



## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

WARD	COUNCILLOR
Bedwas	Dave Davies (Chair), Lisa Phipps, Jill Winslade, Emma Phipps-Magill
Trethomas	Elizabeth Aldworth, Kev Ingram, Nigel Bull
Machen	Chris Morgan, Amanda McConnell, Derek Havard, Phil Rosser (Vice Chair), Steve Aicheler

Month	Description and comments	Total spend
April	<p>First Autism Awareness event held in the Community Garden. Preparations underway for coronation celebrations in May. PAT testing at the offices completed. Prepared accounts to internal auditor</p> <p><b>Grant to United Services Club- Purchase of TV £481.95</b></p>	£18,535.47
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. Celebration of the coronation at Bedwas Workmen's Hall, in conjunction with the volunteer committee. Repairs to radiators in Chamber and decoration of Chamber and MP's offices completed. Councillor allowances paid. Details returned to IRPW and published on website. National Lottery agree to fund our project "Taking Our Heritage into Tomorrow". £488,056 to complete phase 1&amp;2 making BWH weatherproof and accessible</p> <p><b>Grants to Bridgend Allotments £300, 7th Caerphilly Scouts £300 and Machen WI £300</b></p>	£14,169.77

June	Emergency roof repairs carried out at council offices to address water ingress in first floor print room. Repairs to roof carried out at BWH to address water ingress in art room and kiln room. Clerk started CiLCA qualification. Green Flag award for 2023-24 presented to the community garden <b>Grant to Inter Schools Sports for trophies £349.92. Donation from Chair's fund to Machen PTA £20 (panto tickets) and Bedwas High School South Africa fund £100</b>	£25,073.35
July	BTM Summer family panto at BWH. Profits made from pantos ringfenced for school projects. Councillors attended Machen Show, with gazebo and information for the community. Two defib cabinets purchased (Machen Village Hall and Machen RFC. Documents sent to Audit Wales for the Triennial Full audit <b>Grants to GYR Community Association £300 and Elites £300. Donation from Chair's fund for Tyn Y Wern "Zac's Bike" £50</b>	£10,423.33
August	SLCC and ICO membership renewed. Change of supplier for electricity	£ 7254.66
September	Defib pads - Machen Pharmacy. Transport Day at Community Garden. Macmillan Coffee Morning at Machen Village Hall raised £200. Audit returned Unqualified from Wales Audit Office <b>Grant to Toybox Project £300. Donation £500 to CTPG towards upkeep of Bedwas bus</b>	£8,409.28
October	Defib - Machen Village Hall. Halloween Family Panto, McMillan Coffee Morning. Christmas lights payment 2 of 2 Building & Contents insurance for Council Offices and BWH <b>Grant to Caerphilly Veterans Support Hub £150</b>	£21,963.10
November	Payment 2 of 2 for Christmas Lights, Fireworks display (Corn Field, Trethomas) <b>Grant to BTM Band £300 and St Mary Street Allotments £300</b>	£16,227.75
December	Christmas Family Panto, Chair's Christmas Carol Service with refreshments and gifts for children. New access control system for council offices. Gutters cleaned and inspected for damage	£10,901.31
January	Deed of Dedication completed for Lottery spend to start. Planning permission granted for all phases of BWH refurbishment plan. Phase 1&2 works will commence 1st March <b>Bucket collection from firework display in November donated to St David's Hospice Care - £455.76</b>	£ 8,335.83
February	Skateboard Academy provided free lessons at GYR skatepark during half term holiday. Clerk complete CiLCA training	£ 8,600.35
March	Lottery Launch Event at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on 1st March. Schools created banners and bunting for decoration. Car park at council offices resurfaced <b>Purchase of 3 x lockers for Bedwas High School 6th Form Common Room from profit made from pantos</b>	£52,448.80

Date	CIL	Infrastructure projects	
April	BTM	Planters x 3	£ 797.00
	Trethomas	Post & Rails fencing – upper and lower Glyn Gwyn	£2,923.20
July	BTM	Defib cabinet x 2	£1,000.00
August	Machen	Fence and gate – Ffwrwm Road, Machen	£1,680.00
	BTM	Murals on street boxes Bedwas and Lower GYR	£ 250.00
October	Machen	Defib Machen Village Hall	£1,039.55
December	Bedwas	Bin storage shed	£ 189.99
March	Bedwas	Car park resurfacing (50%)	£20,645.97
	Trethomas	Replacement door for defib cabinet (Tesco)	£ 191.94

Financial matters	
<b>Income</b>	<b>£149,273.80</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£202,343.00</b>

## EVENTS

**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2ND APRIL**

**COME AND SUPPORT THE FAMILIES!**  
Autism causes developmental delays and social isolation, leading to a life-long disability. A child can be diagnosed with autism as early as age 2. Children cannot outgrow autism.

*All are Welcome*

**OUR MISSION**  
Raising awareness for the challenges of those on the autism spectrum, as well as for those who are in their families or friend groups. It's all about spreading awareness and learning to love those who might happen to be a little different.

**INFORMATION WORKSHOPS**  
Would you like to be part of this Family Fun Day?  
HEFIN DAVID, MS  
MENCAP CYMRU  
AUTISM LIFE CENTRES  
SOFT PLAY  
REFRESHMENTS  
ENTERTAINMENT - CIRCUS ACTIVITIES

**12PM-4PM**

PLEASE CONTACT: Our Clerk via [clerk@btmcc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@btmcc.co.uk)

**Community Garden**  
**BTM Community Council**  
NEWPORT ROAD, BEDWAS CF83 8YB

Logos: Mencap Cymru, Autism Life Centres, Hefin David, MS

Celebrating Autism Awareness Week with an event in the Community Garden. Information and advice. Entertainment for all with crafts and circus skills

Lottery Grant Award for the refurbishment of Bedwas Workmen's Hall.

Making the building watertight and accessible to ensure its future in the community



Celebrating the King's Coronation with an old fashioned street party indoors!

Machen Show is always popular. BTM Community Council sponsor the event and councillors attend with information about the community council

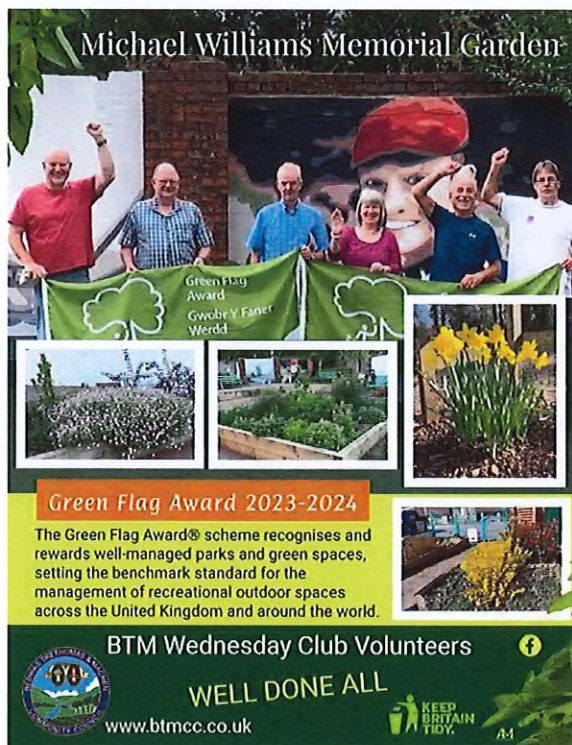




Chair of Council, Dave Davies, was delighted to receive a knitted plaque on behalf of the council.

This was created by a local resident and hangs proudly now in the council chamber

Our team of hard working volunteers achieved the Green Flag award for the community garden at the council offices



BTM Community Council hold and support many events in the community. Litter picking and riverside maintenance, fireworks, Christmas events and much more. Information available on our Facebook page and in the community noticeboards