
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

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

Apologies: L. Binding, B. Morris

24/2014 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10th July 2014 were approved as a true record.

25/2014 **MATTERS ARISING**

20/2014 (c) Members discussed the ongoing issues related to Graig-y-Hufen Tip.

20/2014 (d) The rumble strip on the road at the entrance to the Aber Valley has not been repaired or replaced – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for an update.

26/2014 **POLICE MATTERS**

P.C.S.O. Ian Williams of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) Two successful warrants in Abertridwr.
- (b) Theft and setting fire to wheelie bins in the Aber Valley - P.C.S.O. Ian Williams discussed using SmartWater to deter theft and link a wheelie bin to an address.

P.C.S.O. Ian Williams made a request for financial support from the Community Council towards purchasing SmartWater - Members agreed further information regarding the benefits of using SmartWater was required from P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.

- (c) Vehicles parking on the double yellow lines on the junction outside the SPAR in Abertridwr – a number of parking tickets have recently been issued.
- (d) Engagement with schools – to be arranged.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Members reported a high volume of cars / delivery drivers driving fast and dangerously through William Street, Abertridwr. Members requested a speed survey to monitor the speed and volume of traffic – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Members questioned whether the delivery drivers have business insurance. P.C.S.O. Ian Williams agreed to visit the shops on Abertridwr Square and speak to the delivery drivers to ask them to slow down.

- (ii) Members reported problems associated with Cross Street Garage, Abertridwr – cars are continuously being driven with no number plates.

27/2014 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Celebrating 10 Years of Community Safety Wardens Event – Members asked the Clerk to write a letter to express their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work the Community Safety Wardens have done for the local community.
- (b) SYDIC is up for the public vote in the Lloyds Community Fund.

28/2014 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Areas for the 5 Man Community Cleansing Team were discussed.

Issues relating to household rubbish in the lane behind Thomas Street, Abertridwr were discussed.

29/2014 CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.
- (b) Precept.
- (c) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Spring Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph

Members agreed for Councillor E. P. Prendergast to organise the planting of the daffodil bulbs to be placed around the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and agreed that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

(b) Christmas Lighting 2014/15

Members agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2014/15.

(c) Caerphilly Town Council – Fireworks Display

Members considered the request from the Clerk of Caerphilly Town Council requesting a contribution towards the cost of the annual fireworks display at Caerphilly Castle.

It was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £250 towards the event.

(d) Annual Audit for the Year Ending 31st March 2014

Members approved the accounts and authorised the Chairperson and Clerk to sign and certify the appropriate sections for completion and return to the External Auditors.

(e) Insurance Renewal 2014/15

It was agreed that the Council would renew the insurance policy with Zurich Municipal.

(f) Centenary Memorial Service

It was agreed that the Community Council would purchase a wreath for the Centenary Memorial Service on 14th October 2014.

(g) CCBC – Medium Term Financial Planning for 2014-2017

In relation to Parks and Bereavement Service proposed savings Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council Head of Community Leisure Services to request clarification on the 'Reduction in playing field maintenance to remove fertilizer applications and cease end of season renovation works, £30,000 savings' with regards to the Aber Valley and requested a breakdown for these proposed savings.

Members were concerned as to what the long-term and short-term effects will be in relation to the proposed savings.

(h) Memorial Garden - Signage

Members discussed a letter received from Mr E. G. Williams regarding the lack of signage to the Memorial Garden in Senghenydd from the A470. The Clerk to write to the Minister to support a request for signage from the Aber Valley Heritage Group and respond to Mr E. G. Williams.

(i) Community Council Presentation Evening

Members agreed the arrangements for the presentation evening and agreed that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th October 2014** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council