



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2023

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

Community Councillors Brown, E Dawson, Jago, Matthews, Preston and Thomas

Officers: Ryan James, Clerk to the Council

In Attendance:
County Councillor Michelle Symonds

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
513	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Searl.
514	To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest	Cllrs Beard and Matthews raised a personal interest in item 520.
515	To Receive Any Representations/Questions from the Public	County Cllr Symonds made a representation in regard to agenda item number 520 advising that there has been a number of objections already submitted and the County Councillors have called the application into Planning

		Committee. County Cllr Symonds referred to agenda item number 521 and advised that Transport for Wales will be responsible for alleviating and funding the issues with Club Row Bridge. It was noted that the bridge does not fall under the responsibility of MTCBC.
516	Meeting with the Police Representative	The Police were unable to attend due to a clash with the Treharris PACT meeting. An email report was provided with the relevant Police figures for the period 10/10/2023 to 13/11/2023.
517	To Receive an Update from Groundwork Wales	Groundwork Wales have requested to move their update to the December meeting.
518	To Approve Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held 09 October 2023	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 09 October 2023 be approved.
519	To Receive any Matters Arising	Item 452 – This has been picked up by the Director of Neighbourhood Services and Planning who will speak with the relevant Officers and respond to the Clerk. Item 492 – Cllrs Preston, Beard and the Clerk visited Fir Tree Centre on the 8th November. Partnership working was discussed about advertising each organisation's events, joint events, and a community bus pending the outcome of a national lottery grant application by Fir Tree Centre. Plans for the Trelewis Macmillan Coffee morning have been paused until the new year as work is taking place organising the Christmas Fayre currently. Item 495 – Lots of things arranged for the Christmas Fayre, such as Santa's Grotto, food and craft stalls, face painting, games, refreshments and a raffle. It was suggested that proceeds from the raffle go to local charity 4Tom. The Clerk will contact Cllrs for assistance in setting up and supporting on the night. Item 504 – The defib in Stormtown was recently used, it is currently out of action pending the delivery of replacement pads. Item 506 – Discussions with St John's Ambulance have taken place, Cllr Dawson updated that he has spoken with former members and ne of them would like to come to a meeting and discuss future plans for the branch and moving forward with setting it up again. They are looking to appoint an Officer in Charge to move forward and will then request to meet with the Community Council. A question was asked in the last meeting by Cllr Dawson if the decision notice relating to the recently approved alcohol licence in Trelewis is available to the public – the Licensing

		Team at MTCBC has advised that the determination notice is only sent out to persons who submitted representations, as it contains information on their appeal rights. The Clerk advised Council that there has been a low response rate with the community consultation, so suggestion boxes will be placed around the community in local shops. Cllr Brown also suggested we place a suggestion box at the Christmas Fayre and other local events.
520	To Consider Planning Application P/23/0238	Cllr Thomas declared an interest at this stage - if the planning application goes to MTCBC Committees/Council, he may be involved as a County Councillor. Cllr Jago joined the meeting. Planning application P/23/0238 (Convert workshop into a convenience store (A1 use) to include rear extension: Shingrig House 1 Eifal Shingrig, Trelewis, Treharris CF46 6DP) was considered. Cllr Dawson raised objections to the planning application. Other Cllrs felt that objections had not been made to them by residents, so they were not aware of the concerns. RESOLVED that whilst the Community Council has been made aware of objections during this meeting, no residents had raised specific concerns with them so they did not feel it appropriate to object at this time.
521	To Discuss Club Row Bridge, B4255, Issues	We have received an update from Transport for Wales stating that following a vehicle strike in June 2023, the side of the bridge was damaged and then collapsed, leaving an open gap where the wall used to be. This posed a risk to road users so to prevent any further damage and reduce risk associated with the gap on the structure, a traffic light system was put in place, limiting traffic to single lane only on the structure. The maintenance team are currently planning how the repair work can be undertaken, and following repairs to the structure, the traffic management system will be removed. Cllr Preston raised that one part of the temporary barrier has blown to the other side of the road this evening and felt the temporary measures in place were not adequate. Cllr Jago asked if the local authorities plan to implement the traffic management system will go ahead after Transport for Wales carry out their repairs – County Cllr Symonds advised that it is on the programme of works for completion by the end of the financial year. The Clerk will report the issue with the temporary barrier that had blown to the other side of the road.
522	To Discuss the wall	Cllr Preston raised that the wall that runs along the 'green

	alongside Safe Route to School Path, Commercial Street, Bedlinog	path' (safe route to school path) is bellowing out on to the green path – concerns that the wall could collapse. It has been reported to Highways by some concerned residents. The Clerk will also make a report. Cllr Preston asked if enquiries could be made as to whether a Section 77 Order is applicable in this case as the wall is privately owned.
523	To Approve Cost of Transport for Trelewis Residents to Community Hub	We have contacted several local minibuses companies but availability for pickups is restricted due to the companies having school contracts and the times conflicting with school pick-ups. One quote has been received for £110 per week. The Clerk has approached the Welfare Committee to ask if they would consider alternative times and then we can re-check availability of minibuses and cost. Once a decision has been made, we will bring this back to the December meeting for approval.
524	To Receive any Community Councillor Cases	Cllr Dawson attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting and provided a report update to Council. The report is included in the meeting papers. Cllr Preston raised Taf Road, MTCBC advised that they would clear the road in October, it is filling with water and debris and taking up part of the road going out of the village. The Clerk will make enquiries.
525	To Receive the County Councillor's Report	Cllr Thomas stated that Trade Union time was discussed at the last Full Council meeting, and it was resolved that the Union facility time would be 5 days per week up until 31st March 2024. The financial settlement from the Welsh Government for FY24/25 will be announced on the 20th December 2023. County Cllr Symonds sent an email update to the Clerk to advise that the last MTCBC Council meeting had several exempt items, but there was an 'invest to save' report from Housing which was approved. The Council approved the housing team to look at and purchase a property to potentially accommodate 15-20 units. The update also stated that it has been a busy month in the community.
526	To Receive any Correspondence	Information from Dwr Cymru has been received about the Dwr Cymru Investment – Trelewis Network upgrades. It was a newsletter regarding the upgrade works which has been share don social media and sent to the relevant properties. Dwr Cymru are hosting information sessions on Thursday 16th November in Trelewis Community Centre, 1pm-3pm and 5pm-7pm. The Clerk met with MTCBC Estates department, and a site visit is arranged to the MUGA area in Trelewis which Dwr

		Cymru have taken over for their compound, to meet with Dwr Cymru and discuss the current plan around reinstatement of the MUGA and for Community Council's planned work to line mark it for football and basketball. The National Association of Local Councils have advised via One Voice Wales, that an agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The new pay rates for local Councils have been agreed with the Society of Local Council Clerks. The increase equates to £1 per hour rise on SCP24. The Clerk has been contacted by the Revenues Manager at MTCBC requesting the Community Council, as always, agrees its budget for the next financial year at its December meeting to determine the Precept. The council tax baseline calculation will be agreed at MTCBC Full Council on 6th December 2023, and we will be notified of the figure after that date.
527	To Approve Payments and Receipts for Period 03/10/2023 to 07/11/2023	RESOLVED that the payments and receipts for period 03/10/2023 to 07/11/2023 be approved.
528	To Note the Conclusion of the Audit Wales Audit of the Council's Accounts for 2022-23	RESOLVED that the Conclusion of the Audit Wales Audit of the Councils accounts for 2022-23 be noted. The Community Council will need to obtain written confirmation from individual members confirming that they do not want to accept their £150 allowance. This was previously noted in the minutes that no Councillor wanted to accept the payment, but they will need to confirm this in writing to the Clerk going forward.
529	To Note the Date of Next Meeting	It was noted that the next meeting is Monday 11th December 2023. County Cllr Symonds provided Community Councillors with an update regarding a recent Police incident.

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