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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015
4. Matters Arising
5. Police Matters
6. Members Matters
7. Chairperson's Report
8. Clerk's Report (attached)
9. Next meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 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 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 to date, including a balance sheet, is available for Members to examine.

#### (b) Christmas Competition

The winners of the Christmas competition for the best decorated properties in the Aber Valley are listed below:

Abertridwr:	33 Dan-y-Graig
Senghenydd:	35 Tan y Bryn

#### (c) Llamau – Grant Received £100

A letter has been received from Llamau thanking the community council for the kind and generous donation to Llamau's Christmas Appeal.

#### (d) Data Protection/Freedom of Information Awareness Raising Sessions

Data Protection/Freedom of Information Awareness Training to be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 5.00 pm at Penallta House – Members are invited to attend.

#### (e) Local Emergency Centre at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

An e-mail has been received from Julian Hayman on behalf of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Engagement Team to provide us with information on the Local Emergency Centre at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr. He would like to attend a community council meeting to briefly introduce the Engagement Team to Members.

#### (f) Aber Valley Heritage Artefacts

Minutes of the community council meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009 relating to heritage museum artefacts will be presented at the meeting.

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

#### (a) Income Tax Contribution

The amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments with regards to the Clerk's salary for November, December and January is £315.00.

Will Members authorise the payment?

**(b) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution**

It has been the practice of the Community Council to pay a donation to Cavanna's on Senghenydd Square as they allow for the Christmas lights attached to their premises to be connected to their electricity supply.

Will Members authorise a contribution?

**(c) Stationery**

A request from the Clerk to purchase stationery/paper/ink cartridges as necessary for the community council office.

Will Members approve the request?

**(d) Elsbury Access Platforms – New Christmas Lighting**

An invoice has been received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the purchase of new Christmas lighting – £1,105.16 (including VAT).

Will Members authorise payment of the invoice?

**(e) Digital Systems UK**

An invoice has been received from Digital Systems UK for photocopying charges - £7.44 (including VAT).

Will Members authorise payment of the invoice?

**(f) Applications for Financial Assistance**

It is the practice of the Community Council to consider applications for financial assistance on a twice-yearly basis in January and July of each financial year. The following applications have been received for consideration at the January 2016 Community Council meeting:

- (i) Dance Unity Formation Teams
- (ii) Bethel Baptist Church Youth
- (iii) Caerphilly & District Twinning Association

**(g) Licence – Abertridwr Library**

An invoice has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the rental of the room in Abertridwr Library - £260.00.

Will Members authorise payment of the invoice?

**(h) Council Tax Base Notification**

Notification has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council Head of Corporate Finance that the council tax base for the Aber Valley is 2,005.88 Band D equivalent dwellings. The precept will be paid for the new financial year in two equal instalments on the last working day of April and August 2016, as in previous years.

The Community Council has to provide the Precept figure for 2016/17 by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016, in order to expedite the setting of next year's Council Tax.

(i) **Annual Estimates/Council Tax Precept**

Outlined below is a schedule of expenditure to date for 2015/16 and the likely expenditure to the end of this financial year.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Original Estimate 2015/16 £</b>	<b>Expenditure to Date 2015/16 £</b>	<b>Approx Expenditure 2015/16 £</b>
Grants	4,500.00	3,800.00	4,500.00
Affiliations/Meetings/Rent	1,200.00	663.00	923.00
Telephone	320.00	158.38	218.00
Photocopying/Stationery	120.00	19.80	120.00
Computer Support/Printing	200.00	0.00	80.00
Postage	100.00	93.24	93.24
Salary	6,300.00	5,145.00	6,300.00
Special Projects	20,890.00	8,720.30	16,250.00
Audit	500.00	445.00	445.00
Insurance	850.00	634.38	634.38
Contingencies	1,000.00	39.33	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£35,980.00</b>	<b>£19,718.43</b>	<b>£30,563.62</b>

**Estimates of Expenditure for 2016/17**

Outlined below is a schedule of expenditure for 2016/17.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimates 2016/17</b>
Grants	£8,000.00
Affiliations/Meetings/Training	£650.00
Rent	£520.00
Telephone	£300.00
Stationery/Photocopying	£120.00
Computer Support/Printing	£200.00
Postage	£120.00
Salary	£6,705.00
Audit (internal & external)	£500.00
Insurance	£850.00
Hendre Play Area Maintenance	£850.00
Website Maintenance	£500.00
Christmas Lighting/Replacements	£2,300.00
Election Costs	£2,500.00
*Special Projects ( <i>outlined below</i> )	£11,765.00
Contingencies	£1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£36,880.00</b>

*\*With regards to Special Projects, the following has been suggested:*

Community Council Projects/Joint Projects	£10,000.00
Senghenydd Water Play Feature	£1,000.00
Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph	£150.00
Community Council Presentation Evening	£400.00
Annual Service of Remembrance (May) Flowers	£45.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Armistice Day)	£25.00
Annual Service of Remembrance (October) Flowers	£45.00
Christmas Lights Competition	£100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,765.00</b>

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The total expenditure suggested for 2016/17 is £36,880.00**

Below is the recommendation for Members to consider:

PRECEPT - £29,500 (same level as last year)
Giving a Band 'D' equivalent property paying £14.71 ( <i>£14.78 last year</i> )
£7,380 remainder to be taken from balances

### **Community Council Account Balances**

- Community Directplus Account: £34,995.05 as at 14/01/16  
*Approximately £24,149.86 at the end of the financial year*
- Business Select Instant Access Account: £13,601.11 as at 14/01/16  
*Approximately £13,601.11 at the end of the financial year*

### **Total Balance**

£48,596.16 as at 14/01/2016

*Approximately £37,750.97 at the end of the financial year*

Can Members approve the annual estimates and confirm the Precept amount for 2016/17.

## **3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995**

The following application for the determination of updated planning conditions to be attached to the planning permission has been received under the provisions of the above Act and I shall be glad to know whether you wish to make any observations, in writing, on this proposal.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DEVELOPER: Mr C Payne, 24 Central Avenue, Cefn Fforest, Blackwood, NP12 3LE.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: First periodic review of planning conditions (Environment Act 1995)

LOCATION: The Senghenydd Minerals Site, Graig-yr-hufen Road, Senghenydd, Caerphilly.

GRID REFERENCE 311236(E) 191408(N)

In accordance with statutory requirements, it is necessary to determine the application within a specific period and it is essential therefore that any observations should be received by me within **21 days** from the date of this communication. In the event of no reply being received from you, it may be assumed that you have no observations to offer and the determination of the application will be proceeded with.

(b) **Case Ref. 15/0751/FULL Site Area: 119m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: 155 Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4GA**

**Proposal:** Demolish existing extension and rebuild with amendments to window openings and external features

**Applicant:** Mrs P Beckett, 155 Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4GA

**Agent:** Mr P Seaborne, 12 Burnet Drive, Blackwood, NP12 2FN