Next Generation
 Band and Parklands Care
 Home. Parish Trust
 received a donation of
 eggs from BTM Ward
 funds

BTM Community Council is pleased to have supported donations for The Parish Trust Foodbank



Delivered by Cllr Jill Winslade (Chair) & Cllr Kevin Ingram on behalf of BTM Community Council.


BTM Community Council has kindly donated 165 eggs to the Parish Trust, helping to boost this year's Easter food parcels. A fantastic gesture that will make a real difference to local families this Easter!


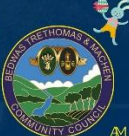
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DONATIONS BY BTM CC

Supporting Our Young Musicians



Easter Eggs were delivered today to the BTM Next Generation Band, kindly donated by Cllr Jill Winslade (Chair) of BTM Community Council from her Chair's Allowance.

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DONATION BY CLLR JILL WINSLADE

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

