



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF BTCC Council Meeting held on **Thursday 09 January 2025** at **6:15 PM**. The meeting was held in the **Bedlinog Community Centre**

Present: Cllrs Searl, Beard, Preston, Thomas, Jago, Brown, Frayne, Matthews, and Frayne

Apologies:

In Attendance: Ryan James, Clerk

Minute Taker: Ryan James

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

3 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

4 MEETING WITH THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Police were not in attendance due to their shift pattern.

The next PACT meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th January, at Bedlinog Community Centre, 6pm.

County Cllr Preston stated that she has reported a number of abandoned vehicles, and one is suspected to contain stolen goods. Also, at the end of December, 136 gas cannisters were identified at Nant Llwynog Park, and this has also been reported.

The Police also attended the Community Council Christmas Fayre in December and spoke with residents and Councillors.

5 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12-12-2024

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 12-12-2024 be approved.

6 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS ARISING

Item 62/24 - There has been no further response regarding the FYF grant application to purchase further Warm Packs for residents, the Clerk has chased via the Council Officer who will speak to the County Councillor.

Item 66/24 - The Cozy Corners are established on both Wednesday's and Thursday's. We have also liaised with The Bedlinog Inn and discussed how we can collaborate and support their Cozy Corner.

7 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

Cllr Dawson joined the meeting.

8 TO APPROVE THE PRECEPT FOR FY25/26

The Clerk presented the outcome of the public budget consultation and the draft budget for financial year 25/26 to the Council.

RESOLVED that the precept of £40314.06 with a 0% increase be approved.

9 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 09/12/2024 TO 28/12/2024

RESOLVED that the payments and receipts for the period 09/12/2024 to 28/12/2024 be approved.

10 TO NOTE THE BUDGET REPORT

RESOLVED that the budget report be noted.

11 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES

Cllr Preston advised that Bedlinog RFC are requesting support to complete grant applications for the top field in Bedlinog. Cllr Preston has already directed the club to seek support from VAMT. The Community Council will also provide support on possible grant avenues the club can try.

Cllr Beard left the meeting.

12 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Preston shared her monthly report for December 2024.

County Cllr Preston advised that a presentation was received from the new Chief Officer and Treasurer at South Wales Fire and Rescue Service at the recent Council meeting, regarding how their precept is spent.

County Cllr Thomas advised that MTCBC received a provisional funding increase of 5.1%, there was an indicative budget deficit of £9m. The revised budget deficit is £5.9m. The budget deficit assumes a Council Tax increase of 5%, pending Cabinet/Council deliberations. Business plans and other measures are currently being developed to be brought before Members in the coming weeks.

13 TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk made Councillors aware that Adult Learning Wales have booked Bedlinog Community Centre for a further ten weeks to facilitate crafting courses on Friday's.

The Completion of Audit for FY2023-24 has been received from Audit Wales. This was received after the agenda was published and will be added to February's agenda. The audit opinion is qualified.

An email was received from the Chair of Trelewis and Bedlinog Playgroup advising of the closure of Bedlinog Playgroup.

At the Christmas Fayre, the amount raised from the raffle was £314.50. The funds will be split as follows:

£114.50 donation to Glynbargoed House from the Community Council.

£100 donation to the Scott Abbruzzese Sporting Scholarship as a thank you to County Cllr Gareth Richards for supporting the Glo in the Park event as Father Christmas (charity requested by Cllr Richards).

£100 donation to ASD Rainbows as a thank you to Mr David Phillips for supporting the Christmas Fayre as Father Christmas (charity requested by Mr Phillips).

Cllr Dawson stated that he has written to Mark Panniers, MTCBC, on 8th December as a Friends of Nant Llwynog Park representative to get an update on issues with the path at the park.

14 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting, Thursday 13th February 2025 was noted.

The Clerk will be in touch with Events Committee members to arrange a meeting before this date.

Meeting concluded at 7:45 PM

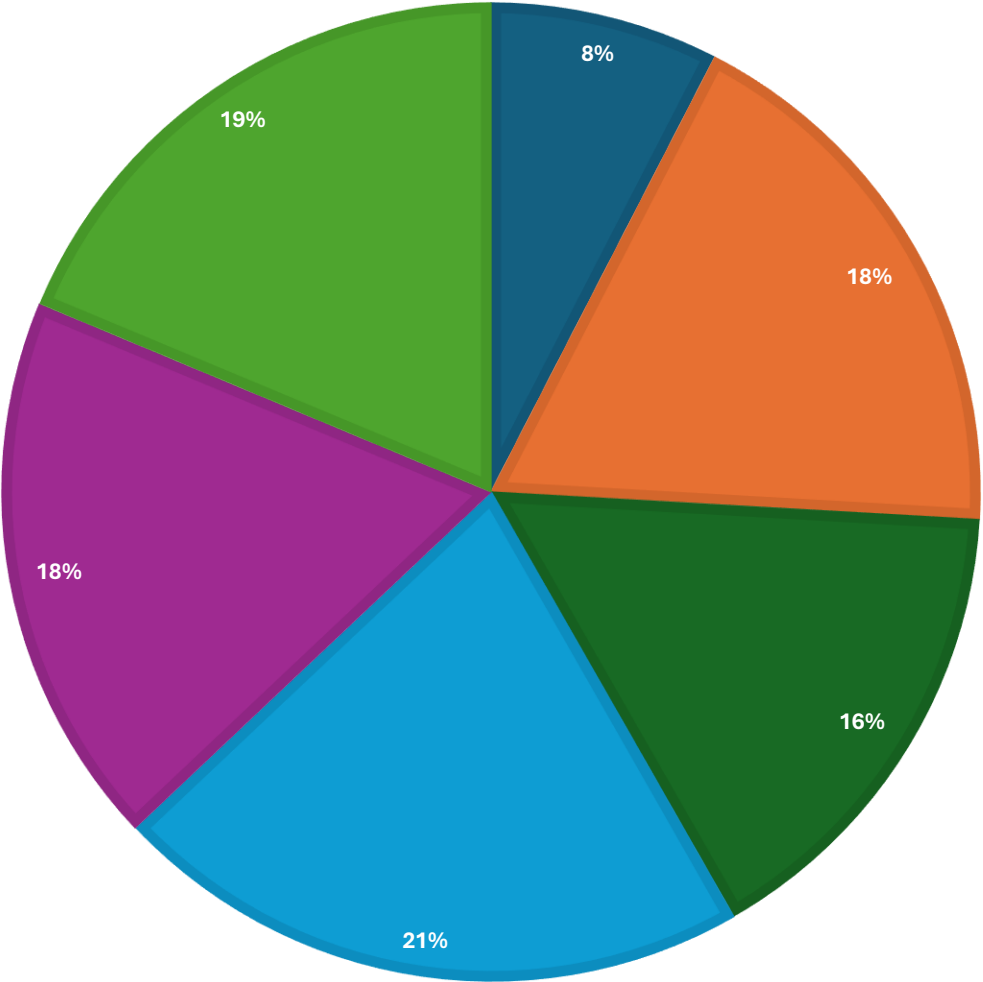
All open tasks

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	31/01/2025
Cllr Beard asked for the annual appraisal to be arranged.		

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BTCC COMMUNITY BUDGET CONSULTATION

- Increasing biodiversity/enhancing nature
- Tackling Loneliness
- Support Community Groups with Grants
- More provision for young people
- Tackling litter/dog mess
- Community events



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DECEMBER MEETINGS

Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council

Merthyr Tydfil CBC Full Council

Weekly visits to the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council Warm Hub

EVENTS

I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Bedlinog Christmas Light Switch-On, a lovely way to mark the start of the festive season.

It was a pleasure to be part of the Christmas Lunch and Party at the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council Warm Hub, where it was wonderful to see everyone coming together to share in the festive spirit.

The Bethal Chapel Carol Service was a beautiful evening, filled with song and reflection, capturing the essence of Christmas.

The Christmas PTA Event at the Bedlinog Inn was another memorable evening, with a fabulous performance by the Abercynon Male Voice Choir.

The Bedlinog and Trelewis Christmas Fayre was a fantastic success, highlighting our local businesses and bringing festive cheer to our villages. It was truly wonderful to see so many families from both villages coming together to enjoy the day. The atmosphere was fabulous, filled with laughter, smiles, and the joy of Christmas.

REPORTED

Stones over the pavement and road at Maes Y Bedw.

Dog mess outside the railway.

Christmas light out in Hylton Terrace.

Tree down behind the tennis court into the river.

Recreation ground Christmas light out.

Streetlights out on Bedlinog Road past the Summit Centre.

Abandoned Volvo reported.

Teen's lighting fires in the log cabin shelters after 11 pm (reported to 101).