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

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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

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

Apologies: M. Stretch, J. Taylor

**2676/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were approved as a true record.

**2677/13 MATTERS ARISING**

2674/13 (2) (a) Hanging Basket Competition – Members suggested that the prize money should be collected from the Clerk within an allotted timeframe. If it is not collected then it should be given to charity.

**2678/13 POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following matters:

- (a) Cars parked at the end of The Four Terraces, Senghenydd next to the sub-station – the Clerk to report to the Police.

**2679/13 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Councillor L. Binding suggested earmarking an amount in the budget for 2014/15 to produce a brochure to inform the community what is available in the Aber Valley. Advertising boards were also suggested. The Clerk to obtain costs.

**2680/13 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (a) The Chairperson attended the Royal Welsh Parade in Bargoed Town Centre on Saturday 28th September 2013.

- (b) The Chairperson reported that the Community Council Presentation Evening was a successful and enjoyable event - the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Elizabeth Prendergast for providing the entertainment on the evening.
- (c) The Chairperson attended the screening of the documentary Cofio Senghenydd at Ysgol Ifor Bach on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- (d) The Chairperson, Clerk and six pupils from Cwmaber Junior School met with Groundwork Caerphilly to put up two etching posts on the cycle track.

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## **CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Arts Festival Opening Night.
- (b) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.

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

#### (a) Festive Lighting

Members agreed the quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2013 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

#### (b) 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.

#### (c) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £7.57 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

#### (d) Armistice Day – November 2013

It was agreed that the Clerk makes arrangements to purchase two wreaths for the services to be held in Abertridwr and Senghenydd.

#### (e) Mazars

Invoice received from Mazars for external audit work undertaken on behalf of Wales Audit Office for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 - £372.00 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

#### (f) Caerphilly Town Council – Purchase of a Speed Gun

Further to a letter received from Caerphilly Town Council regarding the purchase of a speed gun for use by officers of the Caerphilly Police in the Caerphilly Basin area – the Clerk to obtain further information.

(3) **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) **Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival**

Members considered the request for financial support from Sue Rees (Revd), Priest in Charge of the Parish of Eglwysilan, for financial support towards the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival.

It was agreed the Council would support the request in the sum of £250.

The Clerk to contact Sue Rees (Revd) to assist with the advertising of the senior citizens lunch.

**2682/13** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.