



MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2023

PRESENT: Community Councillor R Searl (In the Chair)

Community Councillors Brown, E Dawson, Thomas, and Frayne

Officers: Ryan James, Clerk to the Council

In Attendance:
(none)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
530	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Beard, Preston, and Matthews.
531	To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest	There were none.
532	To Receive Any Representations/Questions from the Public	There were none.
533	Meeting with the Police	The Police were not in attendance – an email report was

	Representative	received and shared with Cllrs. Cllr Brown raised a query as to why it is reported there were a total of thirty-six calls for Bedlinog and Trelewis recorded in the last month, but only one incident of crime in Bedlinog and one for Trelewis is included in the report. The Clerk will query this with the Police.
534	To Receive an Update from Groundwork Wales	A representative joined the meeting from Groundwork Wales and presented to the Community Councillors. A discussion took place about how we can work together to bring a 'Tiny Forest' into the community. It will involve residents and school children being part of the project subject to funding applications being successful. Deadline for applications is 8th May 2024, with a decision made by the end of June 2024. The project would need to be completed by 31st March 2025. Bedlinog Miners Welfare Association is the owner of the proposed land and a letter from Trustees would be required in support of the application.
535	To Approve Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held 13 November 2023	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council held 13 November 2023 be approved.
536	To Receive any Matters Arising	Item 495 - £111 was raised from the Christmas Fayre raffle and has been donated to the 4Tom charity. Item 519 – Suggestion boxes have been purchased, the Clerk will take to local shops etc. and ask for them to be placed there for a period so that we can obtain further consultation responses. Item 521 – the issue with the temporary barrier raised at the last meeting was reported to TFW. Item 522 – the issue with the wall along the 'green path' was reported. Highways have put up barriers and passed the issue to Building Control to investigate a Section 77 order. Item 523 – the cost of the transport for Trelewis residents to the Community Hub will now be covered by Bedlinog Miners Welfare Association. Item 524 – MTCBC have cleared the debris along Taf Road. Item 526 – the meeting went ahead with Dwr Cymru at the Trelewis MUGA. A grant application will be submitted to the Dwr Cymru Community Fund for further works at the MUGA.
537	To Approve a Grant	RESOLVED that the grant application for Bethal Chapel be

	Application for Bethal Chapel	approved and £500 awarded.
538	To Approve the Precept for FY24/25	RESOLVED that the Precept for FY24/25 be approved at £38,985 with a 0% increase. A discussion was held on future options for Bedlinog Community Centre asset management.
539	To Receive any Community Councillor Cases	Cllr Brown raised that there is a wooden sign directing to the football pitch in Trelewis and it has been hit by a car. The Clerk will report to MTCBC. Cllr Dawson discussed his Biodiversity report.
540	To Receive the County Councillors Report	Cllr Thomas updated the Council on recent MTCBC updates – it is estimated by Officers that there will be a £13m deficit for the next financial year. Officers are undertaking a cost saving exercise to plan and have identified a potential £3m saving but that is currently without looking at staff levels. There is a 3G development coming to Afon Taf, the logic being it will be accessible to all schools to visit and use. The National Eisteddfod 2024 is being held in RCT, the Council are setting up a special committee to get involved with the Eisteddfod to ensure Merthyr Tydfil's history and heritage is properly represented. Cllr Dawson asked why reserves at MTCBC cannot be used to close the budget gap. Cllr Thomas advised that the Council has a policy on the reserves that it should hold and as he understands it, the reserves are within the policy range that they should be.
541	To Receive any Correspondence	Community Focussed Schools have an event at Bedlinog Primary School on Monday 15th January 3.30pm-5.30pm where members of the community can attend to find out what support is available to them in the community. We are receiving £600 donation – Christmas meals?? Frozen to be delivered to the home.
542	To Approve Payments and Receipts for period 08/11/2023 to 04/12/2023	RESOLVED that the payments and receipts for period 08/11/2023-04/12/2023 be approved.
543	To Note the Date of Next Meeting	It was noted that the next meeting will take place at 6.15pm, Monday 8 th January 2024.

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