



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF BTCC Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 6:15 PM**. The meeting was held in the **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Cllrs Searl, Beard, Brown, Preston, Thomas, Matthews, and Dawson
Apologies: Cllrs Frayne and Jago
In Attendance: Ryan James (Clerk)
Minute Taker: Ryan James (Clerk)

57 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Frayne and Jago.

58 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

59 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

60 MEETING WITH THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Police were not in attendance.

County Cllr Gillian Preston has contacted the PCSO to arrange a date for the next PACT meeting in Trelewis and awaits a date.

61 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15-10-2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 15-10-2024 be approved.

62 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS ARISING

Item 44 – a meeting took place with MTCBC and a Trustee from Bedlinog Playgroup. Ongoing conversations will take place regarding the future of a playgroup facility in Bedlinog. We have the repair works to be completed at the Pavilion and can investigate this as a potential facility.

Item 45 – a request has been made for a meeting with the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner. Responses will be received within 20 working days. There is potential that the South Wales Commissioner may also be attending the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting.

Item 33 – We are in conversations with MTCBC regarding the appropriate 'posts' to have the dog bag dispensers installed to.

Item 50 – the compost was ordered and delivered for the Trelewis High Street Community Group.

Sixty Winter Warm Packs have been distributed within the community to date. We are going to order another thirty as there is demand for more packs. The Clerk has spoken with the Regeneration Team at MTCBC for support regarding the Council's cost-of-living crisis work, and we have been advised that we should start with applying for a FYF grant. A grant request for a £500 contribution has been submitted.

63 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/24/0237 | Installation of an Air-Source Heat Pump | 1 River Avenue Trelewis Treharris Merthyr Tydfil CF46 6EF was considered.

RESOLVED that there were no objections.

64 TO NOTE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024/25

RESOLVED that the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2024/25 be noted.

ACTION: Cllr Beard asked for the annual appraisal to be arranged.

65 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GLO IN THE PARK EVENT AND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Cllr Brown and the Clerk updated Council on the event plans to date.

66 TO NOTE THE COZY CORNER GRANT AND APPROVE TEMPORARY STAFF APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that the Cozy Corner Grant be noted and Temporary Staff Appointment be approved.

67 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 09-10-24 TO 05-11-2024

RESOLVED that the payments & receipts for the period 09-10-24 to 05-11-2024 be approved.

68 TO NOTE THE BANK RECONCILIATION DATED 28-10-2024

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation dated 28-10-2024 be approved.

69 TO NOTE THE BUDGET REPORT DATED 28-10-2024

The Clerk provided an update on current budgets.

There is an overspend of £164 in the biodiversity budget line to date.

There is a predicted overspend in the Bills budget line of approx. £1000

All budgets will continue to be monitored going forward as the 2025/26 budget preparation will need to take place by the end of January 2025.

70 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES

There were none.

71 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Thomas updated that at the MTCBC Council meeting it was agreed to increase the Council Tax payable by the owners of empty properties – the cost is dependent on the length of time the property has been empty. The appointment of a new Section 151 Officer was formally approved at Council.

Coming up is the Medium-Term Financial Plan and preparing the budget for financial year 2025/26.

County Cllr Gillian Preston provided a monthly report to Council, and advised that a corporate restructure was approved due to the pending retirement of the Deputy Chief Executive (DCE). The DCE post will be deleted and a Head of Service post created in Regeneration & Housing. Other duties of the DCE will be shared amongst other Directors.

County Cllr Preston was pleased to say that an MTCBC budget consultation would also take place at this week's Community Hub.

72 TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Dawson has shared a report of the One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting minutes, along with a report on the Biodiversity Partnership.

73 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 12th December at Bedlinog Community Centre.

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	30/11/2024
Clerk to organise a separate meeting to discuss Bedlinog Community Centre.	James, Ryan	31/01/2025
Cllr Beard asked for the annual appraisal to be arranged.		

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