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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER**

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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

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

Apologies: L. Crothers, J. Roberts

**17/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were approved as a true record.

**18/2014 MATTERS ARISING**

13/2014 (c) Graig-y-Hufen Tip

15/2014 (1) (b) Councillor E. P. Prendergast requested a copy of the Byelaws Re: Recreation Grounds.

**19/2014 POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) The ice-cream van is continuously parking on double yellow lines at the Bottom of Bryngelli Terrace Hill, Abertridwr and the vehicle has no tax disc displayed – the Clerk to report to the Police.

**20/2014 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Still awaiting a street sign for Parc Terrace, Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to chase up.
- (b) Members discussed problems associated with parking on double yellow lines within the Aber Valley – The Clerk to report to the Police.
- (c) Members discussed the on-going issues with Graig-y-Hufen Tip.

- (d) The rumble strip coming into Aber Valley is disintegrating and requires replacing – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) The walkway from Tan-y-Bryn leading down towards the bus-stop, Abertridwr is overgrown – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) Members discussed a proposal to close the bowling clubs in the Caerphilly borough in 2015/16.
- (g) Councillor J. Taylor informed the Community Council that he accompanied Cwmaber Infants School Choir to the Symphony Hall in Birmingham to participate in the Youth Festival on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

**21/2014**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson attended the Royal Visit at the Memorial Garden and Senghenydd Community Centre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

**22/2014**      **CLERKS REPORT**

**(1)      SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.
- (b) Ombudsman – Annual Report 2013/14.
- (c) Introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy within Caerphilly County Borough.
- (d) Caerphilly Community Chorus Concert.

**(2)      SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION**

(a)      Mayors Charity Appeal

It was agreed with the Chairperson that a donation of £50 be given to the Mayors Charity Appeal. Councillor D. Berry represented the Community Council and presented the cheque.

(b)      Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £5.62 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(d)      Celebration 20 years of Friendship

Members were invited to attend an official ceremony in the Council Chamber, Penallta House on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a formal twinning partnerships with Pizek.

(d) Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening

It was agreed the Community Council would hold a presentation evening in the Nazareth Community Centre on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

The following Community Awards were agreed:

Senghenydd:	Elizabeth Barclay
Senghenydd:	James Richings
Abertridwr:	Elizabeth Lloyd
Abertridwr:	Jac Davies
Special Achievement:	Aber Valley Heritage Group

(e) Hanging Basket Competition

It was agreed that the Community Council would not organise a hanging basket competition this year.

(f) Office Rent

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for Community Council office rent charges – £260.00. Members authorised the payment.

(g) SYDIC – Aber Valley Summer Scheme.

*Councillor M. Stretch and Councillor M. E. Battle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.*

Members considered the request from SYDIC for financial support towards the Aber Valley Summer Scheme.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the application in the sum of £1,200.00.

**23/2014**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**  
**Aber Valley Community Council**