Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 8th October 2026 – 6.30pm

Present		Apologies
J Winslade (Chair)	C Morgan	
K Ingram	L Aldworth	S Aicheler
P Rosser	D Davies	
A McConnell		
L Phipps	A Butler (Clerk)	

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

1366 Monthly report was sent and Ellie Morgan attended to answer member questions

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL & INSTITUTE

1367 Copies of the management committee meeting minutes for September and October have been forwarded to all members. Cllr Winslade showed council a quote received for solar panels at BWHI. It was agreed to hold this until renovations are completed at the Hall

FULL COUNCIL

1368 **Declarations of Interest:**

As below

1369 Cllr Winslade chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

1370 The meeting acknowledged the minutes of the Full Council meeting, held on 3rd October to be a true and correct record and agreed for signature. ***Proposed Cllr Ingram, seconded Cllr Morgan***

1371 **Clerk's report**

a/ The NALC pay award has been announced and the new pay scales received. As always, advice is to pay the increase, backdated to April, as soon as possible. Can this be processed in October's pay run? Agreed to process new salaries and back pay in October's pay run

b/ One Voice Wales have released an update to the new Standing Orders we adopted in May this year. I have updated ours to reflect the changes. Agreed to adopt and clerk to update to the website

c/ Quote for repair and redecoration of salon received and accepted. Clerk to instruct works to start as soon as possible

d/ It was suggested we contact the Hedgehog Preservation group for advice on making the community garden suitable. Cllr McConnell to invite them to attend the next meeting

Finance matters

1372 Finance report

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

1373 Financial Assistance Applications

Financial Assistance Applications

Cllr Phipps declared an interest in the applications from St Mary Street Allotments and Trethomas allotments

Trethomas Allotments - £300 from Trethomas ward and St Mary Street Allotments £300 from Bedwas Ward

Machen Royal British Legion Branch requested £450 to assist with keeping branch open. Donation agreed from Machen funds

Machen Workingman's (Top Club) requested assistance. Clerk to ask for further info for consideration at November's meeting

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

1374 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Meeting was held on 1st October. Minutes were circulated and the following points considered.

- Updated Standing Orders in line with OVW advice
- Audit return received unqualified
- Insurance quote for buildings and contents

Council agreed to all points

Next meeting arranged for 7th December 2026

Environment & CIL Committee

Meeting was held on 28th September. Minutes were circulated and the following points considered

- Quote received for painting two benches in Machen. Cost of £150 per bench
- New traffic management outside school in Bedwas (Church Street). Quote of £7,000 to £9,000. Cllr Phipps to check with CCBC for solar options and cost contribution. Looking for agreement in principle to spend up to £9,000
- Cllr Ingram's proposal to purchase and give away Faraday Pouches was considered. Not a CIL spend. Could council fund differently?

Council agreed to all points

Next meeting arranged for 11th January 2027

Land & Buildings Committee

Next meeting arranged for 19th October 2026

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Winslade updated council on meeting (not quorate) help on 21st September. The following points we made

- Macmillan coffee morning was cancelled. Fundraising at tonight's meeting and a donation from the Chairs fund will be sent
- Halloween Treasure Hunt is arranged. All councillors are encouraged to attend if possible
- Remembrance. Cllr McConnell has ordered wreaths. Cllr Aldworth has confirmed Trethomas church will attend service. Cllr Davies has spoken to minister for Bedwas service. Cllr Winslade will collect her on the morning before the road closures. Cllr Winslade will organise refreshments at the offices
- Christmas event. The BTM Band have suggested this year they will attend and play 30 minutes of Christmas music instead of set carols. All agreed
- Picnic in the Park. Enquiries have been made to see if this event can go ahead next year. CCBC are unable to organise, and are not prepared to commit and guarantee Kerry Galey's time to attend the event

Meeting Next meeting arranged for 23rd November 2026

1375 Planning Applications

No planning applications this month

Date of next meeting

Next Full Council meeting is 12th November 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed: D S Davies **Chair** **Date:** 12.11.26