



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Searl (In the Chair)

Councillors Matthews, Jago, Preston, and Thomas

Officers: Ryan James (Clerk)

Outside Bodies:
(none)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
220	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Cllr Searl started the meeting by expressing the Council's condolences to the family of Cllr Elizabeth Evans who has sadly passed away. A donation of £50 has been made to the fund for a memorial bench at Bedlinog Community Primary School in memory for Cllr Evans. Apologies were received from Cllrs Beard, Brown, and Frayne.
221	To Receive of Declarations Personal/Prejudicial Interest	There were none.

222	Meeting with the Police Representative	The Police were not in attendance. The Police figures for crime and anti-social behaviour for the previous month were shared with Council. Cllr Searl advised that he and Cllr Preston had met with PC Sian Thomas in Bedlinog recently to discuss anti-social issues at the Bedlinog Inn.
223	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public	A resident attended the meeting and asked a question relating to the Bush Cutter training for volunteers. The resident will contact the Clerk with names of interested volunteers.
224	To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting	RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as an accurate record of the previous meeting.
225	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Item 212 – Residential Parking, Bedlinog Square: four survey visits were made to Bedlinog Square (Thursday 10am; Wednesday 7pm; Saturday 12pm; Monday 8am), the average occupancy over the four visits was found to be 57% which is less than the 85% required to fulfil the Council's criteria for residential parking. The signpost for Trelewis to be placed on the mountain road is currently being fabricated and MTCBC have advised it will be installed "in a few weeks." Street Lighting team have collected the four defibs ready for installation. Cllr Searl met with Highways and Road Safety on the issues raised on the green line from Bedlinog School to Commercial Street. MTCBC have advised that it will be a priority for the next financial year. Item 216 – the £500 grant to Bedlinog Constitutional Club has been paid.
226	To Consider Plans for Jubilee Celebrations	Cllr Searl asked for volunteers to set up a Task & Finish Group to consult with the community and ask residents what they would like to celebrate. Cllr Matthews volunteered to cover the Trelewis area, and Cllr Preston to cover the Bedlinog area. Residents will be asked for their ideas on how to celebrate.
227	To Receive an Update on Bedlinog Childcare Provision	Cllr Jago shared plans for the new childcare provision in Bedlinog Community Primary School with Cllrs. Works are ongoing. The capital programme is due to be completed by the end of May and the childcare provision is expected to be available from September 2022.
228	To Receive County Councillors Report	Cllr Thomas advised that at the last Full Council meeting at MTCBC it was proposed to fly the Palestinian flag permanently over the Civic Centre – an amendment was made, and the decision was that a flag of amnesty international would be flown over the Civic Centre on the annual awareness day.

		MTCBC has removed means testing for smaller to medium disability grants. An information report was also received in respect of Equalities and Social Economic Disadvantage, which means living on a low income compared to others in Wales with little or no wealth, leading to greater deprivation and the ability to access services. It was agreed that whenever the Council introduce new policies, they will include in their EQIA the effect of the decision on the Social Economic Disadvantage, taking poverty into account on all their decision making. Cllr Jago advised MTCBC submitted nominations for the High Sheriff Awards, and confirmation was received today that prizes have been won by our young people within the local authority. A school's Digital Strategy is being implemented across all schools in the local authority – this is welcomed as the COVID pandemic has shown that our learners rely on technology a lot. The financial projection for the next academic school year for both Bedlinog and Trelewis Primary Schools is incredibly positive. Bedlinog Community Primary School is in the best financial position it has been in for over a decade. Cllr Jago attended the Police and Crime Commissioner's Panel meeting – it was a precept setting meeting and a 5% precept increase was proposed to continue work across the South Wales Police Force. Whilst Cllr Jago voted against, the vote was carried and a 5% increase in precept was agreed. Cllr Colbran declined an invitation to attend the meeting and sent an email report.
229	To Consider Planning Applications	Application no. P/22/0019 – Change of use of land to garden, land opposite Nos 6 and 7 Graig Terrace (Bakery and Premises) Bedlinog, was considered. RESOLVED: No objections to the application.
230	To Receive Correspondence not specifically referenced on the Agenda (Decisions cannot be taken in relation to matters raised under this Agenda item)	Election guidance has been sent to all Councillors. The Notice of Election will be published 18th March 2022 and purdah begins. Nominations can be received from 21st March and the deadline to submit nominations is 4pm, Tuesday 5th April. The One Voice Wales Newsletter has been shared with Councillors. One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting minutes have been shared with Councillors.
231	To Discuss Concerns Regarding Path from Bedlinog Community	The Community Council has previously reported to MTCBC that this is a dangerous path but were advised no works were required that that time. Cllrs Preston and Jago raised

	Centre to the Rugby Fields	further concerns about the safety of the path, and Cllr Jago advised that the land is owned by Bedlinog Miners Welfare Institute. RESOLVED: To contact MTCBC and ask them to assist in closing the path as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety.
232	To Approve the Casual Vacancy Notice	RESOLVED: To approve the Casual Vacancy Notice.
233	To Approve the Bank Reconciliation	RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation dated 11/02/2022.
234	Examination and Payment of Accounts / Budget Report	RESOLVED: To approve the payment of the following invoices – INV-GB-131563701-2022-14782 (Amazon); 17589 (RockUK); 3275775 (MTCBC). RESOLVED: To approve the payment and receipts for 06/01/22 to 10/02/2022. RESOLVED: To approve the budget report.
235	To Approve Conclusion of Audit Wales Audit	RESOLVED: To approve the Conclusion of Audit and Annual Governance Statement for financial year 2021-2022.
236	Date of Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting will be Monday 14 th March 2022, 6.15pm via Microsoft Teams.
