



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Searl (**In the Chair**)

Councillors J Beard, Jago, Preston, Thomas and Brown

Officers:

Ryan James, Clerk/Proper Officer to the Council

Outside Bodies:

(none)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
191	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Evans, Matthews, and Frayne. Approval of absence has been requested for Cllr Evans due to ill health. RESOLVED to accept the apologies and approve absence of Cllr Evans after the six month period expiry.
192	To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest	Cllr Jago declared an interest in Agenda Item 202, as a member of the board. Cllr Jago did not participate in the discussion or vote.

193	Meeting with the Police Representative	The Police representative was not in attendance due to other work commitments. The Police report was shared.
194	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public	There were no members of the public in attendance.
195	To Approve the Minutes of Previous Meeting	RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
196	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Item 176 – Cllrs Searl and Beard advised that they had met with the Leader and Chief Executive of MTCBC who would come back to them with an update on the Trelewis road sign and residential parking for Bedlinog Square in January 2022. Flooding issues on Taf Road also will be looked at and a response provided. The consultation on installation of benches has been confirmed and the fitters will be installing the concrete plinths and fitting ASAP. We still do not have a site identified for allotment plots in Trelewis, but allotment beds are being installed at Trelewis Primary School for the children as part of the Allotment Improvement Grant. The new fencing has been installed at Bedlinog Allotments as part of the grant. Four defibs – Ffaldciach Inn and Dave Morgan from Acorn have agreed to have the defibs installed on their properties. It was raised that Street Lighting are installing a defib on a lamppost for Manor View, Trelewis, so RJ will query if this can be done for the four defibs that the Community Council has purchased. The 15k grant funding has been transferred to the Miners Welfare Association for the re-development of the Tennis Courts. Work starts 14th February 2022. At a previous meeting we discussed the green line, safe route to school from Bedlinog Community Primary needing painting. Reported to MTCBC again but a response received that no works required at this time. Cllr Searl requested a meeting with Highways to discuss this. Item 182 – the first internal control check will be carried out in January 2022 and a rota has been devised for quarterly checks. Cllr Beard is the first Cllr to carry out the internal control check.
197	To Receive County Councillors Report	Cllr Ian Thomas updated Council on the building of the 3-16 catholic school in MTCBC. The site that the Officers were recommending is a green space that the residents value very highly, MTCBC went out to consultation and there is strong feeling from residents against using this. They have modified the choices and gone back out to consultation again. MTCBC has obtained funding from WG of approx.

		28m to build the school and the funding is time limited, so a decision is required ASAP. Cllr Jago advised that the funeral of Cllr Howard Barrett took place in Nov 2021 and a civic service took place. Cllr Jago also attended Bedlinog and Trelewis Remembrance Day services. Comments received were positive for Lewis St playground – works will commence early February to be completed by the end of March 2022. Cllr Jago attended the Police and Crime Commissioners Panel, and they will shortly discuss the precept. The meeting gave some flavour of demand on SW Police Force. The three biggest increases were public order offences, anti-social behaviour was up 16% throughout the year, and sexual offences were up 5% across the force. Mobile technology has been unbudgeted until now and a refresh of 2m for security cameras is required on an annual basis, body worn video replacement is another 2m, so these will need to be considered in the precept. Cllr Jago also requested an agenda item at the next meeting to provide an update on the new capital extension works to Bedlinog Community Primary School. Cllr Colbran declined an invitation to attend the meeting but sent the following email report: -----Original Message----- From: "Colbran, Malcolm (Councillor)" <malcolm.colbran@merthyr.gov.uk> Sent: Tuesday, 7 December, 2021 16:56 To: "Ryan James (BTCC Clerk)" <clerk@bedlinogcommunitycouncil.gov.wales> Subject: Re: BTCC Council Meeting 13/12/2021 Mr James, I won't be attending the meeting of Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council on 13th December. Here is a copy of the update I provided residents for November. NOVEMBER UPDATE: During November I attended the following meetings. MTCBC: Full Council Planning Committee Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Independent Group meeting Councillors update regarding the Leisure Trust Proposed 3-16 School Workshop SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY: HR Committee AS MAYOR:
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		I attended the funeral of former Mayor Cllr. Howard Barrett I laid Remembrance Day wreaths at Aberfan, Thomastown Park, Dowlais, Treharris, Bedlinog & Trelewis as well as attending a Church Service in Treharris. I filmed the introduction to the virtual Christmas Lights switch on in Penderyn Square I attended the Civic Service for the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan I was invited to a ceremony celebrating the success Pen y Dre School at the National Eisteddfod. I was a guest at the Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil AGM Unfortunately a concert by Ynysowen Male Voice Choir that I was invited to was cancelled due to a Covid outbreak GREENFIELD SCHOOL GOVERNORS Finance Committee Autumn Term meeting I also attended a meeting of the Open Spaces Network and meeting regarding the provision of Welsh Medium education in the Borough. I consulted with residents regarding the plans for the Lewis Street playground refurbishment. Issues I've looked into for residents include damaged fences, water leaks, Rights of Way queries, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour. I helped Community Action finish planting Spring flowering bulbs, we're looking forward to a colourful display next year. There were some bulbs left over which were donated to Trelewis Playgroup I took part in a litter picks on the Common and around Trelewis Cllr. Malcolm Colbran Bedlinog & Trelewis Ward
198	To Consider Planning Applications	There were no planning applications to consider.
199	To Receive Correspondence not specifically referenced on the Agenda (Decisions cannot be taken in relation to matters raised under this Agenda item)	One Voice Wales and Welsh Government have put together a toolkit for Community & Town Council's to help Council's stay on top of financial management and governance requirements and reflect on how it is serving its community. BTCC is taking part in the pilot, and the Clerk will report the outcome to Council once the self-assessment has been completed. Winter of Wellbeing Fund has been approved – the events for w/c 20th December are trips to soft play, the climbing centre and a magic show in the community centre. Cllr Jago advised that she had received a request for

		assistance from Bedlinog Constitutional Club. They do not have a constitution. RJ advised he would seek advice as to what grant support the Community Council could offer.
200	To Approve Recommendations from the Staffing Committee	RESOLVED that the Clerk will continue at 11.5 hours per week with the £26 monthly home-working allowance, and an incremental increase from SCP22 to SCP23, £14.42 per hour from 1 st December 2021.
201	To Approve Costs of Translated Digital Interpretation Sign at Parc Nant Llwynog	RESOLVED to approve the £1451 costs for a translated digital interpretation sign at Parc Nant Llwynog.
202	To consider a Grant Request from Trelewis Playgroup	RESOLVED to approve the grant request for Trelewis Playgroup for £500 towards revenue costs of the grant requirement.
203	To Approve the Bank Reconciliation	RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.
204	Examination and Payment of Accounts	RESOLVED to approve the payments as per Appendix 1. To move £3000 from the Miscellaneous Payments account to the Grants account.
205	To Approve Budget and Precept for FY22/23	RESOLVED to approve the budget for FY22/23 and set the precept based on a Band A charge of £15.97, totalling an annual precept of £27,870.
206	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Monday 10 th January 2022, 6.15pm, via Microsoft Teams.

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