



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 17TH JULY, 2023

PRESENT: Community Councillor Beard (**In the Chair**)

Community Councillors J Beard, Brown, E Dawson, Matthews, Preston and Thomas

Officers: Ryan James

In Attendance: Zoe Thomas, Merthyr Tydfil CBC

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
462	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Searl and Frayne.
463	To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest	There were none.
464	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public	There were none.
465	To Receive an Update	Zoe Thomas, Strategic Regeneration Manager, for Merthyr

	from MTCBC on the Taf Bargoed Regeneration Partnership	Tydfil County Borough Council (MTCBC) was in attendance. Zoe provided an update on the setup of the previous Regeneration Partnership which continued up until 2020. A consultant has reviewed the original action plan for the Taf Bargoed area to ensure that it was fit for purpose, and funding has been secured to create a post that is going to work within the Bedlinog and Trelewis and Treharris wards. An appointment should be made within the next month. This new Officer will re-establish the partnership, but this time it will be a more strategic partnership that will meet on a quarterly basis, and then a wider forum which will be held on a six-monthly basis. The membership will be changed from what it previously was. The Council is in the process of creating the membership of the partnership at the moment and a terms of reference is being developed. They would like to have a representative from the Community Council on the partnership. Cllr Preston asked where the meetings would be held – ZT confirmed that they would all be held in the lower valley possibly alternating between Bedlinog, Trelewis and Treharris. Cllr Dawson asked around the wider plans and aims – ZT explained said that it would be a high-level partnership looking at a multitude of things, and the partnership would continue to be grown in terms of any investors coming into the area, the private sector etc. and the partnership will be driving the agenda. ZT advised that the new Officer will need to be fully emersed in the community and would be able to come along to the Community Council meetings and provide updates and work with us going forward.
466	To Appoint a Community Council Representative on the Taf Bargoed Regeneration Partnership	Resolved that Cllr Preston be appointed as the Community Council representative on the Taf Bargoed Regeneration Partnership. Cllr Dawson and Cllr Matthews both to be reserves if Cllr Preston cannot attend.
467	Meeting with the Police Representative	The Police were not in attendance. Crime and ASB figures were provided for period 01-06-2023 to 17/07/2023. The Clerk advised that the anti-social behaviour behind Hylton Terrace was reported to the Merthyr Tydfil Community Safety Partnership in May, but no acknowledgement or update has been received from the partnership. The Clerk will seek an update. A discussion took place about the on-going Police non-attendance at meetings. The new Neighbourhood Police Officer has been in place for a number of months but has

		not communicated with the Community Council or responded to any emails to date. Councillors appreciate how busy the Police are but there is no communication whatsoever and they seem to have an established attendance at Treharris PACT meetings.
468	To Approve Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held 19 June 2023	Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held 19 June 2023 be approved.
469	To Receive any Matters Arising	Item 285 – MTCBC Estates department has advised that they cannot issue a licence until repairs have been carried out on the Trelewis MUGA. Awaiting decision from MTCBC Parks on whether they are able to progress with the repairs. An SPF funding application has been made to further develop the MUGA area. Item 452 – no report received from MTCBC about the litter monitoring on Trelewis High Street – the Clerk will chase an update. Item 460 – Bill copies of the Community Centre electricity bill have been shared with Cllr Searl to look into alternative suppliers.
470	To Approve a Grant Request from Bedlinog RFC	Resolved that the £373.26 grant request from Bedlinog RFC be approved.
471	To Consider any Planning Applications published before the Council meeting	P/23/0175 Detached dwelling and garage at land adjacent to 1 Edwards Terrace, Bedlinog, was considered. Resolved that there were no objections.
472	To Approve the Standing Orders v4.0	This item will be deferred until the next meeting.
473	To Receive any Community Councillor Cases	Cllr Preston advised that there is temporary blue fencing on Taf Road, after club row bridge, where an accident took place. The fencing is still there, and repairs have not been made. This will be reported. Cllr Preston asked if we can obtain an update on the path from the Community Centre to the recreation ground.
474	To Receive the County Councillors Report	Cllr Dawson asked if a Ward County Cllr report had been shared – a report has not been received since May. Cllr Thomas stated a Full Council meeting took place last week and that the budget for FY23/24 has been reviewed again as part of tranche 3. An accountancy exercise has taken place on revising budget heads on suspected outcomes for the coming year. Also approved at Full Council was a Participation Strategy,

		to improve public participation in decision making. A Communications Strategy, to improve communication between the Council and the public. There is also a big push for more scrutiny, the purpose being to monitor performance of the executive, review services and promote public engagement in the democratic process. Cllr Dawson asked if a staff reorganisation was still taking place and Cllr Thomas advised for FY23/24 it is complete.
475	To Receive Correspondence (Decisions cannot be made in relation to matters raised under this agenda item)	An Urdd Event will be held at Bedlinog Community Centre on Friday 28th July for aged 3–6-year-olds. The event is organised by Urdd Gobaith Cymru. We have received correspondence from MTCBC Estates Department that a further complaint has been made to them regarding the gabion baskets installed at the rear of 56 Hylton Terrace. The Clerk proposed a meeting to be held with the Estates Officer to discuss this. The Clerk will arrange the meeting. All Community Councillors received an email regarding an accident on the top field in Parc Nant Llwynog – the Clerk has advised that the field is the responsibility of MTCBC, and any complaint/claim must be submitted to the County Council.
476	To Approve Payments & Receipts for period 13-06-2023 to 06-07-2023	Resolved that payments and receipts for period 13-06-2023 to 06-07-2023 be approved.
477	To Approve the Bank Reconciliation dated 05-06-2023	Resolved that the bank reconciliation dated 05-06-2023 be approved.
478	To Note the Date of Next Meeting	The next Council meeting will be held Monday 11 th September 2023, 6.15pm.