
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER

MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

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

Apologies: -

2707/29 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13th March 2014 were approved as a true record.

2707/30 MATTERS ARISING

2707/25 (b) Tipping in the following areas:

Rear of Ilan Road, Abertridwr (2-70)

Rear of High Street, Abertridwr (1-57)

Land opposite Windsor Hotel, Abertridwr

Lane between Bridgefield Street and High Street, Abertridwr

No response has been received – the Clerk to chase up and update Councillor G. Bowen.

2707/25 (e) Waste/rubbish on the grass area at the side of the Four Terraces Hill, Senghenydd. No response has been received - the Clerk to chase up and update Councillor P. Mitchell.

2707/31 POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) Road Traders Talk – William Harries Bungalows and Abertridwr Community Centre
- (b) Speed monitoring at Graig-y-Wen Crescent – average speed was 22mph (per 100 cars).
- (c) Two-year anniversary appeal for information regarding the disappearance of Trevor Elias.

Members reported on the following matters:

- (i) Members asked if the speed van could be used in the Aber Valley – P.C.S.O. Emma Taylor to send an e-mail to the Traffic Department to make a request.
- (ii) Car not displaying a tax disc – Cenydd Terrace, Senghenydd.
- (iii) Reports of drug use at the side of William Harries Bungalows/lane behind Thomas Street, Abertridwr.
- (iv) Heritage Park litter pick – a number of empty purses and wallets were found.

2707/32 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Councillor M. Battle and Councillor J. Roberts attended the Conserving and Maintaining Welsh War Memorial Heritage Conference on 27th March 2014 and updated Members on the current situation regarding funding and options available – Councillor M. Battle and Councillor J. Roberts to prepare a report for the Community Council.

It was agreed that Councillor M. Battle, Councillor J. Roberts and the Clerk would liaise/work together regarding the possibility of a war memorial garden in Abertridwr.

- (b) Resurfacing of Brynhafod Road, Abertridwr – members were dissatisfied with the works undertaken.

2707/33 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor E. P. Prendergast and Councillor J. Taylor attended The Cwmaber Infants School Choir Special Assembly on Monday 17th March 2014. A box of chocolates was presented to them for Members of the Community Council as a thank you for the donation towards their choir outfits.

2707/34 CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.

(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 February, March and April - £315.00.

(b) Internal Audit 2013/14

Members confirmed Mr Malcolm Bull as the appointed Internal Auditor of the Community Council's accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2014.

(c) Play Facility at Hendre, Abertridwr – Inspection & Maintenance Costs 2013/14

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the 2013-2014 inspection and maintenance costs for the play facility at Hendre Abertridwr - £943.96 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

The Clerk to request a breakdown of the inspection and maintenance costs relating to the invoice.

(d) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £7.78 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(e) SWALEC Christmas Lighting

Invoice received from SWALEC for electricity relating to temporary unmetered Christmas lighting – £84.20 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(f) Memorial Service – Anniversary of 1901 Universal Colliery Disaster

Members agreed to purchase a floral tribute to be laid at the service of remembrance in memory of the first universal colliery disaster to be held on Friday 23rd May 2014 – the Clerk to make arrangements accordingly. The Clerk to find out if this memorial service is going to be held every year.

(g) Caerphilly Voluntary Sector Achievement Awards

A nomination pack is available upon request, which will need to be completed and returned by Friday 2nd May 2014.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th May 2014** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.