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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor J. Taylor  
Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, J. Roberts  
Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: D. Daniels, A. Diblasi, E. P. Prendergast, T. Richards,  
M. Stretch, P. Yandle  
Gwent Police

**80/2019      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.

**81/2019      PUBLIC MATTERS**

No public matters.

**82/2019      POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

**83/2019      TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved as a true record.

**84/2019      MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Minute reference: 73/2019 (ii)  
Members received a response from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the request for two litter bins on the route between Abertridwr and Penyrheol. In regard to new bin installation CCBC has decided that no further bins are being installed at this time, resources at present will mean

they cannot guarantee a servicing regime. This area presents a problem for bin location and the majority of litter on this busy road is being discarded by cars driving along it. At present the area is cleansed on a schedule by an operative and a mechanical sweeper also services the area.

Members stated that they are posting photos of any overflowing bins directly to the Caerphilly County Borough Council Facebook site as problems and delays have been experienced when reporting via the call centre.

(ii) Minute reference: 73/2019 (iii)

A site meeting has been arranged with Officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding vehicle access at Plas Cwm Parc in Senghenydd.

(iii) Minute reference: 73/2019 (v)

A meeting has been requested with Officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the possible usage of the old Welsh School sites in Senghenydd. Members were informed that the signage has been ordered and will be in place by 18/10/19, the wall is to be inspected by 31/10/19 and the fly tipping will be cleared by 18/10/19.

**85/2018**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

No report from the Chairperson.

**86/2019**      **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 331 and a 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 6.

**(4)      Correspondence**

- (a) Audit for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Members were informed that BDO, on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales, has completed the audit for Aber Valley Community Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Members were presented with the annual return and informed that there were no matters which came to their

attention which required the issuing of a separate issues arising report. The annual return and notice of conclusion of audit has been displayed. The annual return was approved and accepted by Members.

(b) Caerphilly Road Closure

Members were informed that Caerphilly County Borough Council has given Notice under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 of a road closure at Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

(c) Letter of Resignation – Councillor P. Yandle

Members received a letter of resignation from Councillor Paul Yandle, from his role as Vice Chair and Community Councillor for Aber Valley Community Council, with effect following the meeting of the Community Council to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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

(a) Community Council Websites

Members were informed that Caerphilly County Borough Council are in the process of re-developing all Community Council websites. The website will be responsive, bilingual and have accessibility tools.

(b) Armistice Day – November 2019

Members agreed to purchase two wreaths to lay at the Abertridwr Service of Remembrance and at the Senghenydd Cenotaph to remember those killed in action during the wars – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

**(6) Applications for Financial Assistance**

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

(a) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd – £50

(b) Aber Valley YMCA (Christmas Pantomime) – £250.00

**(7) Planning Applications**

None

**87/2019**

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

Members received information and a quote from Welsh Hearts for the purchase of three outdoor defibrillators. Members were informed that the defibrillator cabinets will require connection to an electricity supply, as they are alarmed and heated, in order to maintain the efficiency of the defibrillator device during the cold weather. Members discussed suitable locations for the placement of the outdoor defibrillators and asked the Clerk to liaise with the organisations/establishments for agreement.

**88/2019**      **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) During wet weather a large pooling of water occurs outside the doors of Abertridwr Library – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) The area at the side of Abertridwr Library requires weeding and tidying – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) Illicit tipping in the rear lane at Hendre Road in Abertridwr, which has previously been reported – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) The rear of Ilan Road in Abertridwr is overgrown. Members informed that it has been reported to Caerphilly County Borough Council and is work in progress.

**89/2019**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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