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

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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON**  
**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, J. Roberts  
M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: L. Crothers, P. Mitchell, B. Morris

**46/2014      MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved as a true record.

**47/2014      MATTERS ARISING**

**40/2014 (32/2014 c)** Some delivery vehicles are continuing to park on the pavement and double yellow lines on the junction outside the SPAR in Abertridwr – reported to P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.

**40/2014 (34/2014 d)** Graig-y-Hufen Tip – The Clerk provided an update from Natural Resource Wales on the investigation into the Senghenydd Minerals Site (a copy of the e-mail from Natural Resource Wales was distributed).

**41/2014 (i)** Tesco Express, Bowls Terrace – Warbutons Bread delivery lorries are continuing to park on the side of the main road in the morning causing extra traffic congestion – police presence requested.

**44/2014 (2) (g)** Autumn Winter Weed Control – the Clerk to write to Caerphilly County Borough Council to express thanks and appreciation from the Community Council for all the hard work undertaken in the Aber Valley.

**48/2014      POLICE MATTERS**

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

(a) 3 warrants in the Aber Valley – more expected in the near future.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Cross Street Garage – Caerphilly County Borough Council Planning Department has served a breach of condition notice (30 day notice).

**49/2014**

**MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) The dog litterbin at the bottom of King Street, Abertridwr has been stolen – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) After numerous requests the rumble strip at the entrance to Aber Valley has not been repaired but a new rumble strip has been situated at Ty-Isaf Farm – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for an update.
- (c) Members thanked the Police for all the work they have undertaken in relation to the warrants in the Aber Valley.
- (d) The old memorial next to Nant-y-Parc School, Senghenydd is being renovated.
- (e) Christmas Choirs:  
19<sup>th</sup> December: Salvation Army – Senghenydd Square at 6.30 pm.  
21<sup>st</sup> December: Abertridwr Community Choir – Beulah Chapel at 6.30 pm
- (f) Members expressed thanks to Sonia's Plaice Fish & Chip Shop in Senghenydd for a donation of a fish and chips meal to the Homeless Centre.
- (g) Members were informed that Caerphilly County Borough Council are proposing to withdraw the area forum allocation budget which will affect the funding for the water play feature in Senghenydd.
- (h) Headteacher retirement - Cwmaber Junior School. The Clerk to write a letter to Mr Davies to thank him for his dedicated service in Cwmaber Junior School over the last 21 years.
- (i) Aber Valley Community Allotment Group – the Clerk to send a card to congratulate them on their award in healthy living.

**50/2014**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson, Councillor John Taylor and Councillor John Roberts attended the retirement evening for Mr Davies at Cwmaber Junior School.

**51/2014**

**CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.

- (b) Winter Service Plan 2014/15 – Members were informed that Caerphilly County Borough Council is reducing from 9 routes to 8 routes as part of the Winter Service Plan.
- (c) Keep Wales Tidy – The Clerk to invite Andrew King, the new Keep Wales Tidy Project Officer to the next meeting.
- (d) CCBC Medium Term Financial Plan 2014-17 – An e-mail was presented from Derek Price.

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

**(a) Llamau – Christmas Appeal**

Members considered the request from Llamau (a registered homelessness charity) requesting a donation towards ensuring all the young people receive Christmas presents and to make Christmas special for the homeless young people who they will be supporting through the festive period.

It was agreed that the Community Council would make a donation of £100 to Llamau and £100 to St Andrews Church.

**(b) Elsbury Access Platforms – Christmas Lighting**

Invoice received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the provision to supply new Christmas lighting – £432.00 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

**(c) Aber Valley Parking Review**

Proposed amendments to parking restrictions in Abertridwr were discussed.

**(d) Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership 2015**

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

**(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Case Ref. 14/0723/FULL**

**Location: 94 King Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BG**

**Proposal:** Erect radio antenna in rear garden

**Applicant:** Mr J Baldwin, 94 King Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BG

*Councilor J. Taylor expressed an interest in the above planning application.*

**52/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**  
**Aber Valley Community Council**