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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: L. Binding

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, T. Richards, J. Roberts, M. Stretch,  
P. Yandle

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: D. Daniels, A. Diblasi, E. P. Prendergast, J. Taylor

**19/2019 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.

**20/2019 PUBLIC MATTERS**

No public matters.

**21/2019 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved as a true record.

**22/2019 MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Minute reference: 13/2019 (iii)

Members received a response from Caerphilly County Borough Council informing that their planned resurfacing sites should be finalised by the end of March 2019, but until this is completed they cannot confirm with any certainty that Bryngelli Terrace will be treated. The route will be due a routine safety inspection in the third week of March, so any actionable defects found at that time will be repaired.

(ii) Minute reference: 16/2019 (4) (c)

Councillor E. P. Prendergast and Councillor D. Berry will arrange the summer flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd. Members agreed for any subsequent costs to be reimbursed.

23/2019

**POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members Police Matters:

- (i) Councillor L. Binding has contacted the Police and left several messages with a number of Officers regarding antisocial behaviour at the YMCA in Abertridwr – no response from the Police has been received.

24/2018

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (i) The Chairperson had nothing to report.

25/2019

**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 323 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 Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs for Month 11.

**(4) CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Membership of One Voice Wales 2019/20

Members resolved not to join One Voice Wales.

- (b) Presentation on the Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly

Councillor L. Binding and Councillor J. Roberts attended the presentation on the Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly at Penallta House and provided an overview for Members of the Community Council.

**(5) A.O.B.**

- (a) Community Council Office Printer

Caerphilly County Borough Council IT Services has inspected the office printer and advised that it is beyond economical repair. Members agreed for the Clerk to purchase a new printer and delegated powers to the Chairperson to approve the cost. Caerphilly County Borough Council IT Services to dispose of the old printer.

(b) Financial Administration

Members approved the following items to be earmarked from the 2018/19 budget to the 2019/20 budget for projects that have been authorised but not completed or for invoices that will not be processed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Website Maintenance – £600.00

SWALEC: Unmetered Christmas Lighting – £60.00

As agreed the balance of the Forward Work Programme budget for 2018/19 will be carried forward to 2019/20.

(c) Internal Audit 2018/19

Members agreed the appointment of Mr Terry Williams to undertake the internal audit for the financial year ending March 2019.

**(6) Planning Applications**

(a) Case Ref. 19/0117/FULL

Location: Senghenydd United Reform Church Commercial Street

Senghenydd Proposal: Disabled access improvements to include alterations to pedestrian access including new ramp, front gates, steps and associated balustrading.

**26/2019**

**FRIENDS OF ABERTRIDWR PARK ASSOCIATION SURVEY**

Councillor L. Binding reported on the on the responses of the Friends of Abertridwr Park Survey. The Friends of Abertridwr Park Association are in the process of setting up a meeting with Simon Beacham, the Area Parks Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, and other key people to present the results to them. Members asked Councillor L. Binding to thank the representatives of the Friends of Abertridwr Park Association for their work.

**27/2019**

**MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

(a) Illicit tipping at Grove Terrace, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(b) Members discussed the area of land in front of Grove Terrace, Senghenydd.

(c) Members discussed the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr.

The Chair and Clerk advised Councillor T. Richards to sign a declaration of interest form. Councillor T. Richards signed a Declaration of Interest Form.

Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request a full written update/report, including the intentions of Caerphilly County Borough Council going forward, now that the court case has concluded. Members also asked the Clerk to invite an Officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council to a future meeting to discuss the issue.

(d) Dangerous parking at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council. Councillor J. Roberts suggested putting together a list of all the areas that incur problems with parking before Enforcement comes into place.

- (e) Councillor J. Roberts updated Members on the Aber Valley Partnership Health Board presentation.
- (f) Councillor J. Roberts is meeting with David Chamberlain, the Arts Development Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, to walk through the valley with a view of using the history of the Aber Valley to organise a literature and sculpture trail.
- (g) Illicit tipping behind High Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (h) The overgrowth around the bus stop area at the end of Graig-y-Fedw has been cleared and residents are now using the area of land behind the bus stop, which has been cleared and levelled, to park their vehicles.
- (i) Members discussed issues relating to brown wheelie bins not being emptied and given a red sticker due to contamination. Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to find out what plans they have in place to educate people to recycle correctly.
- (j) Illicit tipping at the rear of Hendre Lane, Abertridwr – Councillor L. Binding is meeting with Officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council next week to discuss.
- (k) From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 people will have to show identification at all recycling centres to prove they live in the Caerphilly County Borough.
- (l) Councillor L. Binding is setting up a new Facebook page called Rear Lane Watch which will be linked to the Litter Watch Facebook page.

**28/2019**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**  
**Aber Valley Community Council**