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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: E. P. Prendergast

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

Police: PC Adams, CSO Hadsi-Aghalar

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:** None

**29/2019 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.

**30/2019 PUBLIC MATTERS**

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the following issues:

- (i) Persistent problems with illicit tipping in a number of lanes throughout the Aber Valley. Members are aware of this issue and are liaising with Officers at Caerphilly County Borough Council to address this problem. Members and Officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council are working together to clean the lane being High Street in Abertridwr and to find a permanent solution to prevent illicit tipping in this area.
- (ii) Cannabis being dumped at the Top Rock area – enforcement requested.
- (iii) A litter pick in the Aber Valley will take place on 19/04/2019 with Keep Wales Tidy.

**31/2019 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**32/2019 MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Minute reference: 27/2019 (c)  
*Councillor T. Richards signed a declaration of interest form.*

Members received a response from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr. They were informed that Officers from CCBC will meet with Ward Members and the Community Council once they have discussed the matter and considered what action they can take and under what legislation. It was noted that that Community Councillors, individually and collectively, have written to Caerphilly County Borough Council numerous times to request the repair of the wall.

(ii) Minute reference: 27/2019 (d)

Members discussed a number of areas in the Aber Valley that regularly experience problems with dangerous or illegal parking. It was agreed for Members to report any areas of concern to the Clerk, who will compile a list to send to Enforcement at Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(iii) Minute reference: 27/2019 (i)

Members received a response from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding issues relating to brown wheelie bins not being emptied and given a red sticker due to contamination. They were informed that for the last three years, CCBC has worked to raise awareness of what can and cannot be recycled through a series of 'door stepping' campaigns, which aimed to remind residents of which items should be placed in which bins – the 'stickering' of bins is the next phase in raising awareness. Councillor A. Diblasi informed Members that he is arranging a meeting with an Officer from the Recycling Department at CCBC to walk around, identify and remove any misused bins.

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### **POLICE MATTERS**

PC Adams and CSO Hadsji-Aghalar of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) No calls have been received regarding anti-social behaviour in the Aber Valley.
- (b) 3 warrants have been issued for cannabis growth in the last 10 days.

Members Police Matters:

- (i) Parking on the pavement area at Church Road in Abertridwr.
- (ii) There has been no visual Police presence in the Aber Valley unless they are attending an emergency.
- (iii) There has been no speeding enforcement in the Aber Valley.
- (iv) Dangerous parking on the junction at St Anne's Garden's in Abertridwr.
- (v) Dangerous parking on the junction at the SPAR in Abertridwr.
- (vi) Members informed the Police that crimes and anti-social behaviour is regularly occurring in the Aber Valley and being reported on Facebook. The Police advised that a direct message can be sent via Facebook and a crime number will be issued.

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### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

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**NO UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP IN WALES – COUNCILLOR T. RICHARDS**

Councillor T. Richards reported on the search for a Nuclear Waste Disposal Site and proposed the following motion:

‘This Council is opposed to hosting a Geological Disposal Facility to store Nuclear Waste underground in our Valley.’

Members approved the motion and agreed for Councillor T. Richards to submit the motion to CND Cymru on behalf of the Community Council.

Members asked the Clerk to put the Notice of Motion on the Website.

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**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 324 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) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £600.00 (including VAT). For support and hosting of Website.
- (ii) One Voice Wales – £60.00 (including VAT). For 1 place on Advanced Local Finance Training.

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk’s salary and related costs for Month 12.

**(4) CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Community Cleansing Team

Members were informed that the Community Cleansing Team will be working in the Aber Valley during the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019. It was agreed that Councillor J. Roberts will co-ordinate areas for inclusion on the schedule.

**(5) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

- (i) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – no financial assistance awarded.

**(6) A.O.B.**

**(a) Christmas Lighting**

Members were informed that Elsbury Access Platforms have tested the Christmas lights and found that three of the figurines have failed the test and are not repairable. They will need to be replaced for the 2019 Christmas display to ensure all the required columns are covered. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a site meeting with Councillor E. P Prendergast, Councillor L. Binding, Councillor P. Yandle, Councillor D. Berry and Councillor M. Stretch to discuss and consider the options for recommendation at the next meeting.

**(b) Financial Regulations**

Members adopted the Financial Regulations.

**(c) Payments to Members of Community and Town Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

Members were informed that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual report states that all Community and Town Councils must make available a payment to each of their Members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses. Members agreed for the Clerk to make an adjustment to the budget for 2019/20 to incorporate this cost.

**(7) Planning Applications**

None

**37/2019 MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Fare Share Cymru – Councillor J. Roberts is linking with SYDIC and other organisations within the Valley.
- (b) The resurfacing of the road at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr will be undertaken during June/July 2019.
- (c) Members discussed the use of identification at Civic Amenity Sites and agreed that, as identification is required, trailers and small vans containing household waste should be allowed entry without having to get a ticket/permit – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to make enquiries.  
*Councillor D. Daniels signed a declaration of interest form.*

**38/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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