



Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on – Monday 9th March 2020, Bedlinog Community Centre, 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Sherelle Jago (Chair)

Cllr Ian Thomas

Cllr Elizabeth Evans

Cllr Richard Searl

Cllr Vanessa Matthews

Cllr Gillian Preston

Cllr Jeff Beard

IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan James (Clerk to the Community Council)

Item No.	Discussion	Action
1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> The Chair, Cllr Sherelle Jago, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Helen Thomas.	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
3	<u>Police Report</u> The Police were unable to attend the meeting but sent the following email report: The figures for Bedlinog/Trelewis from 10/2/20 to today's date are as follows: <i>Bedlinog</i> Crime	RJ to publish Police report on the Facebook page and Website.

	None reported! Anti-social Behaviour None reported! Trelewis Crime None reported! Anti-social Behaviour 18/02/2020- Off road motorbike annoyance, common land at Stormtown. Person/vehicle details not known.	
4	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> Council resolved that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting.	RJ to upload minutes to the BTCC website.
5	<u>Matters Arising</u> As the Community Centre is being used more frequently with Youth Club twice a week, there is a requirement for a refuse collection to take place. The Community Council is classed as a Commercial Organisation and therefore, refuse collections are chargeable as follows: 1 x 140 litre bin - £39.52 per month 1 x 240 litre bin - £49.53 per month Council resolved to organise a 140 bin at a cost of £39.52 per month. The Liaison Group Action Plan has been shared with Cllrs. An update from MTCBC Improvement Board has been shared with Cllrs. RJ has informed the Governor Support Team that Cllr Richard Searl is the nominated representative for BTCC to sit on the Federation	RJ to contact Waste Services to start the waste collections from BCC.

	Governing Body. The Body will be set up from mid-April 2020 and the Governor Support Team will contact Cllr Searl with the appropriate information. The 'instrument of government' document for the Federation has been shared with all Cllrs. All Cllrs have been added to MTCBC's 'Planning Weekly Lists' email distribution. RJ has informed MTCBC of the BTCC Precept for financial year 20/21 and this will be paid at the end of April 2020.	
6	<u>County Councillors Report</u> Cllr Ian Thomas provided an update to Council – following the recent storms, the Council has carried out a survey of the damage that has been caused – bridges, roads and utility pipes have been compromised. The estimated cost of damage is 10M, the Leader of the Council along with the AM and MP have sent a letter to the Prime Minister outlining the damage and have asked for funds to be made available to alleviate the damage. At last week's MTCBC Full Council, the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council precept was approved, and the Council Tax has been raised by 4.99%. Council was originally looking at a deficit of 8M, the Council approved savings of 3M and there is 5M more than anticipated following the settlement from Welsh Government so MTCBC has a balanced budget for FY20/21. The prediction for next financial year 21/22 is a deficit of 3.6M.	
7	<u>Planning Applications</u> Council reviewed the following planning applications: • P/20/0057 - Single storey extension 10 Gelligaer Road Trelewis Treharris CF46 6DN Council resolved that there were no objections to this planning application.	RJ to communicate to the Planning Department that Council had no objections.

	Notice has been received that Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig has applied to the Welsh Ministers under Section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 for land forming part of GELLIGAER and MERTHYR COMMON (CL38) Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, to cease to be registered. The purpose of this application is to enable the extension of the existing service reservoir asset known as Pengarnddu Service Reservoir to the north west of the Pengarnddu Industrial Estate. Council resolved that they had no objections to the Notice.	RJ to inform the Planning Inspectorate Wales that Council has no objections to the Notice.
8	<u>Correspondence</u> The statement issued by Julie James Minister for Housing and Local Government, providing an update on the ongoing statutory support package, provided under section 28 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. Information about the Local Places for Nature scheme – funded by Welsh Government, that aims to create, restore and enhance hundreds of habitats across the country has been shared with Cllrs. Applications needed to be submitted by 6th March, so RJ has applied on behalf of BTCC and will update Council when a response is received. In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, a link to the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales’ Annual Report has been shared with Cllrs. The minutes of a meeting on open spaces between MTCBC and Friends of Nant Llwynog Park, have been shared with Cllrs.	
9	<u>Cases</u> Allotments in Bedlinog have been badly affected by the recent floods caused by Storm Dennis. The Allotment Committee have asked Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council, the owners of the land, to resolve the damage. The Community Council have never charged rent to the occupiers of the allotments and historically cover the costs	

	of their water bills, but a proposal has been put forward to charge £1 per week – there are 12 allotments in total so this would bring in an income of £624 per year which can be used for maintenance work and as a contribution to the water bills. Cllr Jeff Beard raised that a resident had informed him that the area around no. 1-21 Commercial Street is constantly flooding. They believe that a drain has collapsed. Cllr Sherelle Jago advised that she will report this to MTCBC. Parking issues have been reported that when there is a rugby match on that cars are parking on Bedlinog Square, this is causing a build up of traffic and it is difficult for pedestrians and buggies to pass. This is a historic problem – the Rugby Club encourage people to use the Community Centre car park as well as the Doctor's Surgery Cllr Richard Searl advised that Bedlinog Football Club have made a grant application – the football stand has collapsed during the storms and they are seeking money towards the rebuild. Council resolved that they are happy to support in principle, but we need to see a quote for the works to be completed. Cllr Richard Searl queried if MTCBC have a policy in place regarding Corona Virus and queried whether the Community Council should also be adopting the same policy. Cllr Sherelle Jago advised that any communications that are received from MTCBC will be passed to the Clerk to disseminate amongst Community Councillors.	RJ to contact Keep Wales Tidy about the repair work to the allotments. SJ to arrange meeting with the Chair of the Allotments. SJ to report the flooding to MTCBC. RJ to inform Highways that the residents of Bedlinog Square wish to proceed with residents' parking. RJ to contact Michael Madden to provide a quotation for the repair works.
10.	<u>VE Day Anniversary</u> Cllr Richard Searl requested that the VE Day Anniversary was added to the Agenda – Cllr Searl raised that he felt as a Council we should arrange some with the Youth Club. Council resolved to allocate a maximum of £500 budget. We will open this up to residents.	
11.	<u>Co-option to Casual Vacancy</u>	

	This was deferred to the next meeting, Monday 20 th April 2020.	
12.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> The next meeting will be held at The Summit Centre, Monday 20 th April 2020, 7pm.	