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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Members were reminded that it is their responsibility and duty to declare any interest in any matter being discussed at the Community Council meeting.

26/2016 PUBLIC MATTERS

No members of the public in attendance.

27/2016 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the community council meeting held on 10th March 2016 were approved as a true record.

28/2016 MATTERS ARISING

21/2016 (i)

An increase and cars and delivery vehicles parking illegally and inappropriately – the Clerk to write a letter to all shops and organisations in the Aber Valley to express the concerns of the Community Council and request they ask their customers to park legally and sensibly.

29/2016 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) 'Your Voice' Police meeting to be held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at the YMCA, Abertridwr – Councillor P. Mitchell to e-mail the information to the Clerk for distribution.

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MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Illicit tipping on the banking area at the Four Terraces in Senghenydd (which has previously been reported but not cleared) – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to make enquiries.
- (b) Illicit tipping/fridge in the lane at the top of High Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) Members discussed the issues regarding reporting methods and timescales allocated for illicit tipping.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

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CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.
- (b) Well-being Objectives 2016/17.
- (c) Notice of Vacancy – Co-option.
- (d) SYDIC Funding.
Councillor M. E. Battle and Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.
- (e) Public Spaces Protection Order Relating to Dog Control.
- (f) Policy Brief for Community/Town Councils.
- (g) Kidney Wales Foundation – Walk for Life.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Aber Valley Arts Festival

Councillor M. E. Battle and Councillor E. P. Prendergast declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members considered the request for financial support from Undercurrents towards the running costs of the Aber Valley Arts Festival to be held on 8th-15th October 2016.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £1,500.

(b) Re-Dedication of the War Memorial – Application for Financial Assistance

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

Members considered the request from Aber Valley Heritage Group for financial support towards the costs related to the Re-Dedication of the War Memorial.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the request in the sum of up to £400.00.

(c) Re-Dedication of the War Memorial – Invitation

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

Members are invited to the Re-Dedication Service to be held on Sunday 8th May 2016 (the Anniversary of “Victory in Europe Day”), commencing at 10.30 am – the Clerk to purchase a wreath.

(d) Millcastle Print Ltd

An invoice has been received from Millcastle Print Ltd for the printing of 3000 Aber Valley Community Council directories – £600.00. Members authorised the payment.

(e) Aber Valley Community Council Directories

Members approved for Direct Mail Distribution to deliver the Aber Valley Community Council Directories to all residences in the Aber Valley – the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(f) Internal Audit

Members appointed Mr Terry Williams as the Internal Auditor for the Community Council’s accounts, for the financial year ending 31st March 2016 and approved the fee of £150.00.

(g) Community Council Representative – Ysgol Ifor Bach

Members informed the next Community Council Representative at Ysgol Ifor Bach should be nominated by Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn Community Council – the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(h) Memorial Bench – Invoice

An invoice has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the memorial bench dedicated to all the men and boys who died in the Senghenydd Universal Colliery Disasters, to be situated in Penyrheol Cemetery – £846.00.

The following donations have been received towards the cost of the bench, and were banked into the 2015/16 budget:

Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn Community Council – £180.00
Senghenydd Past and Present – £465.10

The total amount has been earmarked from the 2015/16 budget to be paid in this financial year. Members authorised the payment.

(i) Town & Community Council Liaison Committee - Account

Members considered a request from the Clerk to the Town and Community Council Liaison Committee for a replacement cheque (cheque number 402284) for the 2015/16 annual fee – £100. The cheque was not presented within 6 months due to ongoing issues with setting up a new bank account. Members authorised a replacement cheque and requested cheque number 402284 to be returned.

(j) Community Infrastructure Levy Agreement

Members agreed for the Clerk to sign and return the Community Infrastructure Levy Agreement so that if funds are available for the Community Council they can be paid at the appropriate time.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Case Ref. 16/0216/COU Site Area: 98m²

Location: 1 High Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4DD

Proposal: Convert ground floor bicycle sales and repair shop to a one bedroom residential accommodation

Applicant: Aber Cycles, Mrs ED Rees, 16 Heol Serth, Penyrheol, Caerphilly, CF83 2AN

(b) Case Ref. 16/0189/NCC Site Area: 1192m²

Location: Land Rear of 2-18 Kingsley Place, Senghenydd, Caerphilly

Proposal: Vary conditions 3 and 4 of planning application 07/0673/NCC (residential development) to extend the period for the submission of reserved matters

Applicant: Mr W Willetts c/o Agent

(c) Case Ref. 16/0285/FULL Site Area: 451m²

Location: Hill View Poultry - Caerllwyn Farm, Bryncoed Terrace To Cefn-Llwyd Farm, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4FG

Proposal: Site a mobile home for use as a temporary agricultural workers dwelling for a 3 year period

Applicant: Mrs J McDermot Hill View Poultry - Caerllwyn Farm, Bryncoed Terrace To Cefn-Llwyd Farm, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4FG

33/2016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th May 2016** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council