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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: M. Battle, G. Bowen, L. Crothers, B. Morris, J. Roberts,
M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Apologies: D. Berry, L. Binding, P. Mitchell

2669/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11th July 2013 were approved as a true record.

2670/13 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

2671/13 POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) Wheelie bin thefts – problems have declined.
- (b) Anti Social Behaviour Orders – ASBOs have been issued in the Thomas Street, Abertridwr area.
- (c) Cross Street garage – the Police and Environmental Health have been dealing with problems associated with noise and parking. Complaints have stopped.
- (d) Double yellow lines on Caerphilly Road – tickets have been issued, however the double yellow lines were painted in error.
- (e) Operation ARGON – plain-clothes local police officers are patrolling the area on bikes and foot until 5.00 am.
- (f) Cycle Marking Day - P.C.S.O. Ian Williams requested financial support towards the purchase of cycle locks, lights and other cycle equipment. Members agreed to support the request in the sum of £100.

Members reported on the following matters:

- (a) Cross Street Garage – the high volume of vehicles parked. Vehicles with no number plates or the number plates are displayed in the car windscreen.
- (b) Cars parking on the pavement area outside the Old Police Station in Abertridwr.
- (c) Complaints have been received regarding people on the cycle track wearing camouflaged clothing and carrying guns.

2672/13 **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Members highly praised Edward Jones, the Refuse and Cleansing Litter Picker in Abertridwr, on his cleaning of the Abertridwr area.
- (b) Members suggested wild flowers be planted in parts of the Aber Valley. The Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council and discuss with Councillor J. Roberts.
- (c) Members requested the skips and railings in Senghenydd be moved for the day of the Centenary Memorial Service on 14th October 2013.
- (d) Arrangements for the Community Council Presentation Evening were discussed.

2673/13 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (a) The Chairperson, Clerk and young children from Abertridwr met with Groundwork Caerphilly on Friday 16th August 2013 to construct the sign on the cycle track.

2674/13 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Precept.
- (b) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.
- (c) GAVO Caerphilly Basin & Aber Valley Voluntary Sector Forum.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Hanging Basket Competition

The winners of the competition were as follows:

Senghenydd	Winner:	102 Caerphilly Road
	Runner up:	12 Kingsley Place

Abertridwr Winner: Hillside Bungalow, Graig-y-Fedw
 Runner up: 139 Thomas Street

The prizes will be presented at the Community Council Presentation Evening on Thursday 26th September 2013.

Members noted the winners of the competition and confirmed the action taken.

(b) Centenary Memorial Service

It was agreed that the Community Council would purchase a wreath for the Centenary Memorial Service on 14th October 2013.

(c) Spring Flowers at the Senghenydd Cenotaph

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

(d) Christmas Lighting 2013/14

Members agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2013/14.

e) 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.

(b) Annual Audit for the Year Ending 31st March 2013

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.

(3) ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE CLERK’S REPORT

(a) Welsh Government Grant for the Development of Town and Community Council Websites

The Welsh Government has provided a maximum of £500 per Town and Community Council to develop a Website – Members agreed for Caerphilly County Borough Council to develop and host the Website for Aber Valley Community Council – the Clerk to proceed accordingly.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th October 2013** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.