



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# **BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS** **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** **MEETING**

**MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Community Councillor R Searl (In the Chair)

Community Councillors J Beard, E Dawson, Jago, Matthews and Preston

**Officers:**

Ryan James, Clerk to the Council

**In Attendance:**

County Cllr Michelle Symonds

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
570	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Frayne, and Thomas.
571	To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest	There were none.
572	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public	There were none.

573	Meeting with the Police Representative	<p>A meeting invite was sent to the Police, the PCSO advised that today was their rest day and an email report would be sent prior to the meeting, however, no report has been received.</p> <p>Cllrs have a meeting with the Police Sargent 13/03/2025.</p> <p>It has been noted on social media that there is a Police PACT meeting on 15/03/2025 and Cllr Dawson will be in attendance.</p> <p>Cllr Preston suggested that the meetings should be in Trelewis and Bedlinog alternating each month as it is difficult for residents to attend Trelewis when there is no bus service.</p>
574	To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held 12-02-2024	<p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 12-02-2024 be approved.</p> <p>Cllr Dawson left the meeting.</p>
575	To Receive any Matters Arising	<p>Item 563 – The planning department were informed of the Council’s comments on application P/24/0014. 39 comments were received regarding the application, and the 39 were all objections, there were no supporting comments in favour of the application. The application will be reported to Planning Committee for consideration on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.</p> <p>Item 564 – The grant has been paid to Foxes Family School Partnership.</p> <p>Item 565 – a letter has been sent to Transport for Wales and Gerald Jones MP cc’d, and we await a response.</p> <p>Item 567 – the Community Hub is very well attended on Thursday’s and there was a total of 27 people in attendance last Thursday.</p>
576	To Approve a Grant Request from Bedlinog Football Club	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk request clarification about the status of the football club and their future in terms of playing on the field before a grant is awarded.</p>
577	To Approve Updated Grant Request Form	<p>RESOLVED that an update be made to the grant request form for applicants to state how they will acknowledge and demonstrate the funding provided to them from Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council.</p>
578	To Receive any Community Councillor Cases	<p>There were none.</p>
579	To Receive the County Councillors Report	<p>Cllr Thomas sent a report to advise that at the last MTCBC Council meeting, it was agreed that there is an 8% Council Tax rise and a rise of 8.9% to the Police Precept.</p> <p>County Cllr Symonds advised that at the MTCBC Council meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February, Trade Union time for Unison and GMB for five days per week was agreed. MTCBC have</p>

		<p>also carried out a fees and charges exercise, looking at other local authority charges, and there are rises within cemeteries, registrars, and engineering – these rises bring the fee charges in line with other local authorities. The Pay Policy Statement FY23-24 was also agreed. A consultation will go live in June and July in respect of Public Spaces Protection Order on dog fouling.</p> <p>At the Special Full Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, there were 22 recommendations in the budget report – Cllr Symonds directed Community Councillors to the You Tube link should they wish to hear the discussions around each of the recommendations.</p> <p>In terms of community work – PACT meetings are going well, and it is not the intention they continue in Trelewis every month, now that they have been established they will look to be held in Trelewis and Bedlinog every other month. Cllr Symonds advised that PCSO Perry is leaving his post, and the PACT meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> will be his last one. A thank you was given for the community growing beds in Manor View and there is also an upcoming summer fun day June. Stormtown – funding has come through for solar lights and the path upgrade. There has been some questioning about the temporary diversion for the six weeks. The double yellow lines for the rugby club have been put in place – Police have not been there yet but we need to push for them to be there on home days via the PACT meetings.</p> <p>Litter picks arranged for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> march – Trelewis will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am-12pm with refreshments at Trelewis Community Centre afterwards, and Bedlinog on the 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm with refreshments in Bedlinog Community Centre afterwards. Lots of community and residents have been reporting issues over the last two or three months – fly tipping, litter, disabled parking etc.</p> <p>Cllr Symonds also advised that the next round of SPF grants have launched. Information about Community Grants is also available on the MTCBC website.</p>
580	To Note any Correspondence	<p>The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 24-25 has been shared with Cllrs.</p> <p>Information from the Road Safety Officer at MTCBC about intended works to the footpath in Stormtown starting today, has been shared with Cllrs.</p> <p>A supply of free menstrual products has been made available for Bedlinog Community Centre – these are available in the office for those attending youth club, the community hub, or any other bookings at the centre to take what they need. The Clerk also enquired if some could be made available for Trelewis Community Centre, but has been informed they already have a stock provided by the Early Years Team as there is a play setting there.</p> <p>A further report was also made to MTCBC about litter</p>

		issues outside Trelewis Post Office, which has been actioned.
581	To Record a Policy Decision on how and when Consumable Payments are made	<p>The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 24-25 states that Community Councillors are able to claim up to £52 a year for the cost of office consumables. A policy decision must be recorded to state how and when this will be paid.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors may submit a claim to the Clerk, with receipt provided, as and when office consumables are purchased that must not exceed £52 in one year.</p>
582	To Approve Payments & Receipts for the period 07-02-2024 to 07-03-2024	<p>RESOLVED that payments and receipts for the period 07-02-2024 to 07-03-2024 be approved.</p> <p>Cllr Beard queried the numbers under the “additional payments” field – the Clerk explained that these are bank reference numbers.</p>
583	To Note the Budget Report dated 07-03-2024	The Clerk requested that we defer this to next month – as we approach the end of financial year, there are payments and receipts pending. A final budget report for FY23-24 can be provided at the April meeting.
584	To Consider a Motion to exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed	RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded from the next item of business due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed.
585	Exempt Item	RESOLVED that the Clerk annual increment to SCP 25 be approved.
586	To Note the Date of Next Meeting	<p>The date of the next meeting is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 6.15pm.</p> <p>Cllr Beard made a comment at the end of the meeting that he was extremely disappointed that County Councillor Michelle Symonds made a comment at the MTCBC Special Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March about the Community Council Precept. The comment stated that after two years of “significant percentage increases”, the Community Council had not increased their Precept for FY24-25. As discussed last year, percentage increases of the Community Council cannot be compared with MTCBC and Police budgets due to the vast differences in budget. A 1% budget increase for the Community Council is equal to £380. Cllr Beard felt that this comment was disparaging to the Community Council, as that there was no comment in relation to the MTCBC Council Tax and Police Precept rises that had been approved, and how this impacts the residents of Trelewis and Bedlinog.</p>

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