
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, G. Bowen, S. Cuddihy, P. Mitchell,
E. P. Prendergast, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES: L. Crothers

60/2016 **TIDAL LAGOON POWER BRIEFING**

Tidal Lagoon Power has submitted to the UK Planning Inspectorate an Environmental Impact Assessment scoping report looking at Tidal Lagoon development in the Cardiff Capital Region. A representative of Tidal Lagoon Power Briefing attended the meeting to inform Members about the early stages of their project.

61/2016 **PUBLIC MATTERS**

(a) Proposed Projects – Aber Valley Heritage Group

Representatives of the Aber Valley Heritage Group attended the meeting to advise Members of the following two projects which the group are progressing, subject to finance being available by way of grants:

- Replacement of the Windsor Mining Memorial in Abertridwr
- To identify sites and premises of heritage interest which members of the public can explore by a 'Heritage Trail'.

Members advised the representatives of the Aber Valley Heritage Group to notify the Community Council when they have firm proposals so that it can be put on the Agenda for discussion.

62/2016 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 14th July 2016 were approved as a true record.

63/2016 **MATTERS ARISING**

53/2016 (46/2016 (a)) Collapsed wall near the Old School House, Abertridwr: Councillor J. Roberts is monitoring the situation.

53/2016 (46/2016 (e)) Refuse bins at Atlantic Buildings, Senghenydd: Caerphilly County Borough Council's Recycling Warden has visited the property to discuss recycling in order to reduce the waste going into the refuse bin. The Street Cleansing Crew has also been asked to remove any excess waste by the bins.

55/2016 (g) Overhanging bushes on pathway from Parc Terrace to Nant-y-Parc Primary School, Senghenydd: the contractor is working through the footpath drashing programme and this area is on the schedule to be completed very shortly.

64/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

P.C.S.O. Ian Williams of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) St Cenydd mountain – off road bike recovered.
- (b) A missing child in Abertridwr was quickly located.
- (c) Two vehicles removed off Senghenydd mountain.
- (d) Van riders on Eglwysilan mountain – section 59 warning.
- (e) Children playing on scaffolding at Bryn Aber, Abertridwr.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Bicycle security marking requested – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to make enquires.
- (b) Empty vehicle on Eglwysilan mountain – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to investigate.
- (c) Parking issues in the Aber Valley.
- (d) Delivery vehicles parking on the junction at the SPAR in Abertridwr.
- (e) Members were concerned that when a crime is committed a crime number is issued but it is not followed up.
- (f) Councillor J. Roberts thanked P.C.S.O. Ian Williams for his work in the Aber Valley.

65/2016 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (a) The Chairperson and Councillor S. Cuddihy attended the Police Crime and Commissioner meeting on 6th September 2016 to discuss joined up working and the local policing service – information to be given to the Clerk for distribution to Members.

66/2016 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) GAVO are interested in setting up a small scheme in the Aber Valley during October half term – further information has been requested.

- (b) Illicit tipping at the Four Terraces, Senghenydd – the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Rhodri Lloyd (CCBC) and Councillor Paul Mitchell.
- (c) A tree falling down at the end of Thomas Street, Abertridwr (public protection issue) – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) The trees on the road between Abertridwr and Penyrheol require cutting back – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Awaiting a new street sign at Parc Terrace, Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to enquire.
- (f) Awaiting a new street sign at Graig-y-Fedw, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to enquire.
- (g) Illicit tipping at High Street, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (h) Members requested an update on the Panteg in Abertridwr – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- (i) Members reported on the poor condition of Caerphilly Bus Station – Caerphilly County Borough Council is dealing with the issue.
- (j) Members received an update on the land opposite the Panteg, Abertridwr – Urban Renewal has appointed NCS to undertake the necessary fencing until funding is sought for remediation of the site.

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FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

- (a) Members discussed the proposal to establish a Forward Work Programme Working Group/Committee – the majority of Members agreed. A separate meeting to be arranged for the Forward Work Programme Working Group/Committee – all Members to be invited to attend.
- (b) Funding for Abertridwr Memorial Garden – Members agreed for the Clerk to complete an on-line application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and liaise with Councillor Gareth Bowen.

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CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

(a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 293 and bank reconciliation – Members approved the Community Council's accounts.

(b) Telephone Account – Community Council Office

(c) What Caerphilly do YOU want in the future

(d) Blackwood Children's Literature Festival

- (e) Precept

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Spring Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph

Members agreed for Councillor E. P. Prendergast to organise the planting of the daffodil bulbs to be placed around the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and agreed that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

- (b) Festive Lighting 2016/17

Members approved the quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2016/17. Members agreed any festive lighting that is faulty and cannot be repaired should be replaced with new LED lighting – the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements within the agreed budget.

- (c) Universal Colliery Memorial Service

It was agreed that the Community Council would purchase flowers for the Universal Colliery Memorial Service on 14th October 2016.

- (d) Insurance Renewal 2016/17

Members approved the insurance renewal with Zurich Municipal (a long term agreement active until 30th September 2018) – £683.75.

- (e) Additional Dog Litter Bins and Litter Bins

Members approved the costs to install the agreed additional dog litter bins and litter bins in Abertridwr and Senghenydd – £2,161.00.

- (f) Finance Committee

Members agreed to set up a Finance Committee to effectively monitor and review the budget throughout the financial year, in order to comply with external audit requirements. It was agreed that the sub-committee would consist of 5 Members to be appointed at the next meeting – nominations to be sent to the Clerk.

- (g) Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening

Members agreed the arrangements for the presentation evening and agreed that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE CLERKS REPORT

- (a) Aber Valley Community Allotment

The Clerk conveyed a letter from Aber Valley Community Allotment thanking Members for their offer of financial assistance towards the cost of replacing the steps at the allotment; however the financial assistance is not required as funding has now been secured from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(3) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

- (a) **Case Ref. 16/0559/FULL Site Area: 36m²**
Location: Roberts Engineering Old Station Yard - Cwm Parc Workshops, Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4GY
Proposal: Remove the existing 15m mast and replace with a 15m mast with enclosed headframe and provide minor amendments to equipment cabinets and ancillary development
Applicant: EE Ltd, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield, AL10 9BW

69/2016 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th October 2016** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council