



Agenda

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Dear Councillor,

A **BTCC Council Meeting** of the **COUNCIL** will be held at **6:15 PM** on **Monday, December 8, 2025**, at **Microsoft Teams Meeting/Bedlinog Community Centre**.

Yours faithfully

James. Ryan

Clerk to the Council

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149 To Note Any Report Received from the Police Representative

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150 To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 17 November 2025

For Decision

Meeting minutes - 2025-11-17

151 To Receive the Clerk's Report and Approve Recommendations within the Report

Recommendations within the report:

RECOMMENDATION 1.1: That the Community Council correspondence be noted.

RECOMMENDATION 2.1: That the Clerk's updates for December 2025 be noted.

RECOMMENDATION 3.1: That the Payments and Receipts for period 13/11/2025 – 03/12/2025 be approved.

RECOMMENDATION 4.1: That the Bank Reconciliation dated 28/11/2025 be approved.

For Decision

Clerk Report Dec2025.pdf

152 To Approve Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

For Decision

Section 6 Report BTCC v2.0.pdf

153 To Consider any Planning Applications

There were no applications at the time of publishing the agenda. Any applications published between now and the meeting will be discussed at the Chair's discretion.

For Decision



CLERK'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2025

Clerk's Report

1.0 Correspondence emailed to Councillors:

Correspondence	Date Sent
• One Voice Wales E Bulletin Issue 13	03/12/2025
• VAMT Consultation Newsletter	03/12/2025
• County Cllr Preston Nov 2025 Update	03/12/2025

RECOMMENDATION 1.1: That the Community Council correspondence be noted.

2.0 Clerk Updates

Item 142 – The grant award of £500 has been awarded to Bedlinog RFC Mini's. The cheque presentation will be arranged for a match day.

Item 143 – We have had a request from a resident who would like to donate the money for the bench at Taff Bargoed Park playground, with a plaque on the bench in memory of their grandson. The Clerk will progress installation on behalf of the resident.

The Community Hub will be extended and open an extra day every week in Trelewis throughout the winter months.

The funding has been received for the Community Council food pantry. The Clerk is in discussions with another Clerk introduced via One Voice Wales to establish the most appropriate way to setup with a view to open asap. A separate meeting will be held to discuss as soon as possible.

The Christmas lights have been put up in Bedlinog and Trelewis – as previous years, there are 14 lights in Trelewis and 14 in Bedlinog.

MTCBC carried out a phase 2 budget consultation at Bedlinog Community Centre 4th December, 1pm-3pm.

Following our consultation with the Over 50's in Bedlinog and Trelewis about activities they would like to see to improve health and well-being, the most popular responses were chair yoga and chair exercises. These will launch at Community Hub in the new year and £1k grant has been received to cover the cost of a personal trainer/instructor to support the activities.

We will be going out to consultation with the under 50's shortly to determine what activities they would like to see in terms of health and wellbeing improvement.

Our budget consultation will go live w/c 1st December with a view to agreeing the budget in the January 2026 meeting for financial year 2026-27.

The further funding we sought for goal posts at Trelewis MUGA has been received. These will be purchased and installed in the new year when the weather has improved, to further enhance the MUGA.

Our Christmas events were hugely successful. Despite the wet weather leading up to Glo in the Park, we had dry weather for the actual event and a great turnout. Thanks go to Trelewis Male Voice Choir, Cllr Gareth Richards, St John's Ambulance, and Taff Bargoed Angling Association for their support. Also, thanks to those Community Cllrs and volunteers for supporting on the night.

The Christmas Fayre was also hugely successful with a fantastic turnout. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Our thanks to staff at the Summit Centre, Treharmony Choir, Trelewis Bowls Club, stall holders, OB's Mascots, Dave and Jane Phillips, and all Community Councillors and volunteers who supported on the day.

The report went to Full Council at MTCBC in relation to the Community Review under the Local government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 on Wednesday 3rd December 2025. The County Council has a duty to publish a report on these arrangements every 10 years.

Only one formal response to the County council's questionnaire was received in relation to the two specific categories covered in a community review:

- Review of community boundaries – to ensure that communities continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.
- Review of electoral arrangements – examining the electoral arrangements within a community, including the evaluation of wards and the number of councillors.

As per our previous correspondence, we are aware that the number of electors in Bedlinog has declined in the last ten years, and the number of elected representatives for the Bedlinog Community Ward will potentially be reduced from four to three at the next election.

The proposals following the Community Review are:

- That the existing Ward structure for the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community council remain unchanged.
- That the number of elected representatives for the Bedlinog Community Ward be reduced from four to three.
- That the Trelewis Community Ward continue to have five elected representatives.
- That there be no change to the name of Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council.

The second phase of the consultation will focus on the above proposals between 8th-29th December. Democratic Services have confirmed that there will be face-to-face consultations with dates to be confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION 2.1: That the Clerk's updates for December 2025 be noted.

3.0 Transactions 13-11-2025 – 03-12-2025

List of transactions

Transactions List:

Transaction date	Customer reference	Amount (GBP)	Additional Info
03/12/2025	CERI WEBB GRASS CU	-210.0	Grass cutting - Com Centre
03/12/2025	RICHARDS DG	30.0	Income Glo Sticks
02/12/2025	Salaries	-842.21	Salaries
02/12/2025	HMRC	-370.4	Tax Payment
02/12/2025	Salaries	-313.1	Salaries
02/12/2025	RCT PENSIONS	-279.0	Pension Payment
02/12/2025	Clerks Expenses	-56.6	Clerk's Expenses
01/12/2025	Bedlinog Community	45.25	Income - card payments
01/12/2025	TREHARRIS CHOIR OF	-100.0	Treharmony Choir - Christmas Fayre
01/12/2025	2468 ROCK UK SUMMI	-94.2	Volunteer refreshments - Christmas Fayre
01/12/2025	2468 ASDA STORES	-92.96	Raffle prizes - Christmas Fayre
28/11/2025	ROCK UK	-300.0	Christmas Fayre Venue Hire
28/11/2025	OB Mascots	-200.0	Glo in the Park
28/11/2025	OB Mascots	-200.0	Christmas Fayre Mascots
28/11/2025	Nolly's Nbbles	-144.0	Community Hub Refreshments

28/11/2025	2468 AMAZON* ZR9T0	-52.88	Event supplies
28/11/2025	2468 SQ *SPENSUM C	-49.6	Glo in the Park - Volunteer refreshments
28/11/2025	2468 AMZNMktplace*	-21.55	Event supplies
28/11/2025	2468 TREHARRIS FUE	-5.99	Batteries for torches - Glo in the Park
26/11/2025	D M BROWN	-159.44	Tombola prizes - Christmas Fayre
26/11/2025	2468 AMAZON* ZL1RG	-211.02	Event supplies
25/11/2025	MERTHYR TYDFIL CR	1000.0	Active Merthyr Grant Income
25/11/2025	D M BROWN	-5.25	Event supplies
24/11/2025	Beastly Bugs	-300.0	Chrtmas Fayre
24/11/2025	2468 AMAZON* ZL3C3	-570.92	Event supplies
24/11/2025	2468 MICROSOFT PAY	-12.1	Office 365 monthly charges
21/11/2025	Nolly's Nbbles	-180.0	Community Hub Refreshments
20/11/2025	MISS KATE ELIZABET	10.0	Christmas Fayre Stall - income
18/11/2025	JONES L	10.0	Christmas Fayre Stall - income
18/11/2025	BT GROUP PLC	-36.23	Broadband bill
17/11/2025	Nolly's Nbbles	-162.0	Community Hub Refreshments

RECOMMENDATION 3.1: That the Payments and Receipts for period 13/11/2025 – 03/12/2025 be approved.

4.0 Bank Reconciliation Dated

Statement No. 365	Date: 28/11/2025	Reconciled Balance: £18,995.235
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RECOMMENDATION 4.1: That the Bank Reconciliation dated 28/11/2025 be approved.



Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025	
Name of Community or Town Council	Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council
Group	2
Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council (BTCC) covers two ward areas, Bedlinog and Trelewis, with 1723 dwellings. Our precept for 2024/2025 was £40,314. BTCC currently has 9 Councillors and employs a part-time Clerk, and a Caretaker. BTCC owns Bedlinog Community Centre, and manages Bedlinog Allotments, Manor View Allotments, the ‘Kickabout Area’ at the rear of Hylton Terrace, and Trelewis MUGA Mackintosh Street, twenty-eight hanging baskets and fifteen street planters. Prior to the sinking of its collieries in the 1870’s, Bedlinog was a small farming community called Cwmfelin (Mill Valley). It was triangular with three quite separate clusters of cottages. At one end of the base lay Cwmfelin, near where a chapel, Salem (1830) was built and where the village square and Inn soon appeared. About a mile away, another small settlement known as Coli, housed the early miners who worked in the small drifts driven into the mountain side. Near the top of the hill was Llwyn Crwyn (Round Grove) where Bedlinog colliery was sunk in 1874. In the following years Bedlinog grew into a close-knit community of miners and their families; the village itself expanded rapidly with public houses, schools and places of worship being built. Prior to the sinking of its collieries in the 1870’s, Bedlinog was a small farming community called Cwmfelin (Mill Valley). It was triangular with three quite separate clusters of cottages. At one end of the base lay Cwmfelin, near where a chapel, Salem (1830) was built and where the village square and Inn soon appeared. About a mile away, another small settlement known as Coli, housed the early miners who worked in the small drifts driven into the mountain side. Near the top of the hill was Llwyn Crwyn (Round Grove) where Bedlinog colliery was sunk in 1874. In the following years Bedlinog grew into a close-knit community of miners and their families; the village itself expanded rapidly with public houses, schools and places of worship being built. The original name for Trelewis was Bontnewydd (Newbridge); the later and current name refers to a local farmer, William Lewis. Trelewis grew and developed through the late 19th century as a small community of mining families, dependent in the main on the neighbouring Deep Navigation Colliery in Treharris, sunk in the 1870s. During the 20th century new collieries opened on the northern outskirts of Trelewis with the Taff Merthyr in 1926 and Trelewis Drift in 1954. With these developments the village became a large, lively community, justly proud of its coal mining traditions and achievements. In the aftermath of the 1926 general strike, the Taff Merthyr became a clash point of bitterness and unrest. The mine owners insisted that no members of the South Wales Miners’ Federation	

could be employed at this new pit, and they set up a company union which the miners were expected to join to work. Throughout the 1920s and early 1930s the pit, together with others in the South Wales valleys became major trouble spots in the struggle for democratic representation with torchlight processions, stay down strikes and mass meetings. The anger felt by miners and their wives towards the 'scab' workforce often spilled into the streets with physical violence and other forms of intimidation. Crowds would assemble on the streets and as this labour-force passed silence was observed with doffing of caps and caps until they passed out of sight (taken from the Western Mail 1935). This resentment was to remain in the village for many years.

Action Report 2023-2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to ...		Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	A Biodiversity Champion was established in 2023. This Member Champion enacts the BAP and brings biodiversity issues to full Council.	Full Council and Clerk/RFO
		The Biodiversity Champion has attended biodiversity training and is aware of OVV webinars.	Clerk/RFO
		We consider biodiversity when discussing planning applications.	Clerk/RFO
		The Clerk reviewed our banking services through the lens of biodiversity and climate change. It was identified that our existing bank Co-op, is one of the most ethical and environmentally friendly banks that suit our needs.	Clerk/RFO
		We include a section on biodiversity in our Annual Reports.	Full Council and Clerk/RFO
		Street planters – A planting plan is in place to replace annuals with more resilient, native perennials that are pollinator friendly and more drought resilient.	Clerk/RFO
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	We maintain a record on which section 7 priority species and habitats are present in the area.	Biodiversity Champion and Clerk/RFO
		We created planters within a local park which now sees bees and butterflies all Summer.	Biodiversity Champion and Clerk/RFO

		The Community Council funded a new tree in the local park.	Biodiversity Champion and Clerk/RFO.
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	We created planters within a local park which now sees bees and butterflies all Summer. The Community Council funded a bee hotel in the local park. Street planters – A planting plan is in place to replace annuals with more resilient, native perennials that are pollinator friendly and more drought resilient. We refer to the Nature Recovery Guide for principles in nature recovery for any appropriate decisions.  We facilitated the development of nature gardens in our two local primary schools.	Biodiversity Champion and Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO Full Council Clerk/RFO
4	- Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address	We have confirmed with the County Council that they do not use glyphosate spraying on footpaths and walkways in the community. The Biodiversity Champion has provided reports for Full Council and requests will be made for a future report to include	Clerk/RFO Biodiversity Champion

	invasive species	what the most common invasive species found in the area are.	
5	- use improve and share evidence	A volunteer group records species in the park. This information will be shared with the Council and can be shared with residents. A biodiversity page is planned for our website. The Clerk stays connected with OWW Biodiversity Officers to seek advice whenever necessary. New biodiversity and climate change training is always suggested to Councillors and the Clerk via OWW. Training and volunteering events within the County Borough are shared on social media with residents.	Biodiversity Champion and Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO
6	- support capacity and/or other organisations	Maintain good relationship with OWW, Local Authority Officers etc. We have followed the BAP, undertaken as many of the targets as possible, and are reporting on them here. This report will be published on our website and on the Wales Biodiversity Partnership Website.	Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO

154 To Receive any Community Councillor Cases and/or Updates from Councillors

For Discussion

155 To Note the Date of Next Meeting

For Information