
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

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

Apologies: M. E. Battle, L. Crothers

2662/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13th June 2013 were approved as a true record.

2663/13 MATTERS ARISING

2658/13 (b) misuse of bench on cycle track – the litter problem has greatly improved.

2659/13 concerns regarding the condition of the tennis courts in Abertridwr Park – grants being sought next year for re-surfacing.

2664/13 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following matters:

- (a) Tyres being dumped on Eglwysilan Common – the Police and Environmental Health are aware of the situation.
- (b) Garage on Cross Street, Abertridwr – problems have been reported with regards to parking / noise etc. The Police and Environmental Health are aware and dealing with the situation.
- (c) Parking on Senghenydd Square – the Police are issuing parking tickets.

2665/13 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Councillor J Roberts asked Members for a list of any broken walls in the Aber Valley that are in need of repair.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairperson attended the Miner's Re-Union as part of the commemorations for the Centenary on Thursday 28th June 2013.

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CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Ombudsman – Annual Report 2012/13.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Dedication Service – Welsh National Mining Memorial and Centenary of the Universal Colliery Memorial.

Members completed an invitation proforma to confirm whether or not they will be attending the Dedication of the Welsh National and Universal Colliery Mining Memorials on Monday 14th October 2013.

- (b) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £4.40 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

- (c) Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre - Donation

Members considered the request from Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre requesting a donation towards a celebration event for the young people and their families.

It was agreed that the Community Council would donate £100.00.

- (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 26th September 2013 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(3) ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Undercurrents Arts Festival – Financial Support

Councillor J. E. Roberts, Councillor M. E. Battle and Councillor E. P. Prendergast declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members considered the request for financial support from Undercurrents towards the running costs of the Aber Valley Arts Festival on October 12th-19th 2013.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £1,500.

(b) Senghenydd Water Play Feature – Financial Support

Members considered the request for financial support from Senghenydd-Action-Linking-Together (SALT) towards the running and general maintenance costs of the Water Play Feature at Senghenydd Park.

It was agreed that the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £500.

(c) Office Rent

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

(d) Aber Valley Play Day – Financial Assistance

Members considered the request from Sian Northey (Resident / Parent Network) for financial support towards the Aber Valley Play Day.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £200.00.

(e) Hanging Basket Competition

It was agreed that the Community Council would support a hanging basket competition in Abertridwr and Senghenydd – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(f) Five Man Community Cleansing Team

Members to identify and prioritise any areas that require additional cleansing so they can be incorporated into a schedule of work for the week concerned.

(g) Disability CAN DO Organisation Roadshow.

(h) Rhondda Cynon Taff Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule.

(i) Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 – Part 7: Communities and Community Councils Guidance.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th September 2013** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.