
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER

MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Apologies: B. Morris

126/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 8th October 2015 were approved as a true record.

127/2014 MATTERS ARISING

122/2014 (a) Area of land at King Street, Abertridwr – unable to locate owner. The area of land has been fenced off – private matter between land owner and persons involved.

122/2014 (b) (c) Senghenydd Cenotaph – some improvements have been completed. Temporary repair to kerbstones – suitable kerbstones are being sourced.

122/2014 (f) Rubbish being disposed of at Graig-y-Hufen Tip – owner in breach of injunction and sentenced to 42 days.

128/2014 POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) Two warrants issued in the last week.
- (b) Vehicle seizure.
- (c) Section 59 – two quad bikes.
- (d) First Aid at Cwmaber Junior School and Nant-y-Parc Primary.
- (e) Church Road, Abertridwr – residents burning waste in rear gardens.
- (f) Gwern Avenue, Senghenydd – rear garden break-ins.

129/2014 **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Pathway leading from Parc Terrace to Nant-y-Parc Primary School – awaiting completion.
- (b) Buses frequently running late the Aber Valley – the clerk to write to Stagecoach.
- (c) Gas pipe renewal – Councillor L. Binding and J. Taylor reported on a meeting with Wales and West Utilities to minimise disruption for the impending traffic lights on the road leading from Abertridwr to Penyrheol.
- (d) Wheelie bins are being left on the pavement at Thomas Street and William Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Dog litter on Senghenydd Square on the morning of Remembrance Sunday – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that CCTV footage is looked at to identify the persons responsible.
- (f) Illicit tipping below lower Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (g) Caerphilly's Budget Challenge – consultation drop-in session at Abertridwr Library on Tuesday 8th December 2015.
- (h) Community Council Website – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that the Website is updated as soon as possible.
- (i) Members discussed the importance of the Clerk being able access e-mails / community council business from home – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to obtain options / costings.
- (j) The skip in Abertridwr Park is overflowing – the Clerk to notify Caerphilly County Borough Council enquire as to why the skip is there.

130/2014 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson attended the Remembrance Service at Abertridwr Community Centre and Senghenydd Cenotaph.

Junior School Choir competition at Safle'r Gwyndy School – the Clerk to send a letter to Cwmaber Infants School and Ysgol Ifor Bach to congratulate them on taking part and a letter to Cwmaber Junior School to congratulate them on winning the competition.

131/2014 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.

- (b) SYDIC Celebration Evening and AGM.
- (c) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.
- (d) Caerphilly's Budget Challenge.
- (e) External Audit Arrangements.
- (f) GAVO Summer 2015 Report.
- (g) Groundwork Wales Tesco Opportunity.
- (h) DUTY/VAT Repayment.
- (i) Proposed Changes in the Remuneration of Members of Community and Town Councils.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Litter Bins/Dog Bins/Benches

Proposal for additional litter bins, dog litter bins and benches in the Aber Valley – Councillor L. Binding discussed a list of suggested locations received from members of the public and in conjunction with volunteer litter pickers. Councillor L. Binding to visit the suggested locations to assess viability, before agreement and costings are sought from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Members supported the proposal.

(b) Minor Authority Governor Vacancy

Councillor L. Binding agreed to represent the Community Council as a Minor Authority Governor at Cwmaber Junior School.

(c) Autumn/Winter Weed Control

Members identified areas to be included in the Autumn/Winter Weed Control taking place week commencing 24th November 2015 – the Clerk to complete and return the work schedule.

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

Members considered a request from Father Gareth Coombes for financial support towards the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival.

It was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £400 towards the event.

(e) Christmas Competition

Members agreed to hold the Christmas Competition for the best decorated properties in Abertridwr and Senghenydd – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(f) Senghenydd Community Centre – Application for Funding

Deferred to next meeting – the Clerk to clarify declarations of interest.

(g) Aber Valley Community Council Directory

Members discussed the community council directory and agreed the brochure price – £600 (12 page printed with front cover in colour and 1 other page in colour). The Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(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

132/2014 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th December 2015** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council