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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 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: -

**34/2016      PUBLIC MATTERS**

No public matters.

**35/2016      MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest in minute number 32/2016 (2) (a).

**36/2016      MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**37/2016      POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) 'Your Voice' Police meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the YMCA, Abertridwr – a small number of people attended.

**38/2016      MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) The dog litter bin outside Nant-y-Parc School is broken – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) Members discussed a request for a cigarette bin outside the café in Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Mark Miller, Principal Refuse and Cleansing Officer, at Caerphilly County Borough Council to make enquiries.

- (c) The Big Spring Clean will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – volunteers are needed (individuals and groups).
- (d) Illicit tipping at the Four Terraces, Senghenydd will be removed week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 as the area needs to be cut back to access the waste.
- (e) 16 William Street, Abertridwr – the green wheelie bin has not been removed from the pavement area outside the property (despite being reported on a number of occasions) and the occupant's dog has been roaming freely. The Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) Members discussed issues relating to the bowling green in Abertridwr Park – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to ask them to secure the location, clarify their intention regarding the future of the bowling green and confirm the situation regarding the assets (toilets/benches etc.).
- (g) The small gate on the old Welsh School site in Senghenydd needs to be secured – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (h) Due to the closure of the Salvation Army the toddler's group has to relocate and purchase new equipment – the Clerk to send them an application form for financial assistance.
- (i) The pavement area at Parc Terrace, Senghenydd is in poor condition – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (j) Sheep roaming at Parc Terrace, Senghenydd and at the memorial garden area – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

#### **39/2016      CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

#### **40/2016      CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

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

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

- (a) Play Facility at Hendre, Abertridwr – Inspection & Maintenance Costs 2015/16

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the 2015/2016 inspection and maintenance costs for the play facility at Hendre, Abertridwr - £972.49 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(b) SWALEC – Christmas Lighting

Invoice received from SWALEC for electricity relating to temporary un-metered Christmas lighting 2015 – £50.65 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(c) Community Council Representative Governor – Ysgol Ifor Bach

Community Council Representative Governor vacancy at Ysgol Ifor Bach – nomination deferred to the next meeting.

(d) Aber Valley Community Council – Co-option

Members agreed to co-opt Sue Cuddihy to Aber Valley Community Council representing the Abertridwr Ward.

(e) Summer Flowers at the Cenotaph, Senghenydd

Members agreed for Councillor E. P. Prendergast to organise the summer flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and approved any subsequent costs to be reimbursed.

(f) Cwmaber Junior School Netball Kit – Financial Assistance

*Councillor P. Mitchell, Councillor L. Binding and Councillor J. Taylor declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.*

Letters have been received from Cwmaber Junior School (School Council) and Kerry Jayne Jenkins (a grandparent of children at Cwmaber Junior School) requesting financial assistance towards a netball kit. Councillor M. Stretch donated his 2015/16 Chairperson's allowance of £100 towards the kit and Members authorised the Clerk to pay the invoice from Total Sporting Solutions in the sum of up to £300.00.

(g) Stamps

It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase postage stamps as necessary.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE CLERKS REPORT

(h) Bands in the Park Concert Programme 2016

Members discussed the request from Caerphilly County Borough Council for financial support towards Bands in the Park Concerts – Members resolved not to make a financial contribution on this occasion.

**(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

**41/2016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson**

**Aber Valley Community Council**