



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor R Searl (In the Chair)

Councillors Brown, E Dawson, Jago, Preston, Thomas and Frayne

Officers:

Ryan James, Clerk

In Attendance:

County Cllr Michelle Symonds

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
336	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Beard and Matthews.
337	To Receive of Declarations Personal/Prejudicial Interest	There were none.
338	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public in	There were none.

	relation to Business Items on the Agenda	
339	To Receive Report from the Police	The Police were not in attendance and no Police Report was received this month.
340	To Approve Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 October 2022	RJ stated that the response from MTCBC and Friends of Taf Bargoed in relation to no current plans for EV chargers to be installed at Parc Taf Bargoed was omitted from the minutes of 10th October 2022. RESOLVED that the minutes of 10th October 2022 be approved.
341	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Item 327 – a report was made to the Police regarding the lighting of fires at the kickabout area at the rear of Hylton Terrace. A social media post also asked residents to report any anti-social behaviour they were aware of to the Police. Similar issues at the MUGA in Trelewis. We could investigate opportunities for CCTV and look at potential costs and funding opportunities for this. We need to be proactive and speak with the PCSO's about engaging with the youth causing the damage. Also look at opportunities to organise annual events such as organised bonfire events to prevent youth lighting their own fires. Under 329: Item 283 – the defib cabinet has been installed in Stormtown. The Clerk will fit the defib this week. Item 285 – The Clerk has chased MTCBC on the consultation to issue the Community Council with a licence to complete the MUGA works, a response was received stating that discussions were ongoing with Trelewis Bowls Club and residents. The Clerk responded to advise the MUGA is based in Mackintosh Terrace, not near the bowls club and is awaiting a further response. Item 261 – Allotment Improvement Project, works are ongoing at Trelewis Community Garden. Item 313 – The Clerk has the login details for Community Councillor official email accounts and will provide login details to Cllrs. Item 331 – The Community Engagement Questionnaire results stated that residents did not think the Community Council needed a centre in Trelewis as there is already a Community Centre. Discussions will need to take place as to whether the Community Council pursues taking over Trelewis OAP Hall. The Clerk is liaising with the lighting company to get the Christmas lights switched on this week. A social media post will be put out to explain that there are less lights this year due to an increase in cost of lighting frames and energy

		costs.
342	To Approve Request from Trelewis Primary School for Sponsorship to Attend the National Choir	RESOLVED that sponsorship be provided to Trelewis Primary School to the sum of £500 as a S137 payment.
343	To Note the Feedback from the Community Engagement Survey 2022	The feedback from the survey is that the top five priorities residents think budget should be spent on next year are: • More money available to award grants to community groups • Tackling loneliness • More provision for young people • Community events • Tackling litter RJ will obtain costs for a newsletter to be printed. Cllr Thomas and Searl asked if we could have accurate figures for whether those that stated in the survey that they did not want a further community building in Trelewis, were from Trelewis.
344	To Consider Planning Application P/22/0282	RESOLVED that there were no objections to planning application P/22/0282.
345	To Consider if the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations require review	The Clerk advised that there are no changes to the process in terms of standing orders and financial regulations and an updated version is expected at some point from One Voice Wales (OVW). RESOLVED that there is no requirement to update the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at this time and this would be reviewed when the new versions are published by OVW.
346	To Receive the County Councillors Report	Cllr Thomas provided an update on the financial position at MTCBC and for FY22/23 they are looking at a £2.8m deficit. FY23/24 is estimated to be a £14.8m deficit for the year. The Welsh Government settlement for Local Government is due 14th December. Cllr Dawson asked about what reserves MTCBC hold. County Cllr Symonds provided her October update with information about Council & Cabinet meetings, reports and referrals, community information, school activities, and up-coming events. Cllr Searl asked for more information about the Taf Bargoed Committee. This is in the very early stages and further information will be provided as it progresses. Cllr Jago

		suggested inviting a representative from the Taf Bargoed Development Trust. Cllr Searl asked if there was information relating to Social Services purchasing a property in Bedlinog. MTCBC has not confirmed any information about this to date. County Cllr Colbran declined an invitation to attend the meeting and sent an email update.
347	Community Councillor Cases	Cllr Jago queried if the Community Library will be opening in Bedlinog Community Centre. RJ will contact Merthyr Library regarding their plans for this going forward. Cllr Jago asked about a light on the Community Centre building to light up the MUGA. RJ will obtain costs and bring back to the next meeting. Cllr Preston raised Taf Bargoed Road – there is still a lot of debris on the road and trees growing in the guttering. Photos will be taken to send to MTCBC as evidence. County Cllr Symonds will also take photos and report. Cllr Preston also raised Bedlinog Square – there is oil spillages from cars and the tarmac in parts is growing grass and moss. RJ will report online.
348	To Receive Correspondence not specifically referenced on the agenda (Decisions cannot be made in relation to matters raised under this agenda item)	A meeting has been held between Bedlinog Miners Welfare Association (BMWA) and Bedlinog RFC about re-developing the land of the former bowling green into a training area for Bedlinog minis. The Trustees have approved the use and Council will be updated on how this progresses. BMWA are still awaiting the outcome of a grant application to re-develop the Bowls Pavilion into a community building. The Clerk attended the SLCC/OVW conference on Wednesday 9th November. It was noted that Welsh Government are expecting Community and Town Council's to help as much as possible with the cost of living crisis in their communities to support residents. The Community Council has submitted a grant application to the National Grid's Community Matters Fund to fund 'warm spaces' this winter as well as 'warm packs' for vulnerable residents and await the outcome of the application. The salary award for Clerks as of 1 April 2022 has been published by SLCC and OVW and the approved rate of SCP23 has increased by £1 per hour. The BTCC/MTCBC Liaison Group meeting has been arranged with Ann Taylor, Head of Democratic Services, for Monday 28th November. Cllr Dawson advised he attended the OVW Biodiversity Conference and the Merthyr Tydfil Funding Day on behalf of

		the Community Council. Cllr Jago advised there was excellent feedback from everyone regarding the march from Bedlinog Community Centre on Remembrance Sunday.
349	Examination of Payment and Accounts (Payments made from 8 October 2022)	RESOLVED that the payments and accounts be approved made from 8 October 2022.
350	To Approve the Budget Report	RESOLVED that the budget report be approved. The Clerk explained that an overspend of just over 4k is expected. A grant has been obtained for £1960 to help with the fuel costs of Bedlinog Community Centre which does bring down the overspend.
351	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Monday 12 th December 2022, 6.15pm via Microsoft Teams.

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