
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2019

PRESENT:

Chairperson: E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, D. Daniels, A. Diblasi,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor, P. Yandle

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: T. Richards,

A two minutes silence was held for Steffan Lewis, the Plaid Cymru AM, and Jack Humphreys, the former Clerk for the Aber Valley Community Council.

01/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

02/2019 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

03/2019 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 13th December 2018 were approved as a true record.

04/2019 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Minute reference: 108/2018 (4) (a)
- Members reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council is proposing to cut the remaining funding for the Senghenydd Waterplay Feature. The Aber Valley County Borough Councillors will present the petition to save the Aber Valley Waterplay Feature, which has over 470 signatures, to Caerphilly County Borough Council on behalf of the Community Council. Members were concerned that Senghenydd Waterplay Feature is also in need of repair and maintenance.
- (ii) Minute reference: 108/2018 (4) (c)
- Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request a report of the work that was undertaken by the Community Cleansing Team during the week commencing 7th January 2019

- (iii) Minute reference: 108/2018 (6) (i)
Fighting Dragons Karate Association have been running self-defence classes in the community.
- (iv) Minute reference: 109/2018 (b)
An e-mail was received from Caerphilly County Borough Council informing that Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr was originally highlighted as a resurfacing candidate in March 2016 and was upgraded to a more urgent candidate in June 2018. This route now sits within the top 15 priority sites. The budget allocations have not yet been finalised for 2019/20, so CCBC is unable to confirm that Bryngelli Terrace will for part of the 2019/20 resurfacing programme. The budgets will be set by the end of January 2019 and a subsequent list of resurfacing routes will be finalised during March.
- (v) Minute reference: 109/2018 (d)
Members reported that the Connect2 bus service will be running a pilot scheme at Plas Cwm Parc in Senghenydd. A leaflet drop will be undertaken so that the residents at Plas Cwm Park will be aware of the service.
- Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor J. Taylor to contact the Connect2 bus service to request another trial run at Edwards Terrace in Abertridwr with them present to see the issues that Connect2 are experiencing.

05/2019 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

06/2018 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (i) The Chairperson had nothing to report.

07/2019 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) **Current Financial Situation**

- (a) Councillor J. Roberts has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 321 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(2) **Income**

- (a) No income has been received.

(3) **Expenditure**

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:

- (i) Digital Systems UK - £11.10 (including VAT)
(ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £260.00

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk’s salary and related costs for Month 9.

(4) A.O.B.

(a) GDPR Audit Report and Action Plan

Members received a draft copy of the following documents for inspection:
Data Protection Policy
Data Security Incident Report
Data Retention Policy

(b) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution

Members agreed to pay a donation of £50.00 to Cavanna’s on Senghenydd Square as the Community Council’s Christmas Lights attached to their premises is connected to their electricity supply.

(c) Internal Auditor 2018/19

Members agreed for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements to appoint an Internal Auditor for the financial year ending March 2019.

(d) Local Government Finance Training

Members approved a request from the Clerk to attend Advanced Local Government Finance Training to be held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at Bedwas Council Offices, at a cost of £60.00.

(e) Precept 2019/20

Members approved the annual estimates for 2019/20 and confirmed the Precept amount of £38,000 – the Clerk to inform Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Members also approved the budget plan for 2019/20.

(f) Aber Valley YMCA Annual General Meeting

Members were informed that the Aber Valley AGM will be held on Monday 28th January 2019 at 8.00 pm. All Members are invited to attend.

(5) Applications for Financial Assistance

Members considered the following applications for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

- (i) Caerphilly Boxing Club – £150.00
- (ii) Home Start Caerphilly Borough – £50.00
- (iii) NEXO – £150.00

(6) Planning Applications

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in any discussions.

- (a) Case Ref. 18/0976/COU Site Area: 127m²
Location: 128 Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4GB
Proposal: Change the use from shop with house to dwelling with alteration to front elevation.

- (b) Case Ref. 18/1072/FULL Site Area: 126m²
Location: 1 Riverside Court, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4HB
Proposal: Erect a two storey side extension and one additional car parking space.

08/2019

MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Members expressed their deepest sympathy for the passing of the former Clerk to the Aber Valley Community Council, Jack Humprheys. Members asked the Clerk to send a card to Mrs Humprheys to express their sincere condolences. Members also asked the Clerk to organise flowers or a donation and delegated powers to the Chairperson to authorise.
- (b) Three lights on the Senghenydd Cenotaph are not working – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) Police have been stopping vehicles with no insurance. Members noted that new insurance can take up to 28 days to go on the database.
- (d) The Hearing with Tim Richards at Cardiff Crown Court regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr will be held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 10.00 am.
- (e) Members have been contacted by residents of Abertridwr requesting the removal of double yellow lines on High Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to ask if a review of the double yellow lines on High Street can be undertaken.
- (f) Incomplete and unsatisfactory repairs and maintenance works at Parish Place, Senghenydd.
- (g) Further to complaints received regarding the area of land at the rear lane of Caerphilly Road in Senghenydd, Caerphilly County Borough Council has advised Members that the works going on there are appropriate.
- (h) A request has been received from the voluntary litter picker for a road sweeper – Councillor D. Daniels to ask the voluntary litter picker to contact Councillor J. Roberts.

09/2018

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th February 2019** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council