



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF BTCC Council Meeting held on **Thursday 12 December 2024** at **6:15 PM**. The meeting was held in **Bedlinog Community Centre**

Present: Cllrs Searl (Chair), Preston, Matthews, and Dawson
Apologies: Cllrs Jago, Thomas, Frayne, and Brown
In Attendance: Ryan James (Clerk); A member of the public.
Minute Taker: Ryan James

74 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jago, Thomas, Frayne, and Brown.

75 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

76 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

77 MEETING WITH THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting.

An update on the recent PACT meeting was provided by Cllrs Preston, Dawson and Searl – the new PCSO dedicated to Bedlinog and Trelewis was at the meeting.

The main issues raised were relating to drug use, but the number of complaints/reports generally have decreased.

The PCSO's attended the Community Hub last week and spoke with residents.

Next PACT meeting is at Bedlinog Community Centre 16th January.

78 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 12 November 2024 be approved.

79 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS ARISING

Item 62 – The FYF Grant application for winter warm packs is being chased by the Council Officer.

Item 64 – The annual appraisal will be arranged in the new year to coincide with the new financial year.

Item 65 – The Glo in the Park event was a huge success. The turnout was fantastic and the feedback was excellent. The Events Committee will meet after the Christmas Fayre to review both events and discuss any changes/improvements for next year.

Item 66 – Rebekah Stone has been appointed Warm Hub Coordinator. The Cozy Corners started Wednesday 11th December. There are lots of classes and activities booked for sessions over the next 12 weeks.

Cllr Gillian Preston advised that Rebekah was welcomed to the hub and the feedback on the hot food from Nolly's Nibbles was excellent.

It was also suggested that we try and organise something to encourage males to come along – perhaps consider a Men Shed and/or Walking Football sessions. We will pick this up in further discussions.

80 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

81 TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FROM TRELEWIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESOLVED that the grant application for £500 be awarded to Trelewis Primary School Section 137 grant.

82 TO DISCUSS ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC WATER FOUNTAINS

The Clerk advised that one water fountain has had to be decommissioned due to parts no longer available. There are three remaining, one at Nant Llwynog Park and two at Taff Bargoed Park. The solenoid parts require replacing again, the second time this year, and have been replaced the previous two years. The contractor is advising that they should be decommissioned due to parts becoming difficult to source due to the age of the fountains. The ongoing costs is detrimental to the repairs budget also.

The Clerk requires a decision from Council as to whether the public water fountains should be decommissioned.

Cllr Dawson raised that the fountain in Nant Llwynog Park is used regularly during the Summer. Cllr Preston advised that the fountain by the Fisherman's Hut in Taff Bargoed is also used daily also.

RESOLVED that existing water fountains be retired and grant funding is sourced to look at replacing with newer models.

83 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 06-11-2024 TO 08-12-2024

RESOLVED that payments and receipts for the period 06-11-2024 to 08-12-2024 be approved.

84 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES

There were none.

85 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Preston shared her monthly report with a summary of reports made, meetings and events attended.

At the MTCBC Full Council meeting on 4th December 2024, the following was approved which are points of interest:

Council Tax Base for 2025/26 - the number calculated by MTCBC is 18,898.13 and for the area covered by Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council is 1,191.20. The calculation is made with reference to the number of banded properties within the local authority area adjusted to take into account discounts and exemptions.

Welsh Public Library Standards was considered and a report with the assessment for MT Library Services in 2023/24 - the standards measure whether a local authority is complying with its statutory duty. A revised Library Strategy will be presented in March 2025.

A Local Authority Hardship Scheme was set up to support residents affected by Storm Bert which was declared a major incident.

Cllr Dawson commented on the meeting that the County Cllrs attended at Nant Llwynog Park in November and showed some photos of the path damage. Cllr Dawson advised that discussions are ongoing with MTCBC re path repairs.

86 TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

The One Voice Wales Newsletter has been shared with Cllrs.

Cllr Dawson thanked the Community Council on behalf of the Friends of Nant Llwynog Group for the funding for additional planters and bird boxes around the park.

87 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING & REPORTS

The next meeting will be held Thursday 9th January 2025.

Meeting concluded at 7:45 PM

All open tasks

Task	Assigned to	Due
The Clerk to look at potential National Lottery Nature funding and discuss a joint application with MTCBC.	James, Ryan	31/03/2025
Clerk to organise a separate meeting to discuss Bedlinog Community Centre.	James, Ryan	On hold
Cllr Beard asked for the annual appraisal to be arranged.	James, Ryan	31/03/2025

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