



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF BTCC Council Meeting held on **Monday 09 March 2026** at **6:15 PM**. The meeting was held in **Microsoft Teams Meeting; / Bedlinog Community Centre**.

Present: Cllrs Searl (Chair), Beard, Thomas, Jago, Brown, Preston, and Dawson.

In Attendance: Ryan James (Clerk); Roxanne Richardson.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrews, and Frayne.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were none.

3 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

4 TO NOTE ANY REPORTS FROM THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

No report has been received this month.

Cllr Preston updated that she made a report of ASB in Bedlinog Community Centre car park. The registrations of three vehicles were obtained and passed to the Police.

The PACT meeting dates were clashing with the MTCBC Full Council meeting on Wednesday's so will move to Thursday's going forward. The dates for the next four meetings are:

Thursday 19th March – Bedlinog Community Centre
Thursday 16th April – Trelewis Community Centre
Thursday 14th May – Bedlinog Community Centre
Thursday 11th June – Trelewis Community Centre

Cllr Dawson reported that he attended the recent PACT meeting on behalf of the Community Council. Just before the meeting started, Cllr Dawson stated that a member of the public present made hostile comments regarding the Community Council, the nature of which was considered unsuitable to repeat in a public meeting. The PCSO's attending arrived and were not directly subject to the remarks.

It was agreed that the Clerk would raise the matter with the PCSO, to ask them to remind everyone to ensure that PACT meetings themselves are respectful and constructive forums for community engagement.

Cllr Dawson stated that he shared his email address for a copy of the minutes to be sent but had not received them before tonight's meeting to further update.

5 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 09 FEBRUARY 2026

DECISION: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 09 February 2026 be approved.

Cllr Dawson raised that where the minutes referred to the 'UK town of culture' event, it should be pointed out that it is a competition across the UK, that Merthyr Tydfil CBC are participating in and submitting an application.

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

DECISION: RECOMMENDATION 1.1 - That the Community Council correspondence be noted.

DECISION: RECOMMENDATION 2.1: That the Clerk's updates for February 2026 be noted.

DECISION: RECOMMENDATION 3.1: That the Payments and Receipts for period 07/01/2026 – 04/03/2026 be approved. Noted a typo in the agenda that the dates stated were 07/01/2025 - 04/02/2026 was an error and the correct dates above were approved.

The Clerk's report is uploaded to the minutes. The Clerk added that the accessible door for the community centre is on order. Also, an Events and Consultation Committee meeting will be called in due course.

7 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since the publication of the agenda, a planning application has been received which the Chair agreed to consider P/26/0045 - proposed conversion of the garage into ancillary living accommodation and replace garage door with French doors and a window either side.

14 Ivy Close Trelewis Treharris Merthyr Tydfil CF46 6ET

DECISION: RESOLVED that whilst there was a discussion on parking due to loss of garage, there are no objections to the application.

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

County Cllr Thomas updated that at the last Full Council meeting of MTCBC, the balanced budget for FY2026-27 was approved. It is a £183m budget. There is a council tax increase of 4.95%, a Police precept increase of 6.9%, and no increase to the Community Council precept. Cllr Thomas advised that further detail on the budget is available in the minutes on the MTCBC website.

Cllr Dawson provided further information on the UK town of culture competition. It is an expression of interest at this stage and if successful, £60k is provided to the applicant to prepare the proposal. £3m is awarded to the winning town. Cllr Dawson has emailed his personal thoughts/information regarding the application to the responsible Director.

9 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday 13th April 2026.

Meeting concluded at 7:00 PM

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CLERK'S REPORT

MARCH 2026

Clerk's Report

1.0 Correspondence emailed to Councillors:

Correspondence	Date Sent
• Cllr Gillian Preston February 2026 Report	09/03/2026
• One Voice Wales Newsletter	09/03/2026

RECOMMENDATION 1.1: That the Community Council correspondence be noted.

2.0 Clerk Updates

Item 163 – MTCBC have confirmed that the deadline for the community review consultation has now closed and the recommendations have been submitted to Welsh Government. Two people attended the face-to-face consultation in Trelewis Community Centre 11/02/2026.

Item 164 - The Strategic Action Plan 2026-2027 has been updated following discussion at the February 2026 Council meeting and will be uploaded to our website with an 'easy-read' published on social media.

As part of our health and wellbeing initiative, we have had a personal trainer visit the two community hub locations to provide chair exercises with attendees. This was a popular activity and will be organised again as attendees really enjoyed.

Benches – 'The Clock' and Taf Bargoed Park: The Clerk has been chasing this along with Cllr Gillian Preston. No response from MTCBC as yet, and we will continue to chase for an update on installation.

RECOMMENDATION 2.1: That the Clerk's updates for March 2026 be noted.

3.0 Transactions 04-02-2026 – 02-03-2026

Uploaded to agenda.

RECOMMENDATION 3.1: That the Payments and Receipts for period 04/22/2026 – 02/03/2026 be approved.