
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2018

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Berry

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Daniels, A. Diblasi, E. P. Prendergast, J. Roberts,
J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Binding, T. Richards, M. Stretch, P. Yandle

23/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

24/2018 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

25/2018 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 8th February 2018 were approved as a true record.

26/2018 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute reference: 13/2018

Aber Valley County Borough Councillors will be meeting with Tim Stephens, Development Control Manager for Caerphilly County Borough Council, on Monday 12th March 2018 regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr. Councillor J. Roberts has e-mailed Tim Stephens to request an extra inspection of the wall in view of the recent adverse weather conditions.

Councillor J. Roberts has also e-mailed the Senior Parks Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council to request an inspection of the wall in Abertridwr Park in view of the recent adverse weather conditions.

(ii) Minute reference: 17/2018 (iv)

The meeting to establish a 'Friends of Abertridwr Park Association' will be held on Tuesday 3rd April in Abertridwr Community Centre at 3.00 pm.

- (iii) Minute reference: 20/2018 (a)
Members were informed that some of the illicit tipping at Top Rock Mountain area is inaccessible and can only be collected if the items are moved to a suitable collection point. Councillor A. Diblasi is liaising with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Public Services.
- (iv) Minute reference: 20/2018 (b)
The illicit tipping in the lane behind Edwards Terrace, Abertridwr has not been removed – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (v) Minute reference: 21/2018 (4) (c)
The Clerk has contacted Caerphilly County Borough Council for costings to adapt a street lighting column with an electronic time switch and external socket to energize a Christmas figurine. Members asked the Clerk to find out if Christmas lighting can be put in the trees on Abertridwr Square.

27/2018 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Animal trespass issues – the RSPCA are involved.

28/2018 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) Members approved the reimbursement cost for flowers sent to a resident at Aber Mill Care home who is celebrating her 100th birthday – £10.20.

29/2018 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Potholes at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) The refreshment of double yellow lines at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for the timescale.
- (c) Members suggested a one way road system on Caerphilly Road and Commercial Street in Senghenydd.
- (d) Members attended a meeting at Ysgol Feithrin Nursery in Abertridwr to support them in finding and accessing grants.
- (e) Members discussed the forthcoming new housing development/social housing in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council on the old Windsor Colliery site.
- (f) Recycling bins have been removed from certain properties and replaced with blue clear plastic bags.
- (g) Members discussed the progress and development of the former Panteg building.

- (h) Members asked the Clerk to invite a representative of Keep Wales Tidy to the next Community Council meeting.

30/2018

CLERKS REPORT

(1) Current Financial Situation

- (a) Councillor E. P. Prendergast has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 311 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(2) Income

- (a) No income has been received.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members noted the following invoices were paid with approval from the Chairperson in order for payments to be processed before the end of the financial year.

(i) Town & Community Council Liaison Committee – £100.00
Subscription/administration charge.

(ii) Viking Direct – £91.13 (including VAT)
Stationery and copy paper.

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs.

(4) Correspondence

- (a) One Voice Wales

Members resolved not to join One Voice Wales.

(5) Any Other Business

- (a) Data Protection Regulation

Members were informed that Community Councils in Wales are required, under the General Data Protection Regulation (effective on 25 May 2018) and new UK legislation expected next year, to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO). In view of upcoming changes to data protection law the Clerk will attend a 45 minute briefing session for Caerphilly County Borough Council staff at Penallta House.

- (b) Financial Administration

Members approved the following items to be earmarked from the 2017/18 budget to the 2018/19 budget for projects that have been authorised but not completed or for invoices that will not be processed before 31st March 2018:

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Website Maintenance – £600.00

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Dog Litter & Litter Bin Costs – £2,161.00

SWALEC: Unmetered Christmas Lighting – £60.00

(c) Forward Work Programme

At 31st March 2018 the balance of the Forward Work Programme budget for 2017/18 will be carried forward to 2018/19 as agreed.

At 31st March 2018 the balance of the Election Costs budget will be transferred to the Forward Work Programme budget for 2018/19 as agreed.

(d) SYDIC – Letter of Support

Members were informed that, with approval from the Chairperson, a letter of support was sent on behalf of the Community Council to SYDIC regarding their application for Community Regeneration Fund money.

6. Planning Applications

None

31/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th April 2018** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council