



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BTCC held on **Monday 15 September 2025** at **6:15 PM**.
The hybrid meeting was held at **Bedlinog Community Centre/Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Dawson, Jago, and Matthews.

In Attendance: Ryan James (Clerk); A Trelewis resident.

112 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

113 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

114 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

115 TO NOTE ANY REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

A report was received from the Police with details of occurrences over the last 30 days.

49 Occurrences broken down into:

1 x ASB (Youths at Taff Bargoed Park)

2 x Theft of Vehicle

2 x Damage
1 x Drugs related.

116 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10-07-2025

DECISION: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 10-07-2025 be approved.

117 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE REPORT

The Clerk presented the report to Cllrs.

A further update is that the centre has been booked for children's bible classes from Thursday 25th September, 6pm-7.30pm during term time.

DECISION: Resolved that the following recommendations in the report be approved:

2.1 The Clerk's updates be noted.

3.1 The 25-26 Local Government Services Agreement for Clerk's be noted.

4.1 The Statement of Payments for Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council be noted.

5.1 The Payments and Receipts for period 07/07/2025 – 29/08/2025 be approved.

6.1 The Model Financial Regulations (Wales) 2019 as amended by Council be re-adopted and re-published on the Council's website. The Model Terms of Reference are reviewed at least once per Council Term and when new Model Financial Regulations are issued.

7.1 The Model Standing Orders (Wales) 2023 as amended by Council be re-adopted and re-published on the Council's website. The Model Terms of Reference are reviewed at least once per Council Term and when new Model Standing Orders are issued.

118 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

DECISION: Resolved that the Annual Report 2024-25 be approved.

119 TO APPROVE UPDATED MEETING DATES FOR 2025/2026

DESCISION: Resolved that the Community Council meetings return to the second Monday of every month, to avoid potential clashes with the PACT meetings.

The dates of the meetings will be:

Monday 13th October 2025
Monday 10th November 2025
Monday 8th December 2025
Monday 12th January 2026
Monday 9th February 2026
Monday 9th March 2026
Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 11th May 2026

120 TO APPROVE A GRANT REQUEST FROM TRELEWIS PTA

DECISION: Resolved that a query be referred to the PTA as to whether the Council should be conducting the repair work for which they required a grant for.

121 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DECISION: Resolved that there are no objections to planning application P/25/0235 Single storey rear extension| 20 Maen Gilfach Trelewis Treharris CF46 6BG.

122 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CASES AND/OR UPDATES FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gillian Preston raised that a Notice of Motion was agreed at the September MTCBC Council meeting for the Leader and Chief Executive to request the attendance of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, to attend a forthcoming MTCBC Council meeting. The purpose being to update the current policing strategy for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough.

Cllr Dawson advised that he is continuing to support the residents working on the allotment area on the bold bowling green. A resident is working to bring people together and the group is called 'Bedlinog Community Roots.' A Constitution and Project Plan have been drawn up and Local Places of Nature funding will also soon be available.

Park Nant Llwynog - This has settled down after work on the paths, with rain on dust. It is the fourth year of the BTO National Scheme: Better than 2024, a bumper year. Nesting successes in 2025 are the best yet with Blue & Great tits, Redstart, Stock doves, and Kestrel. Friends group are putting plans together for winter and next year.

One Voice Wales – The Area Committee was held 30th July in Blackwood - Maria Mulcahy, Development Officer was in attendance, as well as Joanne Sutton, *'Patient Experience and Community Involvement Co-Ordinator'*, Welsh Ambulance Service, for South Central covering Merthyr and RCT. She talked about budgets, staff retention and morale, culture, COVID, hospital delays, and demand.

There was an update on having a 'Charter' in place for better working between Borough and Community Councils (BTCC and MTCBC have this in place) as it builds on existing good practice.

Cllr Dawson updated the committee on our National Play Day event that was held in August.

Guest speakers for Future Meetings:

- PCC for South Wales, Emma Wools did not come previously.
- Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Officer update.

To note, 2025 is a Section 6 Biodiversity reporting year.

123 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 13th October 2025.

Meeting concluded at 7:00 PM

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