

In line with the Welsh Government's 'Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021' requirement for all 735 Town and Community Councils in Wales to electronically publish the key information and the outcome of their Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council hereby publish an unnumbered and unsigned summary of the:

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of
Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council
Thursday 3rd September 2026**

Present: Cllr J Winslade - Chair, Cllr D Davies, Cllr K Ingram, Cllr A McConnell, Cllr D Havard, Cllr C Morgan, Cllr E Aldworth, Cllr L Phipps, Cllr P Rosser

Apologies: Cllr E Phipps-Magill, Cllr S Aicheler, Cllr N Bull

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Butler

1/ Police matters

Monthly report was sent but officer available to attend.

2/ BWH

A copy of the management committee AGM minutes has been forwarded to all members. Update given on Pride in Place Funding for BWHI – likely start date to be January 2027

3/ Declarations of Interest

As below

4/ Minutes of the previous meetings

The meeting acknowledged the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd July to be a true and correct record and agreed for signature. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Ingram

5/ Clerk's report

a/ A quote has been obtained for the repair of the Chamber chairs. The two which are completely broken are currently with the carpenter. The cost is £75 per chair to repair all the joints. He has also quoted £45 per chair for tightening up any that are loose but not completely broken. [Agreed to have two chairs repaired – Clerk to contact Splintered Finger to arrange](#)

b/ During August, Clerk completed the PIALC training and received a certificate

c/ Email received from Chair of TCCLC, Cllr Michael Parker. Comments noted

6/ BTMCC/DWR – abolition of existing community councils

F,E&P meeting to be arranged as soon as possible to discuss implications to BTMCC. Cllr Winslade to check with TCCLC for advice

7/ Biodiversity and wildlife support

Cllr McConnell has suggested some items for the community garden to improve biodiversity and wildlife support. Cllr Ingram has outlined the excellent work already done

by the volunteers with support from a One Voice Wales grant. It was agreed to order a bat box, some bird feeders and bird baths. [Clerk to arrange](#)

8/ Finance matters

Cllr Winslade presented a summary of the financial transactions for July and August. The summaries agreed as satisfactory by the Council

Financial Assistance Applications

United Services club application was approved for £300 - £100 from each ward
WalknTalk Mental Health support group. Not based in BTM. Clerk to request further information regarding benefits to our area. Shelter Cymru. Agreed to give £252.60, equally from each ward. Request for sponsorship for two individuals rejected as no budget was set for these types of donations. Recommend a policy is written and budget considered next year.

RESOLVED that: In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure above satisfies the requirements of that section

9/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Meeting to be arranged as soon as possible

Environment & CIL Committee

Next meeting arranged for 28th September

Land & Buildings Committee

Meeting was held on 18th August to discuss lease on salon and potential lease of upstairs rooms. Salon tenant was given three months' notice. Lease to terminate on 30th November 2026

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Morgan offered thank to Kev Ingram for his help and support with the Parish Trust event in our garden

Meeting Next meeting arranged for 21st September 2026

10/ Planning

Cllr Aldworth declared and interest and took no part in discussions

Case ref: 26/0465/FULL and 26/0533/RET were noted and agreed

Date of next meeting

Next Full Council meeting is 8th October at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

The full Minutes, when agreed and signed, will be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible