



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** **MEETING**

MONDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Searl (In the Chair)

Councillors Matthews, J Beard, Evans, Frayne, Jago, Preston and Thomas

Officers:

Ryan James - Clerk to Bedlinog & Trelewis Community Council

Outside Bodies:

South Wales Police – Police Officer Scott Hutton; Sergeant Calumn O'Neill

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
72	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair, Cllr Richard Searl, welcomed everyone to the meeting. No Apologies were received.
73	Police Report	South Wales Police Officers Scott Hutton and Calumn O'Neill joined the meeting. Cllr Jeff Beard asked the Police to ensure regular attendance at future meetings.

		Cllr Beard also requested details of the number of COVID breaches in both Bedlinog and Trelewis since October 2020 – PC Hutton advised that he would provide these. The following PACT figures have been provided for the period 14/12/2020 to 11/01/2021: Bedlinog - Crime No relevant reports Bedlinog - Anti-social Behaviour 21/12/20- ASB loud music, Station Terrace. Attended and dealt with by officers Trelewis - Crime 01/01/21- Disqualified driver stopped and dealt with, Ivy Close. Trelewis - Anti-social Behaviour 19/12/20- Covid breach house party, Nant Gwyn. Dealt with appropriately by attending officers. Other 08/01/21- Suspicious person reported looking into cars and trying doors, Ivy Close. No vehicles were broken into and person could not be identified.
74	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
75	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Cllr Searl proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Matthews. Council resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a true reflection.
76	Matters Arising	P3 – The Notice of Co-option for applicants closed 21st December 2020, this will be discussed under Agenda item no.12. P3 – Keep Wales Tidy have completed the Wildlife Garden at Bedlinog Community Centre, they do need to return to cut back some of the bramble along the path down the side of the Workies building. P4 – Local Places for Nature Grant – works are delayed with the current lockdown as we are unable to assemble volunteers with the current restrictions. National Lottery Heritage Fund are aware of projects being affected by the Alert Level 4 lockdown. P4 – The dog waste bin is scheduled to be replaced in

		Bedlinog Terrace. However, MTCBC have advised that there would be an annual charge of £365 per bin if we install new bins at Glyn Bargoed House, the new playground on the Shindrig Estate, Bedlinog High Street and Pleasant View. The orders for these bins has been put on hold temporarily as it is not within the Community Council remit to pay a charge for bins to be emptied. ACTION: Cllr Jago to discuss with MTCBC Officers. P4 – Bedlinog Miners Welfare – no further communications have been received. ACTION: RJ to contact BMW for an update. P5 – The final cost for Christmas Gift Bags was £591.59. P5 - RJ has contacted the landowner in respect of the wall repair opposite the recreational ground and is awaiting a response. P7 – the resident at 56 Hylton Terrace has made an application to MTCBC regarding the land behind the property leased to BTCC. P8 – Under Welsh Government guidelines, the Community Centre is now closed until further notice. P8 – The application for the Repair Café was unsuccessful. P8 – Cllr Jago advised that she is currently in discussion about improvements to Parks/Playgrounds within the community and looking at potential funding opportunities. P8 – Hardship fund reinstated, and an electronic application form will be devised. P9 – The Democratic Services department have been informed that Cllr Searl will represent the Community Council on the MTCBC Standards Committee.
77	Councillors Report	The following email report was received from County Councillor Malcolm Colbran: From: Colbran, Malcolm (Councillor) <malcolm.colbran@merthyr.gov.uk> Sent: 04 January 2021 09:26 To: Ryan James (BTCC Clerk) <clerk@bedlinogcommunitycouncil.gov.wales> Subject: Re: BTCC Council Meeting 11-01-2021 Mr James, I won't be attending the meeting of Bedlinog & Trelewis Community Council on 11th January 2021. This is a copy of the update I provided residents for December 2020. DECEMBER UPDATE: During December I attended the following meetings.

		MTCBC: Licencing Committee Planning Committee All other meetings were postponed due to Officers being redeployed to help in the Covid-19 testing centres. BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY: Full NPA meeting Policy Forum Planning, Access & Rights Of Way Committee Audit Committee meeting with Welsh Audit Office Appointments Committee x 4. Following the resignation of the Chief Executive the Appointments Committee met four times in December as we start the recruitment process for his replacement, we are also recruiting four senior staff at the same time so the next few months will be exceptional busy. SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY: Full Authority meeting. GLAMORGAN ARCHIVES JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Quarterly meeting. LLYWDCOED CREMATORIUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Quarterly meeting. INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR GROUP: Monthly meeting. Together with Cllr. Jago I attended the Taff Bargoed Angling Association Junior Section awards ceremony which took place outside & socially distanced. We helped Santa deliver selection boxes & sweets to the children of Bedlinog & Trelewis and deliver presents to the residents & staff of Glynbargoed House. We delivered Christmas gift bags to children on behalf of the Stephens & George Charitable Trust and gift bags to residents aged over 75 who had been nominated by friends & neighbours. I also helped Merthyr Valleys Homes deliver Christmas Eve Boxes to children in Trelewis. The damaged plaque at Trelewis War Memorial has been replaced. There's an ongoing issue with flytipping at the Trelewis playground, investigations are taking place. I've received a number of complaints regarding street lighting which I'm currently looking into. The fence damaged in a traffic accident at the railway line behind Heol Isaf was repaired, the following week there was another accident at the same spot. I'm currently liaising with the Highways Department to improve safety measures. During Storm Bella I was out with Officers to help identify and prevent potential flooding issues, it was very wet! The number of complaints regarding dog fouling has increased markedly this month. All residents are reminded that they have a legal duty to clean up after their own dogs. Free dog waste bags are available from me upon request. If you tie a food waste bag to your caddy, then the recycling team should leave you a new roll. If they do not or you
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		forget then I have got some rolls available. Along with other Councillors I took part in a Guard of Honour at the funeral of former MTCBC Mayor Tom Lewis. It wasn't possible to hold normal Christmas events this year, so I attended a Virtual Christmas show at Greenfield School, the Llywdcoed Crematorium Virtual Carol Service and the Merthyr Tydfil Welsh Language Virtual Carol Service. On behalf of the Community Action Group, I swept broken glass and cleared litter from the Bedlinog MUGA and litter picked along Taff straight and Stormtown hill. I continue to shop & collect prescriptions on behalf of vulnerable residents. Cllr. Malcolm Colbran Bedlinog & Trelewis Ward Cllr Jago advised Council that there was a rising number of foodbank requests over Christmas and the New Year, and that she is now registered as a referrer with the Trussell Trust. 130 goody bags were provided for children in Bedlinog and Trelewis who had been selected by the MTCBC Education Department. A community event also took place Thursday 10th December where children received a selection box from Santa. A hamper was also delivered to the staff at Glyn Bargoed Home. Cllr Jago thanked the Community Council for funding the Christmas Gift Bags for residents. The total cost was £927.58 and each bag cost £9.28 per person. A meeting has taken place with Play Wales to discuss Bedlinog and Trelewis becoming a pilot to promote outdoor play. Case work has involved reporting potholes, street lighting and dog fouling. Oakland surgery, Bedlinog is merging with Treharris Health Centre by the end of January 2021. At the last MTCBC Full Council meeting, CEO Paul Mears, from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board provided an update on the current situation and how they are dealing with the pandemic. Cllr Ian Thomas advised that Paul Mears, advised there were 50,000 people in the Health Board and 8000 vaccinations had been completed. Also, that they are looking at improved parking at PCH and further development work to take place at the hospital.
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		Cllr Thomas advised that the MTCBC provisional settlement for financial year 21/22 is an increase in revenue budget of approx. 4.5m.
78	Planning Applications	Council considered planning application P/20/0135. Cllr Searl proposed that there were no objections to this planning application, this was seconded by Cllr Preston. Council resolved that there were no objections.
79	Correspondence	A resident at Manor View, Trelewis, had contacted the Community Council to advise that dog waste bags had been thrown into trees and the fencing surrounding the pond near Manor View Estate. RJ confirmed that this had been reported to MTCBC. Further communication had been received about fly tipping on the common. Cllr Jago advised that she had raised this with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services at MTCBC.
80	Cases	Cllr Frayne has been contacted by a resident in Oakland Street about the Pavillion, lots of furniture and waste is outside the building causing an eye sore. ACTION: RJ to contact Bedlinog Miners Welfare Association to report this. Cllr Frayne raised an issue with the riverside path from the community centre down to the recreation ground. Gabions have collapsed along with the fence and there is an area of the path which is very dangerous. ACTION: RJ to report this to MTCBC. Cllr Jago requested to book Bedlinog Community Centre for the two weeks prior to Christmas Eve to set up a Santa's grotto. RJ confirmed that he would put this booking into the calendar. Cllr Searl raised that there is a lot of speeding taking place at Farm Road. He asked Cllr Jago to discuss this with MTCBC and to investigate a review of the speed limit. ACTION: Cllr Jago to discuss speed limits along Farm Road with MTCBC.
81	Financial Report	RJ presented the financial report and answered questions from Councillors. Cllr Searl proposed to approve the financial report, and this was seconded by Cllr Matthews. Council resolved to approve the financial report.
82	Precept 21-22	RJ presented the estimates for financial year 21/22 to Council and recommended the precept remains at 23250.

		Cllr Jago proposed that the precept recommendation be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Searl. Council resolved to set the precept for FY21/22 to 23250.
83	Casual Vacancy	Councillors reviewed the applications. Cllr Ian Thomas recommended that all applicants be invited for interview and this was agreed by Council. Council agreed that Cllr Searl, Cllr Matthews, and Cllr Beard sit on the interview panel. ACTION: RJ to arrange interviews.
84	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held virtually, Monday 8th February 2021, 6.15pm.

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