
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT:

Chairperson: E. P. Prendergast
Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, D. Daniels, A. Diblasi, T. Richards,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor, P. Yandle
Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Binding, Gwent Police

10/2019 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.

11/2019 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

12/2019 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 17th January 2019 were approved as a true record.

13/2019 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Minute reference: 04/2019 (i)
Members received a budget update from Caerphilly County Borough Council. The withdrawal of funding for community schemes such as Senghenydd Splash Park will be deferred for a year to allow a period of 12 months' notice, upon which funding will be withdrawn.
- (ii) Minute reference: 04/2019 (ii)
Members received a report from Caerphilly County Borough Council of the work undertaken by the Community Cleansing Team during the week commencing 7th January 2019. Several loads were collected from Bryn Aber in Abertridwr and adjacent streets, the rear of High Street in Abertridwr and the lane behind Cavannas on Senghenydd Square. They will also endeavour to cleanse the areas of concern reported by Councillor J. Roberts.

- (iii) Minute reference: 04/2019 (iv)
Members raised concerns regarding the poor condition of the road at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr and asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to make a further request to resurface this area.
- (iv) Minute reference: 04/2019 (v)
Members were informed that the Connect2 bus service has undertaken a trial run around the Bryn Aber/Edwards Terrace area. A number of issues were discussed – Councillor A. Diblasi is liaising with Connect2 and will keep Members updated.
- (v) Minute reference: 08/2019 (d)
Members were informed that the pre-trial hearing with Tim Richards regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr took place at Cardiff Crown Court on 23rd January 2019. The trial will take place on 22nd February 2019.
- (vi) Minute reference: 08/2019 (e)
Members received an e-mail from Caerphilly County Borough Council in response to the request for a review of the double yellow lines on High Street in Abertridwr. Members were advised that any changes requested to existing parking restrictions would require the full traffic regulation order procedure to be followed. The list of new traffic orders is quite extensive and is likely to take a significant amount of time to deliver. Also, in view of the fact that CCBC will be taking on CPE in April it would be beneficial to wait and see what impact the increased level of enforcement has prior to progressing any new parking related traffic orders. Once they have agreed a mechanism for delivering the next batch of orders with their Cabinet Member they will contact individual Ward Members to advise on the way forward.

14/2019 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

15/2018 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (i) The Chairperson had nothing to report.

16/2019 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 322 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) British Telecom – £52.24 (including VAT).
 - (ii) Elsbury Access Platforms – £969.96 (including VAT).
- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk’s salary and related costs for Month 10.

(4) CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Youth Summer School – Aber Valley YMCA

Members asked the Clerk to write a letter of support for Aber Valley YMCA towards their funding application to the Arts Council to run a Youth Summer School based around art, dance and drama, with Artis Community & Ransack as project partners.

(b) Traffic Regulation Order Consolidation - Statutory Consultation

Members received an e-mail from Rachel Hurn, Assistant Engineer at Caerphilly County Borough Council, informing that as part of the preparations for the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement across Caerphilly County Borough, they are now in a position to progress the Traffic Regulation Order to consolidate all existing parking and waiting restrictions. As part of this process, they are required to consult all Statutory Consultees before advertising the new Order in the press. They are unable to progress any changes to the extents of existing restrictions or requests for additional restrictions. This exercise is being carried out in order to standardise all existing restrictions, which is required as part of their application to Welsh Government, to enable effective and consistent enforcement across the Borough.

(c) Auditor General for Wales – Financial Management and Governance

Members received the following two national reports related to community and town councils, which have recently been published by The Auditor General for Wales:

- Financial Management and Governance – Town and Community Councils 2017-18: sets out the Auditor General’s overall conclusions from his audit work.
- Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales: reports on the Auditor General’s study on internal audit functions in the sector.

The Clerk provided an update and overview to Members on the current situation regarding internal and external audit for Aber Valley Community Council.

(4) A.O.B.

(a) GDPR Audit Report & Action Plan

Members approved and adopted the following documents:

- Data Protection Policy
- Data Security Incident Procedure
- Data Retention Policy

(b) Byelaws – Land Drainage

Members received a copy of the Land Drainage Byelaws which, in accordance with Section 8(6) of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, has now been confirmed by the Welsh Ministers. A copy of the Land Drainage Byelaws will be kept in Abertridwr Library and will be available for Members and public inspection at all reasonable time.

(c) Flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd

Members were notified that the current arrangements for planting the troughs of spring and summer flowers to be placed at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd has ceased.

Members agreed for the Clerk to purchase four troughs of daffodils from Caerphilly Garden Centre at a cost of £150.00. Members also asked the Clerk to contact the four schools in the Aber Valley to ask if they would like to provide a trough of summer flowers to be placed around the Cenotaph in Senghenydd for the summer period.

(5) Applications for Financial Assistance

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

- (i) Dance Unity – deferred to the July meeting.
- (ii) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – awaiting completion of an Application for Financial Assistance Form.

(6) Planning Applications

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in any decisions.

- (a) Case Ref. 18/1079/FULL Site Area: 1211m²
Location: Land at Grid Ref 312302 188899, Bronmynydd, Abertridwr
Proposal: Erect one dwelling
- (b) Case Ref. 18/1090/FULL Site Area: 6470m²
Location: Land at Grid Ref 312302 188899, Bronmynydd, Abertridwr
Proposal: Erect four dwellings

In relation to the two planning applications listed above (a) and (b), Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to ask how they are going to ensure pedestrian access to the top row of Bronmynydd and who is going to be responsible for the pedestrian access in the future.

- (c) Case Ref. 19/0036/FULL Site Area: 237m²
Location: 46 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED
Proposal: Convert existing integrated garage into a lounge/cinema room

17/2019

MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) The planning application for Graig Terrace in Senghenydd has been granted.
- (b) The Undercurrents AGM will be held on 27th March 2019.

- (c) Councillor J. Taylor gave his apologies for the next Community Council meeting.

18/2018 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council