



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF BTCC Council Meeting held on **Thursday 10 July 2025** at **6:15 PM**. The meeting was held in the **Microsoft Teams Meeting / Bedlinog Community Centre**

Present: Cllrs Searl, Beard, Preston, Jago, Frayne, and Dawson
Apologies: Cllrs Brown, Matthews, and Thomas
In Attendance: Ryan James

100 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

101 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Cllr Preston raised an interest in item 107 as a member of the MTCBC Planning Committee.

102 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A resident raised the speed of cars travelling through Farm Road, Bedlinog. It was also raised that there are speeding issues through Lewis Street and George Street.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Road Safety Officer at MTCBC.

103 TO NOTE THE REPORT FROM THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Police attended the meeting.

Between the 10th June -10th July, there was a total of 46 occurrences.

Anti-social behaviour – 3 occurrences.

Two calls for off-road bikes at the following locations:

- Warren Terrace, Trelewis
- Taff Bargoed Park, Trelewis

One call for youths knocking doors and running away in West View Crescent.

Theft – 2 occurrences:

- Theft of diesel from a farm in Bedlinog
- Theft from a van in Caiach Terrace – no suspect identified

Damage – 1 occurrence:

- Damage to poly tunnel at allotment in Hylton Terrace – no suspect identified.

Advice is to ring 101 if anyone has any information relating to these incidents.

A resident raised an issue regarding safety of children in George Street, as parents are parking inappropriately when dropping off children for the school bus. Damage has been caused to residents' vehicles, and it is dangerous for children to try to cross the road.

ACTION: Police will follow up with Road Safety Officer. It will also be raised at the next Governors' meeting and the school can be asked to send a text to parents asking for their support to resolve this problem.

Vans parking on the corner of Garth Terrace - letters were sent by the police and the issue was resolved for around a week, but the problem is now just as bad. Police advised a second letter to go out inviting residents to meet for a street briefing.

The last two PACT meeting dates have clashed with Community Council meetings, so it was agreed that Community Council meetings would return to Monday evenings going forward.

104 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19 JUNE 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 19 June 2025 be approved.

105 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS ARISING

Item 92 – the Annual Return for Year Ended 31 March 2025, along with other required documents has been submitted to Audit Wales.

Item 94 – the grant award to Foxes Family School Partnership has been paid and their event was very successful

Item 95 – the grant award to Trelewis Primary School has been paid.

Item 96 – the Clerk is in discussion with an organisation about 'Message in a bottle' and arranging for someone to come to the hub to speak about the scheme.

Item 97 – the Clerk updated Council on recognition for community volunteers.

Item 98 – arrangements have been made for the 'day of play' on 6th August – we have outdoor activities, indoor activities, climbing, aerial adventure and archery, soft play and Labubu mascot. Specific ALN activities will also be advertised. Merthyr Artisan Market have confirmed they can be in attendance also.

106 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF MUGA, MACKINTOSH TERRACE, TRELEWIS

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that we first requested a licence for the MUGA, Mackintosh Terrace, Trelewis back in September 2022. Funding applications have been made since that date, some successful and some not, to raise money to bring the MUGA back into use. Following fire damage, this delayed plans as the entire surface needed re-tarmacking. There are funds now in place to resurface the MUGA and line mark it for five a side football and basketball. We want this to be in place for the summer holidays.

Costs are as follows:

- Revised resurfacing quote and work to burn off patch - £14,405 ex VAT
- Revised quote for line markings - £998.75 ex VAT
- Total £15,403.75
- Community Council contribution: £7003.75

It has since been advised that a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) has expressed an interest in purchasing the land and a decision needs to be made if sold, whether the Community Council's licence is part of the sale, or is terminated upon sale.

The Clerk advised the following ongoing quarterly costs to the Community Council:
£162.50 for weekly visual inspections
£25.00 for quarterly operational inspections
£13.75 independent annual inspection
£201.25 in total each quarter.

Also, there is a need to find further funding to colour coat, provide goal/basketball posts, and fence the MUGA.

RESOLVED that the Community Council will seek reassurance that should the sale be completed that the area remains and continues to be maintained as a MUGA. Should this be the case, the Community Council agree to the termination of their licence for the MUGA, if the sale of the land by the County Council to the RSL proceeds. The Community Council recognises that the RSL has greater financial capacity and resources to invest in the continued development and improvement of the MUGA for the benefit of the local community. The Council is committed to working in partnership with the RSL to support and promote the future use and enhancement of the facility, should the sale be completed. The proposed resurfacing and line marking will proceed in the interim on 24th July, and weekly inspections take place from this date onwards.

107 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Preston did not take part in this item.

P/25/0180 - Erect lamp post in parking area for electric car charging, land opposite 6 and 7 Graig Terrace, Bedlinog.

RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application and we support this considering reducing carbon emissions.

P/25/0192 - Erection of storm porch at 9 Upper High Street, Bedlinog was considered.

RESOLVED that there are no objections to this application.

108 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 16-06-25 TO 06-07-2025

RESOLVED that payments and receipts for the period 16-06-25 to 06-07-2025 be approved.

109 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES

There were none.

110 TO NOTE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT AND RECEIVE ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

The County Councillor reports were noted as received.

The One Voice Wales newsletter has been shared with Cllrs.

Cllr Dawson updated that Nant Llwynog Park has been awarded the green flag award 2025/2026 for the sixth year running. Footpaths in the park have been completed. The snagging has been completed following recent works at the park.

A meeting has also taken place with a resident that is setting up a group for the allotment beds on the former bowls pavilion. They are putting a constitution in place and providing an action plan for work going forward.

111 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING & REPORTS

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15th September 2025.

Meeting concluded at 7:20 PM

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