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CALLING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the above Council will be held at **Abertridwr Community Centre on Thursday 12th November 2015**. The meeting will commence at 7.00 pm.

Members of the press and public are cordially invited to attend.

Sharon Hughes
(Clerk to the Council)

AGENDA

1. To note Members attendance and receive any apologies for absence
2. Public Matters
3. To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th October 2015
4. Matters Arising
5. Police Matters
6. Members Matters
7. Chairperson's Report
8. Clerk's Report (attached)
9. Next meeting: Thursday 10th December 2015 at Senghenydd Community Centre

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REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

1. SECTION 'A' – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget

A copy of the income and expenditure from April 1st 2015 to date, including a balance sheet, is available for Members to examine.

(b) SYDIC Celebration Evening & AGM

The Senghenydd Youth Drop in Centre Celebration Evening and Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Monday 30th November 2015 from 6.00 pm.

(c) Telephone Account – Community Council Office

An invoice has been received from British Telecom for £57.98 (including VAT). This payment is made by direct debit.

(d) Caerphilly's Budget Challenge

The budget consultation was launched on Monday 19th October 2015 and will run for a period of 12 weeks ending on 8th January 2016. Come along to a special Budget Consultation drop-in session at Abertridwr Library on Tuesday 8th December 2015, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm.

(e) External Audit Arrangements

The Auditor General for Wales will become the statutory auditor following an amendment of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 by section 11 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 and the completion of the 2015-15 audit by Mazars.

(f) GAVO Summer 2015

A report by the Holiday Scheme Co-ordinator into schemes, activities and events for children and young people that occurred across the County Borough of Caerphilly during Summer 2015 will be available at the meeting.

(g) Groundwork Wales Tesco Opportunity

A new opportunity for green space projects working in partnership with Tesco – a briefing note will be available at the meeting.

(h) DUTY/VAT Repayment

A DUTY/VAT repayment of £609.18 for payments made in 2014/15 has been paid directly into the community council's bank account.

(i) **Proposed Changes in the Remuneration of Members of Community and Town Councils**

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has made several changes to the remuneration of members of Community and Town Councils. Comments are invited before the end of December 2015 and the final report is published in February 2016 to be implemented in the year 2016/17.

2. **SECTION 'B' – ITEMS FOR DECISION**

(a) **Litter Bins/Dog Bins/Benches**

Additional litter bins, dog litter bins and benches in the Aber Valley – Councillor L. Binding to report.

(b) **Minor Authority Governor Vacancy**

There is a Minor Authority Governor vacancy at Cwmaber Junior School as Councillor E. P. Prendergast's term of office has come to an end.

Will members nominate a representative for the vacancy.

(c) **Autumn/Winter Weed Control**

During the autumn/winter period employees from the Parks Services section of the Directorate of the Environment will be undertaking a work programme entailing grubbing out, strimming, weed spraying and cleansing to footpaths, rear lanes etc. The team will be available to work in our area week commencing 23rd November 2015 – Members to identify any areas to be included on the schedule.

Please note, due to savings identified in the Medium Term Financial Plan, this is the last winter Parks Services will undertake this work on behalf of the cleansing service. Additionally the weed cleansing will only be carried out on one occasion per ward.

(d) **Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival: 11th – 13th December 2015**

A letter has been received from Father Gareth Coombes requesting financial support towards the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival. Since the parishes of Eglwysilan and Caerphilly have become a united benefice earlier this year they have begun to make preparations for this year's event in December, with various other groups hopefully becoming involved.

Will Members consider the request for financial support?

(e) **Christmas Competition**

It has been the custom of the Community Council to hold a Christmas competition for the best decorated properties in Abertridwr and Senghenydd.

Do Members wish to hold the Christmas competition this year?

(f) **Senghenydd Community Centre – Application for Funding**

A meeting was held on Monday 26th October 2015 to discuss the request from Senghenydd Community Centre for a grant/donation to help with the running costs of housing the Heritage Museum.

Will Members consider the request for financial support?

(g) **Aber Valley Community Council Directory**

Updated brochure prices with the additional 4 pages are as follows:

12pg printed black and white – £560

12pg printed colour throughout – £640

12pg printed with front cover in colour and 1 other page in colour – £600

Members to confirm requirements.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Case Ref. 15/0852/FULL Site Area: 214m²

Location: Hill View Poultry - Caerllwyn Farm, Bryncoed Terrace to Cefn-Llwyd Farm, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4FG

Proposal: Erect an extension to the existing agricultural building

Applicant: Mrs J McDermot Hill View Poultry - Caerllwyn Farm, Bryncoed Terrace to Cefn-Llwyd Farm, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4FG