
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor J. Taylor

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, G. Bowen, L. Crothers,
P. Mitchell, E. P. Prendergast, J. Roberts,

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Apologies: L. Binding, B. Morris, M. Stretch

133/2014 PUBLIC MATTERS

No members of the public in attendance.

134/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Amendment to the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th November 2015 – Councillor B. Morris was present.

135/2014 MATTERS ARISING

129/2014 (b) Buses frequently running late in the Aber Valley – Councillor L. Crothers to e-mail the Clerk with further details.

129/2014 (d) The wheelie bins have not been removed from the pavement area at Thomas Street and William Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to inform Caerphilly County Borough Council.

129/2014 (e) Dog litter on Senghenydd Square – the Clerk to follow up previous e-mail requesting that the CCTV footage is looked at to identify the person/s responsible.

129/2014 (j) The skip in Abertridwr Park is used for the collection of Aber Valley parks litter. Caerphilly County Borough Council has issued an instruction for it to be exchanged ASAP.

136/2014 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) A car parked at the rear of Thomas Street, Abertridwr in disrepair has been reported and was towed away promptly.

137/2014 **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Illicit tipping outside the Beulah Chapel, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) Illicit tipping at the rear of Atwood & Sons, Abertridwr Square – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) The litter bin at the turning on King Street, Abertridwr is being used for household waste – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Hairdressers on Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – in discussions with the Planning Department, Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Members praised the cutting back and tidying up of areas of land in the Aber Valley and asked the Clerk to send an e-mail to Mark Williams and Jonathan Davies at Caerphilly County Borough Council to express their thanks and appreciation for all the work undertaken.

138/2014 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

No report from the Chairperson.

139/2014 **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) Senghenydd Community Centre – Application for Funding

Councillor G. Bowen and Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members discussed the request from Senghenydd Community Centre for an annual grant/donation towards the upkeep and the running of the Heritage Museum and the associated costs of keeping the Museum open six days a week.

Members agreed to donate £1000 on the proviso that it is a one-off payment for the current financial year.

Members agreed the need to clarify ownership and responsibility for the Heritage Museum and its artefacts – the Clerk to arrange a meeting between Aber Valley Community Council, Senghenydd Community Centre and the Aber Valley Heritage Group (3 members from each group) to discuss.

Members asked the Clerk to inspect previous Minutes for records of previous agreements relating to the Heritage Museum artefacts.

(b) Litter Bins/Dog Bins/Benches

Proposal for additional litter bins, dog litter bins and benches in the Aber Valley – the Clerk to liaise with Councillor L. Binding. Members suggested the possibility of relocating the benches from the bowling green.

(c) Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership 2016

Members agreed to renew the membership subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks – £118.00.

(d) Aber Valley Community Council Directory

The Clerk distributed a final draft of the community council directory – Members to contact the Clerk with any amendments.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- (a) The Clerk presented a letter from Llamau (a registered homelessness charity) requesting a donation for those who they will be supporting through the festive period, providing young people with a small gift and the opportunity to enjoy a good meal.

Members asked the Clerk to ascertain the donation given last year and agreed for the Chairperson to authorise a donation for the same amount.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

140/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th January 2016** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council