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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor J. Taylor

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

2627/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10th January 2013 were approved as a true record.

2628/13 MATTERS ARISING

2620/13 (2613/12 b) Site at Graig-yr-Hufen

Councillor J. Taylor updated Members on the current situation.

2621/13 (a) Off Road Bikes / Quad Bikes

Members stated the signage regarding off-road bikes on Senghenydd Mountain is not clear – the Clerk to contact CCBC to request the signage be improved.

2629/13 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following matters:

(i) Off-road bikes / quad bikes on Senghenydd mountain – young children riding with adults are not wearing any protective headgear.

(ii) Mobile Police Station, Abertridwr – Councillor P. Mitchell enquired as to whether the Mobile Police Station could also be held in Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact the Police to enquire.

2630/13 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

(b) The road leading from Bethel Chapel to Abertridwr is in poor condition – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(c) Adverse weather conditions / snow – the Clerk to send a letter to Marcus Lloyd, Highways Manager, to express recognition and thanks for the work carried out to clear the snow and ice.

(d) The junction at the Spar/Old Police Station, Abertridwr – cars are continuing to park on the corner of the junction.

2631/13 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson has been invited to the St Cenydd Presentation Evening on Wednesday 20th March 2013.

2632/13 CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

(a) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.

(b) 5-Man Team – the area opposite the old Saw Mills in Senghenydd was not properly completed.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Don Elsbury Sales Limited – Christmas Lighting

Invoice received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, removal and storage of the Christmas lighting – £1,103.40 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(b) Play Facility at Hendre, Abertridwr, Inspection and Maintenance Costs

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the 2011-2012 inspection and maintenance costs for the play facility at Hendre Abertridwr - £930.00 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(c) Election Recharge

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the election charges for the Community Council elections held in May - £1,630.21. Members authorised the payment.

(d) Town & Community Joint Liaison Committee Subscription 2011/12 and 201/13

Two invoices received from the Clerk of the Town & Community Joint Liaison Committee:

Subscription 2011/12 - £100
Subscription 2012/13 - £100

Members authorised the payments.

(3) ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Printing Re-charges

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for printing recharges (Horticultural Show Booklet) - £112.68 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(b) Websites for Town & Community Councils

The Clerk informed Members of possible future funding to assist in the development of a Website for the Community Council – the Clerk to keep members updated.

(c) Room Rental at Abertridwr Library

Members confirmed the Community Council wish to continue with the room rental at Abertridwr Library – the Clerk to send a letter of confirmation to Gareth Evans.

(d) Aber Valley Gardening Society

Members discussed a letter received from Barbara Turton informing the Community Council that the officers of the Gardening Society feel that they can no longer manage the physical workload associated with putting on the Annual Horticultural Show.

(e) British Red Cross – Financial Assistance

A letter was received from British Red Cross thanking the Community Council for the financial support.

(f) GAVO – Caerphilly Basin & Aber Valley Voluntary Sector Forum

Members were informed of the Caerphilly Basin & Aber Valley Voluntary Sector Forum to be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013.

(g) Aber Valley Cycle Track

The Clerk informed Members of a meeting with Groundwork on Friday 15th February 2013 regarding the cycle track project.

2633/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th March 2013** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm