
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: B. Morris

01/2016

PUBLIC MATTERS

Residents of William Street, Cross Street and Thomas Street, Abertridwr attended the meeting to discuss parking issues, volume of traffic, street lighting, litter, dog litter and illicit tipping.

The following issues were raised by residents of William Street, Abertridwr:

Councillor G. Bowen declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

- William Street is used as a parking area for all the amenities/facilities on Abertridwr Square – residents are unable to park their vehicles when they return home
- Large delivery vehicles turning down William Street, parking on double yellow lines and blocking the road
- Vehicles speeding through William Street
- Vehicles using Cross Street as a turning point
- Vehicles parked in the rear lanes
- Continuous illicit tipping in rear lane – problems associated with rats
- Poor street lighting
- Dog litter

A number of suggestions were put forward by the residents:

- Resident parking only – the criteria for resident parking only was discussed
- Additional parking facilities
- One way system
- Access only
- Speed lines
- Dog Warden patrols

Members identified the need for a reasonable approach that meets the needs of the residents but does not impact on the amenities and facilities on Abertridwr Square.

Members suggested that residents of William Street, Cross Street and Farm Close, Abertridwr individually write to the Chief Engineer at Caerphilly County Borough Council to state all the issues relating to the volume of traffic and parking and request the suggestions that were put forward to Members.

Residents to keep the Community Council updated on any response/s to take forward and support.

Double yellow line enforcement was raised at the Police Community Meeting in which the Police advised they will be more visual in the Aber Valley.

Illicit tipping / dog litter – continuously being reported to Caerphilly County Borough Council by the Community Council and Members.

Street lighting – new and cannot be changed.

The following issues were raised by residents of Thomas Street, Abertridwr:

Welsh Kebabs (takeaway on Abertridwr Square) is not adhering to closing times – Councillor J. Taylor to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council and Councillor L. Binding to speak to the owners regarding concerns raised.

Litter – residents were informed of the 'Aber Valley Litter Watch' Facebook page. Residents to put the Caerphilly County Borough Council service request/reference number on the page in order that work can be monitored to ensure it is completed within the specified timescale.

02/2016 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10th December 2015 were approved as a true record.

03/2016 **MATTERS ARISING**

135/2014 (129/2014 (d)) The wheelie bins have not been removed from the pavement area at Thomas Street and William Street, Abertridwr (the Clerk has reported this issue to Caerphilly County Borough Council several times) – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for clarification on what action has been taken.

135/2014 (129/2014 (c)) The litter bin at the turning area on King Street, Abertridwr is being used for household waste – a Caerphilly County Borough Council Officer is looking at the situation.

139/2014 (2) (b) Litter bins/dog litter bins – the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Councillor L. Binding and Simon Beacham, CCBC Senior Parks Officer, to discuss suitable locations.

04/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

05/2016

MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) The bus-stop has been removed from Coronation Terrace, Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to make enquiries regarding a replacement.
- (b) The area outside Cross Street Garage, Abertridwr has been resurfaced by Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) Compliance notice of Panteg, Abertridwr.

06/2016

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson and Members highly praised the volunteer refuse and cleansing litter picker Tom Boucher – the Clerk to send a letter to express their thanks and appreciation for all his hard work undertaken.

07/2016

CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.
- (b) The Chairperson welcomed the winners of the Aber Valley Community Council Christmas Competition and presented the prizes for the best decorated properties in Abertridwr and Senghenydd to the following:

Abertridwr: Mrs Edmunds
33 Dan-y-Graig

Senghenydd: Mrs Rowlands
35 Tan y Bryn
- (c) Llamau – Grant Received £100.
- (d) Data Protection/Freedom of Information Awareness Raising Sessions.
- (e) Local Emergency Centre at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr – the Clerk to invite Julian Hayman, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Engagement Team, to the next meeting.
- (f) Aber Valley Heritage Artefacts.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Income Tax Contribution

Members authorised the amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments for November, December and January - £315.00.

(b) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution

Members agreed to pay a contribution to the shopkeeper on Senghenydd Square for allowing the Community Council to connect to their electricity supply for the Christmas lighting attached to their premises.

(c) Stationery

Members authorised the Clerk to purchase stationery/paper/ink cartridges as necessary.

(d) Elsbury Access Platforms – New Christmas Lighting

Invoice received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the purchase of new Christmas lighting – £1,105.16 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(e) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £7.44 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(f) Applications For Financial Assistance

Members declared interests on those applications in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and took no further part in the discussions on those individual applications.

Members considered applications for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

- (i) Dance Unity Formation Teams – deferred (further information required)
- (ii) Bethel Baptist Church Youth – £200.00
- (iii) Caerphilly & District Twinning Association – £50.00

(g) Licence – Abertridwr Library

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for room rental at Abertridwr Library – £260.00. Members authorised the payment.

(h) Council Tax Base Notification

The Clerk to inform Caerphilly County Borough Council of the Precept details for 2016/17 by 28th February 2016.

(i) Annual Estimates/Council Tax Precept

Members considered the recommendations for the annual estimates for 2016/17 and confirmed the Precept amount of £29,500.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995

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.

The Clerk to write to Caerphilly County Borough Council to request the conditions imposed are no less than the current conditions and the determination is made within the regulatory timescale.

- (b) **Case Ref. 15/0751/FULL Site Area: 119m²**
Location: 155 Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4GA
Proposal: Demolish existing extension and rebuild with amendments to window openings and external features

08/2016 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th February 2016** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council