
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, L. Crothers,
P. Mitchell, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillor: B. Morris

31/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11th September 2014 were approved as a true record.

32/2014 MATTERS ARISING

25/2014 The Clerk updated Members in relation to the Rumble Strip at the entrance to the Aber Valley.

26/2014 (c) Delivery vehicles are continuing to park dangerously on the corner of the junction outside the SPAR in Abertridwr (in some instances with the tail lift down). Members recommended that the Police deal with the situation and the Clerk write a letter to SPAR HQ.

26/2004 (i) The Clerk updated Members in relation to dangerous driving at William Street, Abertridwr. The location has been added to the list of speed survey requests.

33/2014 POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) PNC checks have been undertaken on vehicles at Thomas Street, Abertridwr.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Cars parking next to a dropped kerb at William Harries Bungalows, Abertridwr.

34/2014 **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Community Awards – to be widely promoted next year in order to receive more nominations for young people and adults in the community.
- (b) Panteg, Abertridwr – Members were updated on the current situation.
- (c) Members discussed the potential for a new Health Centre / Doctors Surgery in the Aber Valley – Members instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Health Board to ask what the intentions are for the Aber Valley.
- (d) Members discussed the current situation regarding Graig-y-Hufen Tip.
- (e) Five Man Community Cleansing Team – work in the Aber Valley has been undertaken.
- (f) Members instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Bishop to enquire what the intentions are with regards to a Reverend for the Aber Valley.
- (g) Christmas Tree Festival – Members instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Church Wardens to ask if the Christmas Tree Festival is going to be held this year. Advertising would need to be arranged.

35/2014 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson and Members attended the WI Vintage Festival held in the YMCA on Sunday 5th October 2014 - the Clerk to send a congratulations card.

36/2014 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.
- (b) Invite to Undercurrents Aber Valley Festival – Opening Night and Prize Giving 2014.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Income Tax Contribution

Members authorised the amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments for August, September and October - £315.00.

- (b) Armistice Day – November 2014

The Clerk to make arrangements to purchase two wreaths for the services to be held in Abertridwr and Senghenydd.

(c) Festive Lighting 2014/15

Members agreed the quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2014 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(d) SYDIC – Request for Financial Support

Councillor M. Battle, Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor M. Stretch declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members discussed a request from SYDIC for financial assistance towards staff wages. Members agreed to support the request in the sum of £500 on the basis that SYDIC would not be able to apply for financial assistance at the July 2015 Community Council Financial Assistance Committee Meeting.

(e) Clerk Training Request – The Council Meeting

Members agreed for the Clerk to attend The Council Meeting Training on Tuesday 14th October 2014 - £40.00.

(f) Digital Systems

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £4.38 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(g) Mazars

Invoice received from Mazars for external audit work undertaken on behalf of Wales Audit Office for the year ended 31st March 2014 - £354.00 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(h) Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk informed Members that Lisa James would be attending the next meeting to discuss the implications of CIL and priorities for spending within the area.

(i) Plaques

Members agreed to update the community awards plaques located in the community centres – the Clerk to arrange accordingly and pay any subsequent costs.

(j) Application for Financial Assistance Form

Members approved and adopted the revised version of the Financial Assistance Application Form.

37/2014 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th November 2014** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council