
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Berry

Councillors: M. Battle, L. Binding, A. Diblasi, E. P. Prendergast, T. Richards,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor, P. Yandle

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: D. Daniels

01/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

02/2018 CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH YOUTH SERVICE – PAUL O'NEILL

The Clerk signed a declaration of interest.

Paul O'Neill, Youth Service Manager for Caerphilly County Borough Council, attended the meeting to discuss the concerns raised regarding the future of SYDIC and youth provision in the Aber Valley.

Paul O'Neill explained the current position of the Caerphilly County Borough Council Youth Service and informed Members of their re-organisation, funding issues and cost savings. Paul O'Neill stated that the Caerphilly County Borough Council Youth Service are responsible for ensuring that every young person aged 11-25 in the Caerphilly county borough (including the Aber Valley) has access to youth provision, however he was unable to clarify how it would be delivered to the young people in the Aber Valley.

03/2018 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

04/2018 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Forward Work Programme Committee meeting held on 14th December 2017 were approved as a true record.

05/2018 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 14th December 2017 were approved as a true record.

06/2018 **MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Minute reference: 102/2017 (ii)
 - (a) A meeting has been arranged with Aber Valley County Borough Councillors and Tim Stephens, Development Control Manager for Caerphilly County Borough Council, to discuss the concerns raised regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr.
 - (b) Members noted the article in the Caerphilly Observer regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr.
- (ii) Minute reference: 106/2017 (4) (d)
 - (a) Fr Mark Greenaway-Robbins will be attending the next Community Council meeting to discuss progress and updates for St Peter's Church, Senghenydd.
 - (b) Members stated the contents of St Peter's church are to be sold.

07/2018 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

- (i) Councillor John Roberts to send the Clerk the contact details for the new P.C.S.O. for the Aber Valley.

08/2018 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

09/2018 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to find out when the replacement dog litter bin for Abertridwr Park will be installed.
- (b) Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to find out when the two new litter bins are going to be installed on the green area in Abertridwr Park.
- (c) The litter bins on the former bowling green area in Abertridwr Park are overflowing – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) The lock on the toilets in Abertridwr Park is missing – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request a replacement.

- (e) Caerphilly County Borough Council has regularly been monitoring the condition of the footpath and stream boundary wall adjacent to the former bowling green area at Abertridwr Park and it was evident that the footpath had sunken further. A section of the wall has been temporarily closed whilst a more detailed report and a way forward on how best to repair is considered.
- (f) The double yellow lines on the junctions at Bryngelli Terrace have faded and need re-painting – the Clerk to chase a response from a previous request to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (g) Members discussed a scoring system for disability access to shops and commercial premises.
- (h) Aber Valley Football Club are looking for financial assistance towards football stands in Abertridwr Park. Members suggested they contact the Friends of Abertridwr Park Association once it is established.
- (i) The bus service in the Aber Valley is irregular – Councillor John Taylor is organising a meeting with Stagecoach Bus Company.

10/2018

CLERKS REPORT

(1) Current Financial Situation

- (a) Councillor E. P. Prendergast has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 309 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(2) Income

- (a) No income has been received.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:

- (i) Digital Systems UK – £7.93 (including VAT).
- (ii) Wales Audit Office – £202.20.
- (iii) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £260.00

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs.

(4) Correspondence

- (a) WHQS Environmental Improvement Programme

Members received the Environmental Improvement Programme questionnaire from Bethan Smith, Environmental Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, and noted the dates suggested to carry out a walkabout in the Aber Valley.

(b) Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales – December Newsletter

Members received the Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales December Newsletter.

(c) Llamau – Grant Received £100

Members received a letter from Llamau thanking the Community Council for the donation to their Christmas Appeal.

(5) Any Other Business

(a) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution

Members agreed to pay a donation to Cavanna's on Senghenydd Square as the Christmas lights attached to their premises is connected to their electricity supply – £50.00.

(b) Cwmaber Infants School – Governor Vacancy

Councillor A. Diblasi was appointed as the Community Council Representative Governor for Cwmaber Infants School – the Clerk to notify EAS.

(c) Internal Auditor 2017/18

Members agreed the appointment of Terry Williams as the Internal Auditor for the financial year ending March 2018 – the Clerk to send a letter of engagement and make the necessary arrangements.

(d) Precept 2018/19

Members approved the annual estimates and confirmed the Precept amount of £38,000 for 2018/19 – the Clerk to inform Caerphilly County Borough Council.

6. Planning Applications

None

11/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th February 2018** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council