



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2022

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

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

Officers:

Ryan James, Clerk/Proper Officer to the Council

Outside Bodies:

South Wales Police

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
207	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllr Evans. RESOLVED to accept the apologies.
208	To Receive of Declarations Personal/Prejudicial Interest	There were none.
209	Meeting with the Police Representative	Neighbourhood Officer PC Morgan attended the meeting.

		The latest crime figures for Bedlinog and Trelewis were presented to Council. It was raised that there is a major drugs issue in the area - PC Morgan requested that if residents are aware of any incidents, then they are encouraged to report it as this provides intelligence for the Police to act upon.
210	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public	A member of the public asked several questions. The Chair advised that these were County Council concerns. It was agreed that the member of public email the concerns to the Clerk who would pass them on as appropriate.
211	To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting	RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true reflection of the previous meeting.
212	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Item 196 – RJ attended a feedback meeting with Ellis Cooper, CEO, MTCBC, 05/01/2022. In respect of residential parking in Bedlinog Square – four separate visits will need to be made and if parking is over 85% capacity on each of the four visits, then the area will be eligible. Highways may decide to carry out a consultation as they do not want to push the problem to other local streets. Fly-tipping in the Community Centre Car Park – it was reported in November 2019 and there is a statutory time limit to investigate fly tipping which is 6 months, as this time frame has passed, MTCBC are unable to take any action forward. An apology has been received from MTCBC Environmental Health Department for this. Highways have agreed to arrange the road sweeper to go along Taf Road and clear any debris during February. The Head of Service for Highways will ask the Engineer to contact RJ asap in respect of fitting the signpost for Trelewis on Merthyr/Gelligaer common. Ellis Cooper has stated that he would be happy to attend Council on a quarterly basis for us to raise any issues/concerns. He will also be speaking with the Head of Democratic Services about how they could put a communications protocol in place for MTCBC and BTCC stating timescales for responses etc. that can be adopted across MTCBC. RJ has spoken with Streetlighting at MTCBC, and they have agreed to install separate stub posts next to lighting columns so that defibs can be installed on those, they will pick the power supply off the lighting column into the stub post. A site meeting has been arranged for Cllr Searl and the Road Safety Officer to discuss the green line from Bedlinog Community Primary school to Commercial Street, Tuesday 18th January. Item 199 – The grant request for Bedlinog Constitutional Club is an Agenda item for this meeting.

		Item 201 – the panel sign at Parc Nant Llwynog has been translated and is now with the designers. Item 204 – 3k has been moved from the ‘Miscellaneous’ budget line to the ‘Grants’ budget to cover the overspend and allow funds for the remainder of the financial year. Item 205 – MTCBC has been notified of the FY22/23 Precept request to be £27,870. Cllr Searl asked that an email be sent to Ellis Cooper thanking him for his help in taking forward some of the actions that have been pending for some time, as this is a positive move forward for the Community Council.
213	To Receive County Councillors Report	Cllr Thomas raised that Dawn Bowden MS and Gerald Jones MP have taken a keen interest in the re-opening of Treharris Library. MTCBC has had a quote for repair totalling 750k, and they are now looking at funding streams to carry out these repairs. There are plans in place to possibly hold the Urdd Eisteddfod in Merthyr Tydfil in 2025. A Welsh Language Strategy and Welsh in Education Strategic Plan has been approved at Full Council – the aim is that the Welsh language is spoken and heard in the County Borough in all walks of life. Also, to increase the number of people who speak Welsh, and to increase education of the Welsh language by 22% over ten years. The Welsh Government financial settlement for FY 22/23 is 9%. There is also an indication of the two years following which will be 3% and 2% respectively. Cllr Jago reported that lots of residents are still concerned about the Shingrig Bridge in Nelson. Transport for Wales have confirmed that they are going to conduct daily walkovers of the bridge to check the bridge is clear and the lights are always working. 730k has been invested in supporting the flood defence project in Bedlinog, the current water course at the culvert in Hylton Terrace is being updated following the damage caused during Storm Dennis. There have been some complaints to MTCBC about the appearance of the culvert, but the design and infrastructure is there to ensure the community is not flooded in the future. The Council is lobbying Welsh Government now with concerns around key Stage 4 pupils and the continued disruption to those pupils during the pandemic who have upcoming exams. Discussions were being held today with Welsh Government. Locally, over the last month, Trelewis Playgroup has been supported with Fros Y Fran funding, Bedlinog Playgroup has also been supported for their start-up. Bedlinog Constitutional Club has also been supported, Trelewis

		Welfare have had funding for new bins, and Trelewis OAP Welfare also received funds to reduce isolation.
214	To Consider Planning Applications	Planning application P/21/0425, Erection of single-storey rear extension at 7 Orchard Row Trelewis Treharris, was considered. RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application.
215	To Receive Correspondence not specifically referenced on the agenda (Decisions cannot be taken in relation to matters raised under this Agenda item)	There was none.
216	To consider a Grant Request from Bedlinog Constitutional Club	RESOLVED to approve a grant for £500 to Bedlinog Constitutional Club under S137.
217	To Approve the Bank Reconciliation	RESOLVED to approve the Bank Reconciliation dated 05/01/2022.
218	Examination and Payment of Accounts / Budget Report	RESOLVED to approve the payments and receipts in Appendix 1. RESOLVED to accept the budget report. RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices T.I.-3477 (Tantrwm); 3274836 (MTCBC); INV-36736 (Washware Essentials).
219	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Monday 14 th February 2022, 6.15pm, via Microsoft Teams.
