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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER**

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**CALLING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the above Council will be held at **Senghenydd Community Centre on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**. The meeting will commence at 7.00 pm.

Members of the press and public are cordially invited to attend.

Sharon Hughes  
**(Clerk to the Council)**

**AGENDA**

1. To note Members attendance and receive any apologies for absence
2. To present the prizes to the winners of the Christmas Competition
3. Keep Wales Tidy – Andrew King
4. To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014
5. Matters Arising
6. Police Matters
7. Members/Public Matters
8. Chairperson's Report
9. Clerk's Report (attached)
10. Applications for Financial Assistance
11. Next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Abertridwr Community Centre

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## REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

### 1. SECTION 'A' – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### (a) Aber Valley Community Council - Budget

A copy of the income and expenditure from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to date, including a balance sheet, will be presented at the meeting.

#### (b) Christmas Competition

The winners of the Christmas competition for the best decorated properties in the Aber Valley are listed below:

Abertridwr:           22 Bryngelli Terrace  
Senghenydd:         35 Tan y Bryn

#### (c) Llamau – Grant Received £100

A letter has been received from Llamau thanking the community council for the kind donation.

### 2. SECTION 'B' – ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### (a) Income Tax Contribution

The amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments with regards to the Clerk's salary for November, December and January is £315.00.

Will Members authorise the payment?

#### (b) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution

It has been the practice of the Community Council to pay a contribution to the shopkeepers on Senghenydd Square for allowing the Council to connect to their electricity supply for the Christmas lighting attached to their premises.

Will Members authorise a contribution?

#### (c) Stationery

Request from the Clerk to purchase stationery/paper/ink cartridges as necessary for the community council office.

Will Members approve the request?

**(d) Applications for Financial Assistance**

It is the practice of the Community Council to consider applications for financial assistance on a twice-yearly basis in January and July of each financial year. The following applications have been received for consideration at the January 2015 Community Council meeting:

- (i) St David's Children Society
- (ii) Caerphilly & District Twinning Association
- (iii) Urdd National Eisteddfod Caerphilly

**(e) Council Tax Base Notification**

Notification has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council Head of Corporate Finance that the council tax base for the Aber Valley is 1,996.04 Band D equivalent dwellings. The precept will be paid for the new financial year in two equal instalments on the last working day of April and August 2015, as in previous years.

The Community Council has to provide the Precept figure for 2015/16 by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015, in order to expedite the setting of next years Council Tax.

**(f) Annual Estimates/Council Tax Precept**

Outlined below is a schedule of expenditure to date for 2014/15 and the likely expenditure to the end of this financial year.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Original Estimate 2014/15 £</b>	<b>Expenditure to Date 2014/15 £</b>	<b>Approx Expenditure 2014/15 £</b>
Grants	4,500.00	3,650.00	4,500.00
Affiliations/Meetings/Rent	1,000.00	758.00	1,018.00
Telephone	300.00	232.83	300.00
Photocopying/Stationery	120.00	17.78	100.00
Computer Support/Printing	200.00	28.56	80.00
Postage	100.00	99.82	99.82
Salary	6,300.00	4,725.00	6,300.00
Special Projects	17,070.00	8,095.46	10,505.46
Audit	500.00	454.00	454.00
Insurance	830.00	818.63	818.63
Contingencies	1,000.00	620.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£31,920.00</b>	<b>£19,500.08</b>	<b>£25,175.91</b>

## **Estimates of Expenditure for 2015/16**

Outlined below is a schedule of expenditure for 2015/16.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimates 2015/16</b>
Grants	£4,500.00
Affiliations/Meetings/Rent	£1,200.00
Telephone	£320.00
Stationery/Photocopying	£120.00
Computer Support/Printing	£200.00
Postage	£100.00
Salary	£6,300.00
**Special Projects ( <i>outlined below</i> )	£20,890.00
Audit (internal & external)	£500.00
Insurance	£850.00
Contingencies	£1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£35,980.00</b>

*\*\*With regards to Special Projects, the following has been suggested:*

Joint Scheme with Caerphilly County Borough Council	£10,000.00
Election Costs	£2,500.00
Arts Festival	£1,500.00
Christmas Lighting	£1,500.00
Replacement Christmas Lighting	£1,000.00
Christmas Lights Competition	£100.00
SYDIC Summer Scheme	£1,200.00
Hendre Play Area Maintenance	£970.00
Senghenydd Water Play Feature	£1000.00
Community Council Presentation Evening	£400.00
Caerphilly Fireworks Display	£250.00
Christmas Tree Festival	£250.00
Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph	£150.00
Annual Service of Remembrance Wreath	£45.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Armistice Day)	£25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,890.00</b>

To date a grant of £800 has been received each year from Caerphilly County Borough Council towards the cost of the Christmas lighting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The total expenditure suggested for 2015/16 is £35,980.00.**

Below is the recommendation for Members to consider:

PRECEPT - £29,500 (same level as last year)
Giving a Band 'D' equivalent property paying £14.78 (£14.85 last year)
£6,480 remainder to be taken from balances or joint scheme with Caerphilly County Borough Council (Special Projects) to be reduced

### **Community Council Account Balances**

Community Directplus Account: £28,338.70 as at 08/01/15

*Approximately £22,650.00 at the end of the financial year*

Business Select Instant Access Account: £13,592.57 as at 08/01/15

*Approximately £13,592.57 at the end of the financial year*

### **Total Balance**

£41,931.27 as at 08/01/2015

*Approximately £36,242.57 at the end of the financial year*

(+ £800 contribution towards Christmas lighting to be received)

Can Members approve the annual estimates and confirm the Precept amount for 2015/16.

### **3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Case Ref. 14/0822/COU Site Area: 62m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: 3 The Square, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4DH**

**Proposal:** Change the use from an alteration shop to a tattoo and piercing shop

**Applicant:** Mr R Anderson, Fillies Lodge, Lower Francis Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4DW

**(b) Case Ref. 14/0805/FULL Site Area: 1144m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: 12 Underwood Terrace, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BQ**

**Proposal:** Erect a two-storey rear infill extension to create a granny annex, porches and subdivision of rear window

**Applicant:** Mrs A Ponsford, 12 Underwood Terrace, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BQ