
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2019

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Daniels

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES: T. Richards, M. Stretch

59/2019 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.

60/2019 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

61/2019 1ST SENGHENYDD SCOUT GROUP OBSERVATION WORK

The 1st Senghenydd Group attended the meeting to give a presentation to Members on their observation work undertaken in the Senghenydd area. The following issues were raised:

- (i) Broken road and pavement surfaces at Kingsley Place.
- (ii) The Welsh Water marker at Commercial Street is full of rubbish.
- (iii) The walls at Nant-y-Parc School are broken and in need of repair.
- (iv) The Mining Memorial Wheel outside Nant-y-Parc School is in need of weeding.
- (v) Loose barbed wire and broken car parts at Commercial Street Allotments.
- (vi) Uneven road from Cross Street to JJ's Garage.
- (vii) Graffiti on the transformer in Cross Street.

Members asked the Clerk to report all the issues raised to Caerphilly County Borough Council and to liaise with the Scout Group Leader.

Members asked the Clerk to contact Nant-y-Parc School to see if they can undertake gardening work at the old Memorial site in Senghenydd.

Members of the 1st Senghenydd Scout Group suggested arranging a community litter pick every two months – the 1st Senghenydd Scout Group Leader to liaise with Community Councillors.

Members agreed for the 1st Senghenydd Scout Leader to organise the spring and summer flowers at the Senghenydd Cenotaph for next year.

Members thanked the 1st Senghenydd Scout Group for all their hard work in trying to improve the community.

62/2019 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 13th June 2019 were approved as a true record.

63/2019 **MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Minute reference: 53/2019 (iv)
Members were informed that the Aber Valley County Borough Councillors will be meeting with Officers at Caerphilly County Borough Council after 17th July 2019 regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr.
- (ii) Minute reference: 53/2019 (v)
Members were informed that the illicit tipping in the rear lane at Coedcae Road, Abertridwr will be cleared by the end of the week.
- (iii) Minute reference: 53/2019 (vi)
Members were reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Abertridwr Park Association will be held on 10th July 2019 – all Members were invited to attend.
- (iv) Minute reference: 54/2019 (i)
Members discussed a number of serious issues that have recently taken place in the Aber Valley and asked the Clerk to e-mail the Police for an update on the priority areas.
- (v) Minute reference: 57/2019 (e)
Members were informed that the resurfacing of Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr has been postponed. Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to express their concerns that the planned resurfacing has been deferred to the next financial year.

64/2019 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

65/2018 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

66/2019 **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 328 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 expenditure:

- (i) Digital Systems UK – £6.61 (including VAT). Photocopying charges.
- (ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £260.00. Room rental at Abertridwr Library.

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs for Month 3.

(4) CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Caerphilly Fireworks Display 2019

Members received a letter from the Clerk of Caerphilly Town Council requesting financial assistance towards the annual fireworks display at Caerphilly Castle, which will take place on Saturday 2nd November 2019. It was agreed the Community Council would support the request for financial assistance in the sum of £200.

- (b) Land opposite Senghenydd Health Centre

Members received notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council that they have received an application to purchase land opposite Senghenydd Health Centre to use as an allotment area.

(5) A.O.B.

- (a) Litter Bins

Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request litter bins on the route between Abertridwr and Penyrheol. Members also asked the Clerk to contact Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn Community Council to ask if they can contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to put forward the same request.

- (b) Notice of Motion – Councillor J. Taylor

Members approved the following notice of motion:

The Aber Valley Community Council notes the recent surge of support for Welsh independence by the citizens of Wales, including the march for independence in Cardiff on 11th May 2019 which drew a crowd of thousands.

Notes several Town and Community Councils' recent declarations of support for Welsh Independence.

Proposes that this Council supports the campaign for Welsh independence.

(c) Inventory

Members discussed and updated inventory as follows:

Oval Table – to be transferred to The Aber Valley Heritage Group/
Senghenydd Community Centre.

Chairs – to be transferred to The Aber Valley Heritage Group/Senghenydd
Community Centre.

(d) Remembrance Service Universal Colliery Disasters

Members were informed that the Service to commemorate both disasters at
the Universal Colliery will take place this year on 14th October 2019 at 10 am
(anniversary of the 1913 disaster) at the Welsh National and Universal
Memorial Garden in Senghenydd. Aber Valley Heritage group will send out
full details early September.

(e) Community Council Presentation Evening

Members discussed the Presentation Evening to be held on Thursday 26th
September 2019. The Clerk to liaise with Councillor L. Binding and arrange
accordingly – any costs to be reimbursed.

(f) Community Recognition Awards

Members agreed to extend the deadline for the nominations for Community
Recognition Awards to the end of August. All nomination forms will be
considered at the next meeting.

(g) Stationery

Members approved for the Clerk to purchase stationery as required.

(6) Planning Applications

(a) Case Ref: 19/0471/FULL

Location: Gleneagles, Eglwysilan, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4JG

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension and first floor extension over
garage.

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MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

(a) Councillor J. Roberts to liaise with a resident at Plas Cwm Parc to discuss
vehicle access.

(b) Members were updated on the recent road closure in Senghenydd.

(c) Illicit tipping on the area of land at the end of Lower Francis Street, Abertridwr
– Councillor J. Roberts to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council
regarding ownership of the land.

(d) The old Welsh School site is in need of attention – Councillor J. Roberts to
liaise with the Aber Valley County Borough Members to raise as an issue with
Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- (e) The area of land in front of Parc Terrace, Senghenydd has overgrown – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that it is cut back.
- (f) The bushes on the pavement area from Senghenydd Community Centre to Senghenydd Square is overgrown – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that it is cut back.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th September 2019** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council