
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, P. Mitchell, B. Morris,
M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: M. Battle, L. Crothers, J. Roberts

38/2014 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Lisa James, Senior Planner for Caerphilly County Borough Council attended the meeting to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The CIL was introduced in Caerphilly on 1st July 2014 – it is a mandatory charge that will be charged against all new qualifying development.

Lisa James to e-mail further information/guidance notes to the Clerk for distribution to Members.

Local Development Plan – Members were urged to become involved in the consultation.

39/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9th October 2014 were approved as a true record.

40/2014 MATTERS ARISING

32/2014 (c) Delivery vehicles parking dangerously on the junction outside the SPAR in Abertridwr.

The Clerk conveyed an e-mail from the SPAR's main delivery provider: A. F. Blakemore and son Ltd. A letter has been sent to all their delivery drivers stating the following:

- The delivery vehicle must be parked at least 15ft away from the junction/main road.
- No parking on the pavement.

34/2014 (d) Graig-y-Hufen Tip

A Member of the public attended the meeting to express concerns regarding Graig-y-Hufen Tip.

Members were updated on the current situation – Natural Resource Wales will be conducting a site inspection.

Members and the public expressed concerns regarding a large fire at Graig-y-Hufen Tip and the risk to residents in the Aber Valley.

The Clerk to contact Natural Resource Wales and provide an update of their inspection at the next Community Council meeting.

34/2014 (g) Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival 2014

Friday 12th December – Cawl / Children's Concert

Saturday 13th December – Fete (to be arranged by SYDIC)

Sunday 14th December – to be arranged by the Beulah Chapel

Councillor E. P. Prendergast to arrange a meeting with the individuals/groups who are involved in the Christmas Tree Festival to proceed with the arrangements.

36/2014 (2) (d) As agreed at the community council meeting held on 9th October 2014 financial support of £500 has been given to SYDIC on the basis that they would not be able to put forward an application for financial assistance at the July 2015 Community Council Financial Assistance Committee Meeting.

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POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) Engagement with Nant-y-Parc School for Halloween – OWL recruits.
- (b) Vehicle seized on the commission of crime – Abertridwr Square.
- (c) 3 warrants – Ilan Road, Abertridwr; Woodland Terrace and Windsor Place, Abertridwr.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Tesco Express, Bowls Terrace – delivery drivers are parking on the side of the main road in the morning causing extra traffic congestion.
- (ii) Cross Street Garage – ongoing issues: vehicles parked with no registration plates and problems associated with noise.

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MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Remembrance Sunday, Senghenydd – very well attended.
- (b) Members discussed the attendance at the Remembrance Service in Abertridwr – suggestion to further promote the service next year.

- (c) Waste/rubbish outside the Indian Takeaway, High Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Members were updated in respect of planning issues regarding the land on Abertridwr Square being used for a war memorial/remembrance plaque.
- (e) Residents parking permit request for William Street, Abertridwr.
- (f) Keep Wales Tidy – schools and community groups can apply for a grant of up to £500 for their environmental projects.

43/2014 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson attended the Remembrance Service at Abertridwr, Senghenydd and Caerphilly.

Surplus mugs to commemorate the centenary of the joint communities of Senghenydd and Abertridwr – Members agreed to give them to the Aber Valley Heritage Group.

44/2014 **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.
- (c) Town & Community Councils – Financial Management.
- (d) Senghenydd Community Centre – Christmas Dinner.
- (e) Caerphilly Community Chorus – Christmas Choral Celebration.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) St Cenydd Community School – Possible Funding for PE Department

Members considered the request from St Cenydd Community School PE Department requesting financial support of £70 for the entry fees for the URDD National 7s taking place in Llanelli on 18th & 19th March 2015.

It was agreed that the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £70.

(b) Standing Orders

It was agreed to amend the Standing Orders adopted by Council on March 12th 1986 – a sub group to be set up to discuss the amendments.

(c) Christmas Lighting – Replacements

Members agreed to purchase new Christmas lighting to replace the units that have been found faulty and beyond economical repair. The Clerk to contact Elsbury Access Platforms to order replacements - £90 + VAT each.

(d) Aber Valley Community Council Brochure

The Clerk to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the requirements for the Community Council brochure – all Members requested to be invited to attend.

Quotations from a number of printing companies were presented at the meeting – Members agreed to proceed with Millcastle Print Limited.

(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) Christmas Tree Festival – Financial Assistance

Due to the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival now taking place this year; Members discussed a potential request for financial assistance from the Parish of Eglwysilan that would be received before the next Community Council meeting.

It was agreed that the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £250 (the same as previous years).

(g) Autumn/Winter Weed Control

Members identified areas to be included in the Autumn/Winter Weed Control taking place week commencing 24th November 2014 – the Clerk to complete and return the work schedule.

45/2014 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th December 2014** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council