



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF BTCC Council Meeting held on **Thursday 13 March 2025** at **6:15 PM**. The meeting was held in the **Bedlinog Community Centre**.

Present: Cllrs Searl, Beard, Matthews, Preston, and Jago.
Apologies: Cllrs Frayne, Brown, and Thomas.
In Attendance: Ryan James; County Cllr Symonds.
Minute Taker: Ryan James.

28 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Absent – Cllr Dawson.

29 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

30 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

County Cllr Symonds referenced that the Community Council had been awarded £1k from Morgan Sindall via Dwr Cymru as a contribution to MUGA works in Trelewis.

County Cllr Symonds asked for Community Councillors to confirm if winter warm packs were still required – the Clerk advised that as the Community Council had not received the grant award for the packs, it was not a decision for Community Councillors to make.

Allocation of FYF funds was referenced – the Chair and Clerk advised that this was County Council business and not for discussion at the Community Council.

31 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CWMPAS COMMUNITIES CREATING HOMES TEAM

Tom Bateman, Community Led Housing Engagement Coordinator, from Cwmpas was in attendance to update Community Councillors.

Mr Bateman advised who Cwmpas were and spoke about the community-led approaches to housing and their benefits.

A discussion was held about potential properties in the community that could be utilised.

A request was made for this to be added to the next agenda as an item for discussion.

ACTION: Clerk to add community-led housing to April Council meeting agenda.

32 MEETING WITH THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Police were not in attendance due to their shift pattern. The PCSO provided an email report for the period 12/02/2025 - 12/03/2025:

There were forty-two calls during the period for Bedlinog and Trelewis.

There were two anti-social behaviour calls in relation to youth noise late at night, and off-road bikes.

There were five calls relating to damage, which were domestic related, and one report of damage to a fence.

There was one suspicious incident with an unidentified male spotted on CCTV listening into people's front doors and windows.

The next PACT meeting will be held at Bedlinog Community Centre, 6pm-7pm, Friday 28th March.

There will be no PACT meeting in April due to the Police shift patterns. The meeting in May will be held at Trelewis Community Centre.

33 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2025 be approved.

34 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS ARISING

Item 17 – The Clerk advised Council that a grant award of £1k had been received from Morgan Sindall via Dwr Cymru towards the MUGA refurbishment. The figures from the

Community Consultation in the Taf Bargoed area have been shared by Tanya Edwards and the Clerk has sent to Community Councillors.

Item 21 – A response was received from the Planning Officer in relation to the queries raised regarding application, P/25/002. The Clerk has shared with Community Councillors.

Item 24 – The letter of congratulations has been sent to resident Shaun Lewis, regarding his prestigious MStJ award.

35 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/25/0037 Variation of conditions for Ffos Y Fran Land Reclamation Scheme – the consultation letter had been shared with Community Councillors prior to the meeting and Cllr Dawson provided feedback to Cllrs.

It was agreed to respond that a cooperative approach is required to make a success of this site. A worthy and sound suggestion are for a 'Consultative Committee' which could bring together the operator, the Council, the heritage trust, and a number of other local and strategic interests. In this way, more resilient and sustainable solutions can be found that address the needs of the present and future generations.

ACTION: Clerk to feedback on behalf of Council to the Planning Department.

36 TO APPROVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION COSTS

RESOLVED that the £201.60 cost for public consultation exercises throughout Bedlinog and Trelewis be approved.

The Clerk will discuss the locations with Cllr Brown and share with Community Councillors.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Brown to feedback consultation locations.

37 TO APPROVE TWO HOURS OF FREE PUBLIC USE OF BEDLINOG COMMUNITY CENTRE PER MONTH TO A RESIDENT

RESOLVED that the two hours free public use of Bedlinog Community Centre per month to a single resident via a monthly raffle is not approved. This is due to the work in the Clerk maintaining a 'raffle' monthly, and an unfair advantage to residents who may miss out on the opportunity.

38 TO APPROVE DBS CHECK COSTS FOR COUNCILLORS, CLERK, AND EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

RESOLVED to approve £279.50 DBS check costs for Councillors, Clerk, and Event Volunteers.

ACTION: The Clerk to begin the DBS process and contact Cllrs.

39 TO APPROVE COST OF BENCH FOR WEST VIEW/NANT GWYN AREA TRELEWIS

RESOLVED to approve the £670.46 cost of a bench for West View/Nant Gwyn Area Trelewis, on the basis that the location be considered.

ACTION: Cllr Preston will speak with residents.

40 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 10/02/2025 TO 09/03/2025

RESOLVED to approve payments and receipts for the period 10/02/2025 to 09/03/2025.

41 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES

Cllr Preston raised speeding traffic in Glyn Bargoed Road in Trelewis. Concern children getting off the school bus and traffic is speeding. Also, Oakland Street is an issue.

ACTION: Contact the Road Safety Officer to request potential speed measures.

Cllr Jago raised a pothole on Cwm Hill.

ACTION: Clerk to report.

42 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Preston and County Cllr Symonds monthly reports were shared with the meeting papers.

County Cllr Preston advised that a Full Council for MTCBC was held Wednesday 5th March.

The budget requirement and Council Tax for 2025/2026 was set with a Council Tax increase of 5.5%.

A Corporate Fraud and Enforcement Policy was approved – this underpins the Council's commitment to prevent all forms of fraud, bribery, and corruption.

A Memorial Bench and Tree Policy was also approved – this will improve the process to deal with requests for the installation of memorial benches and trees in the County Borough open spaces. Memorial related queries will be dealt with in a fair, transparent, and consistent matter.

County Cllr Symonds advised that a Notice of Motion was passed for support for Crown Estates to be handed back to Wales.

43 TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

The Senedd Inquiry report in relation to the Role, Governance and Accountability of the Community and Town Sector in Wales has been shared with Cllrs.

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report has been shared with Cllrs.

Cllr Searl advised that he met with the builder at Bedlinog Pavilion and works have started to repair the building following the flooding. Completion is due at the end of April. The area around the pavilion requires grass cutting and tidying, it was suggested that the Probation Service could provide this service.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Probation Service regarding clearing the area at the pavilion.

44 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday 10th April 2025, at 6.15pm.

Meeting concluded at 7:45 PM

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