

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 3rd September 2026 – 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1354 Monthly report was received but no officer available to attend

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL & INSTITUTE

1355 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

FULL COUNCIL

1356 **Declarations of Interest:**

As below

1357 Cllr Winslade chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1358 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***

1359 **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

1360 **BTMCC/DWR – abolition of existing councils**

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

1361 **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](#)

Finance matters

1362 Finance report

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

1363 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

1364 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Next 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 thanks to Cllr Ingram for his help and support with the Parish Trust event in our garden

Meeting Next meeting arranged for 21st September 2026

Cllr Aldworth declared an interest and left the room

1365 Planning Applications

Case ref: 26/0465/FULL and 26/05333/RET were noted and agreed

Date of next meeting

Next Full Council meeting is 8th October 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Signed: S Winslade Chair Date: 8/10/26