

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  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Present:** Cllr P Rosser (Chair), Cllr D Davies, Cllr L Phipps, Cllr K Ingram, Cllr J Winslade, Cllr C Morgan, Cllr S Aicheler, Cllr E Phipps-Magill, Cllr N Bull, Cllr A McConnell

**Apologies:** Cllr E Aldworth

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Butler

**1/ Police matters**

Report was received and circulated to all members

**2/ Parish Trust**

Rev Dean Roberts presented the Parish Trust plans for the refurbishment of the Bryn Hall and their quest for a new HQ. Council agreed to write a letter of support

**3/ BWH**

Chair of Hall, Derek Allford gave an update on lottery works, events and projects

**4/ Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Phipps and Cllr Winslade declared an interest in the grant application for Bedwas Theatre Group. Cllr Morgan declared an interest in the sponsorship request from Machen RFC. They took no part in discussions or voting on these items

**5/ Minutes of the previous meetings**

The meeting acknowledged the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June as a true and correct record and agreed for signature

**6/ Clerk's report**

- a/ Cleaning contract. Prices have risen this year in line with the increase in minimum wage. A new one year contract has been offered at a cost of £22 per hour. Clerk to confirm flexibility with offices due to be vacated in November
- b/ The tenant in the upstairs offices have given notice to quit on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Photos and measurements to be taken to market the space for rent in November

c/ The Community Garden has been awarded the Keep Wales Tidy “Green Flag” for 2024/2025. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who work hard maintaining this space for the community to use

**7/ Skateboarding**

It was agreed to book skateboarding sessions for both Bedwas Council Office Carpark and GYR skate park during the summer holidays 2 days at each – 2 sessions per park. Dates and times to be confirmed and advertised on social media

**8/ Governor vacancy**

Cllr Ingram has agreed to take the current vacancy at GYR Primary. Clerk to speak with Governor Support

**9/ Co-hosted events**

Cllr Phipps has requested information about a future event in BTM co-hosted with CCBC. Clerk to obtain more information

**10/ Community Cleansing Team**

Following correspondence from CCBC, councillors have been asked to highlight any areas in their wards which they feel need special attention. Lists to be returned to CCBC by 15<sup>th</sup> July

**11/ Finance matters**

Cllr Morgan presented a summary of the financial transactions for June. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

**Financial Assistance Applications**

Four applications received this month. Bedwas Theatre Group awarded £300 towards their kitchen upgrade and Machen RFC awarded £300 sponsorship towards their book celebrating 150 years

**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.

Trethomas Bluebirds awarded £300 towards the costs incurred in creating a new under 16s team

**RESOLVED that:** In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 19 of the Local Government Act 1976

Quickstep Fitness application did not meet the criteria for grant funding

**12/ Council Committees**

**Finance, Employment and Policies Committee**

Report was given on meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June

Next meeting arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Environment & CIL Committee**

It was agreed to paint two large and two small console boxes in Trethomas with a poppy design at a cost of £325

Next meeting arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> August

**Land & Buildings Committee**

Report given from meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June. Agreed discussion of gutters and water ingress at the council offices needs to go back to the next L&B meeting with further information. All other points agreed

**Events & Leisure Committee**

Report given from meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Further information regarding fireworks to be obtained (clerk & Cllr Ingram). All other points agreed

Clerk left the meeting

**13/ Planning Applications**

Planning refs 24/0368/CLPU, 24/0381/NCC, 24/0388/FULL, 24/0402/FULL, 24/0403/ADV, 24/0427/CLEU, 24/0431/HH and 24/0386/COU were all noted and approved

**The meeting closed at 8.27 pm**

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