



Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on – Monday 20th April 2020, via Video Conference, 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Sherelle Jago (Chair)

Cllr Richard Searl

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, Cllr Ian Thomas, Cllr Vanessa Matthews and Cllr Elizabeth Evans.	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
3	<u>Police Report</u> The Police were unable to join the video conference meeting, but sent the following email report: Please see below the police figures for Bedlinog and Trelewis from 17/03/20 to 17/04/2020: <u>Bedlinog – Crime:</u> 03/04/20- 6 cannabis plants found growing at an address in Mount Pleasant. Subject identified and charged. 05/04/20- Damage to gate at Bedlinog Rugby Club- no suspect identified. 10/04/20- Fly tipping near Gelligaer Quarry-	RJ to publish Police report on the Facebook page and Website.

	subject identified and under investigation. 13/04/20- Theft of public bench on Graig Cemetery road. No lines of enquiry at this time. <u>Bedlinog - Anti-social Behaviour</u> 12/04/20- Covid-19 breach house party in Powell Street. 15/04/20- Scrambler bikes on the common and near the cemetery. <u>Trelewis - Crime</u> 21/03/20- Smashed window at address in West view Crescent. 22/03/20- Female arrested on fail to appear warrant in West View Crescent. 27/03/20- Smashed window at hairdressers, High Street. No suspects. 05/04/20- Vehicle broken into at Ael-Y-Bryn. No lines of enquiry. 07/04/20- Small deliberate grass fire in Taff Bargoed Park. 08/04/20- Male issued with a cannabis warning outside Trelewis Community Centre. <u>Trelewis - Anti-social Behaviour</u> 05/04/20- Covid-19 breach. House party at Maes Y Coed. 08/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Group of five persons gathered outside Trelewis Community Centre. 09/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Persons gathering Edwards Terrace. 09/04/20- Covid-19 breach. House party at Nant Gwyn. 09/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Garden party in West View Crescent. 10/04/20- Covid-19 breach. House party at Tudor court. 11/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Maen Gilfach regarding un-necessary travel reported. 11/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Garden party at Pandy View. 12/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Alleged garden party again at Pandy View. 14/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Persons gathering in a large group at West View Crescent. 15/04/20- Covid-19 breach. Persons gathered on common near Bron Deg using drones.	
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	CLlr Gillian Preston raised that the bench that has been stolen from Graig Cemetery road was well used and asked if we could look to replace this. It was agreed that an alternative seating replacement that could not be moved, such as a concrete seating bench which is durable and cannot be moved would be a more appropriate replacement.	RJ to investigate potential replacements and costs.
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> RJ has informed Waste Services at MTCBC that the Community Council would like to enter into a commercial contract for refuse collections. The Planning Inspectorate Wales were informed that the Community Council had no objection to the Section 16 application in relation to Gelligaer and Merthyr Common (CL38). The Community Council has been successful in obtaining funding for the Local Places for Nature Scheme – a butterfly garden will be set up in the area around Bedlinog Community Centre and the Youth Club members will be involved in setting this up. Delivery of the tools and equipment is currently delayed, however, due to the COVID-19 crisis. Keep Wales Tidy will be happy to help with the clean-up work that needs to take place at Bedlinog Allotments following the floods caused by Storm Dennis. CLlr Sherelle Jago had a meeting in the diary to meet with the Chairman of the allotments, however, this work is now on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Highways Department at MTCBC have been notified that the residents at Bedlinog Square which to proceed with residential parking.	

	Cllr Sherelle Jago spoke to MTCBC about the reports of flooding at Commercial Street, Highways Department stated that they were not aware of constant flooding in the area but they will put it on their list that they use to check the drains are unblocked – this will mean regular drainage checks will take place in this area going forward. VE Day Anniversary celebrations are also on hold for the moment due to the COVID-19 crisis. It was raised that there is some talk of social distancing street parties to celebrate the VE Day Anniversary, however, it was agreed that the Community Council should not promote that taking into consideration the current Government Guidelines. A COVID-19 grant for 10k has been received – the Community Council will use this money to develop a hardship fund that families could apply for. The fund will be used for those families that may be struggling to pay bills, buy food etc. This will provide a sum of emergency money to help them during the current crisis.	RJ to develop a draft application process ASAP for agreement by Community Councillors.
6	<u>County Councillors Report</u> All MTCBC meetings are currently cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Council are waiting for legal advice on what they can do to hold meetings virtually. Currently delegation has been given to Cabinet and the Chief Executive to make urgent decisions. MTCBC's Wellbeing Corporate Plan needs to be signed off by the 24th April in line with Welsh Government requirements. County Councillors have agreed they will endorse the plan to meet the WG guidelines, but they will review it in September 2020 so that it can be debated in the Chamber. Free school meals – local authority has had complications in order to try and administer this process, this week they have moved to providing the families with vouchers. The voucher scheme is currently only available in Tesco and ASDA which is a distance for some of our residents so	

	MTCBC are looking to introduce COOP into the scheme as these stores are more accessible in Treharris and Nelson to our residents in the local area. Letters have been sent out to residents that need to shield for 12 weeks.	
7	<u>Planning Applications</u> There were no planning applications to consider.	
8	<u>Correspondence</u> One Voice Wales Newsletter has been shared with Cllrs. WAO have advised that we are not expected to comply with the dates for external audit for now – we need to make accounts available, display notices of audit in public areas etc. Audit MUST be completed by September 2020 – they will look to work through this as the crisis develops.	
9	<u>Cases</u> A grant has been applied for to rebuild the wall at Bedlinog AFC following damage caused by Storm Dennis. This has been deferred until two quotes are received for comparison to ensure value for money. Cllr Gillian Preston noted that MTCBC picked up approximately 30 bags of rubbish for recycling on Taf Road – Cllr Preston thanked the team from Waste Services for clearing up the area. A lot of fly tipping is taking place in Bedlinog Community Centre car park – tyres have been dumped along with bags of rubbish scattered all over the floor. There are also concerns that youths are gathering in the car park and there is drug misuse taking place. It was agreed that a CCTV system needs to be put in place. Cllr Sherelle Jago requested an internal pedal bin for the use in the community centre kitchen.	RJ to notify Bedlinog AFC that a second quote for repair works is required. RJ to obtain quotations. RJ to order.
10.	<u>Financial Report</u> The financial report for FY19-20 was presented to Councillors by the Clerk.	

	Council resolved to approve the financial report.	
11.	<u>Co-option to Casual Vacancy</u> The Community Council received four applications for co-option. Councillors considered the applications and voted. Council resolved to co-opt Mr Christopher Frayne to the Community Council.	
12.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> The next meeting will be held virtually Monday 11th May 2020, 6pm. We are due to have our AGM at the May meeting – it was agreed that we would postpone this in line with Welsh Government advice which states that an AGM will need to take place before April 2021. Cllr Sherelle Jago agreed to continue in the role of Vice-Chair of the Community Council until the AGM can be held.	