



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

28 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Searl, Jago, and Thomas.

29 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

30 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

31 MEETING WITH THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Police were not in attendance but shared crime and ASB figures in an email report.

The next PACT meeting is taking place Monday 7th October, 4.30-5.30pm at Bedlinog Community Centre.

32 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11 JULY 2024 AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD 17 JULY 2024

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting held 11th July and Events Committee held 17th July be approved.

33 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS ARISING

Item 16 – The Clerk has requested costings for the repair work to the path leading from Bedlinog Community Centre to the Recreational Ground from the Head of Highways and Engineering. Once known, the Community Council will investigate grant options for repair work. The first section of the path is owned by Bedlinog Miners Welfare Association; however, the charity does not have funds for repair. The second section of the path is owned by MTCBC, but they do not have available budget this financial year.

The Community Council 50th party took place 25th July with our Community Hub; it was a fantastic event with ITV Wales News attending and reporting on the event. Thanks were given to Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, Lord Lieutenant Peter Vaughan, Dawn Bowden MS, Mayor Cllr John Thomas, and community groups and representatives for their attendance.

A replacement water fountain has been put in place at Parc Nant Llwynog to replace the vandalised fountain. It was noted that the sign on the Community Council's digital interpretation board has also been updated with links to our YouTube channel containing videos on the heritage of the area.

Cllr Preston advised that one of the water fountains by the lake is not working.

TASK: Clerk to report for repair.

The lane in Cherry Tree Way has had the overgrowth cut back.

Item 18 – Two databank events have taken place to date with free SIM cards gifted to members of the community. Further events will be arranged linking in with the Community Hub and local schools.

Item 19 – the equipment for hybrid meetings has been installed and the new website is ready to be launched pending training for the Clerk. Launch was postponed due to the pre-election period.

Item 26 – Parking issues on Cwm Hill have been noted by the Road Safety Officer at MTCBC and added to their list for monitoring.

A response has been received from MTCBC regarding the position on dog bins going forward. MTCBC are placing dog bins in areas where required. County Cllrs must request dog/litter bins, and the Environmental Cleansing Team will assess/inspect the area over a 4–6-week period and score findings in line with Keep Wales Tidy bin/infrastructure guidance. Depending on the outcome of the inspections/scoring the application would be approved or declined.

With regards to dog waste disposal, dog waste can be placed in dog bins provided or taken home and put in wheelie bins. It is not recommended that dog waste be put in public litter bins as this waste is segregated at the HWRC sites to ensure as much recycling is collected as possible, if dog waste is within the litter bin, then staff will not segregate, and the recycling is lost.

A discussion was held regarding the dog bag dispensers, we will consult with residents as to where these should be placed and liaise with schools on a competition to design a poster for the dispensers.

Item 24 - Cllr Dawson provided an update on the path at Parc Nant Llwynog - a meeting was held with the Rights of Way Officer and Deputy Chief Exec at MTCBC, and discussions will be ongoing about repair works.

34 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/24/0210 Convert garage to additional living accommodation – 12 River Avenue Trelewis, was considered.

RESOLVED that there were no objections to application P/24/0210.

35 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 08/07/2024 TO 05/09/2024

RESOLVED that payments & receipts for the period 08/07/2024 to 05/09/2024 be approved in addition to the payments listed below that were approved at the meeting:

06/09/24 - Microsoft - £12.36 - Office 365 charges
06/09/24 - Vista – £61.48 - Event signage
06/09/24 - Vista - £69.99 - Event pop-up banner
06/09/24 - Brightpay - £9.90 - Payroll software charges
09/09/24 - BT - £5.99 - Com Centre broadband charges
11/09/24 - SSE - £260.81 - Com Centre electricity bill

36 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FY2023-24

RESOLVED that the Annual Report FY2023-24 be approved.

TASK: Clerk to publish the Annual Report on the website and Social Media Channels.

37 TO APPROVE GRANT REQUEST FROM TRELEWIS BOWLS CLUB

RESOLVED that a £250 grant for Trelewis Bowls Club be approved.

38 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES

Cllr Dawson updated Cllrs on the Welsh event that was held at the Nant Llwynog Park which was a successful day, and they hope to organise a similar event on an annual basis. The park has also won a Green Flag Award for the sixth year running.

Cllr Dawson extended an invite to Community Cllrs to visit the park and will share some potential dates for a visit.

It was discussed that there are large trees growing out of the wall opposite Bedlinog Newsagents, which is making it difficult for larger vehicles and buses to pass when vehicles are parked on the newsagent's side of the road.

TASK: Clerk to report.

Cllr Preston advised that she attended the 'Friends of Graig Cemetery' meeting 11/09/2024. The group enquired about the Community Council paying for public liability insurance, Cllr Preston explained that they can apply for a grant and will share the link to the grant application.

39 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Symonds sent apologies.

Cllr Dawson formally congratulated County Councillor Gillian Preston on her election to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

County Cllr Preston advised that there has been no MTCBC Council meetings due to recess and the pre-election period. The next MTCBC Full Council is Wednesday 18th September.

County Cllr Preston has visited Council offices over the last week and met officers and has been dealing with residents' issues that have been reported to her.

40 TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

The 'Wellbeing Warriors' from the local primary schools will be meeting with Community Cllrs on 17th September to discuss a proposal to purchase a fruit tuck shop.

The fencing has been completed at Manor View allotment garden. The Clerk has contacted all allotment bed holders, and three have decided not to continue with their allotment beds and these have now been advertised as available. It has been communicated that there was never an agreement for the Community Council to take responsibility for the whole area of green space, and MTCBC is responsible for grass cutting in the open space area. A temporary licence has been issued by MTCBC for the allotment garden area and a full licence is currently being prepared by MTCBC estates department.

It was suggested that contact is made with Bedlinog Allotments Association, as they have a waiting list for plots, so those on the waiting list may be interested in a bed at Manor View site.

TASK: Clerk to contact Bedlinog Allotment Association.

The Taf Bargoed Partnership Board membership has been discussed with MTCBC as Cllr Preston will now fill the County Cllr place on the board. Cllr Beard will fill the Community Council place, and Cllr Dawson will be deputy.

TASK: Clerk to organise a separate meeting to discuss Bedlinog Community Centre.

41 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will take place Tuesday 15th October.

The next Events Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 25th September.

Meeting concluded at 7:30 PM

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