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## **CALLING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the above Council will be held at **Abertridwr Community Centre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015**. The meeting will commence at 7.00 pm.

Members of the press and public are cordially invited to attend.

Sharon Hughes  
**(Clerk to the Council)**

## **AGENDA**

1. To note Members attendance and receive any apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015
3. Matters Arising
4. Police Matters
5. Members/Public Matters
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Clerk's Report (attached)
8. Next meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Senghenydd Community Centre

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## REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

### 1. SECTION 'A' – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget

A copy of the income and expenditure from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 to date, including a balance sheet, is available for Members to examine.

#### (b) Telephone Account – Community Council Office

An invoice has been received from British Telecom for £58.84 (including VAT). This payment is made by direct debit.

#### (c) Precept

Caerphilly County Borough Council has transferred the second instalment of the Precept for 2015/16 into the Community Council's bank account - £14,750.00.

#### (d) Festive Lighting Funding

A letter has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council advising the Community Council that financial support for Christmas lighting in towns and villages across the county borough has been removed as part of a long list of savings in the authority's budget setting process for 2015/16.

#### (e) Proposed Caerphilly Basin Highway Improvements

A letter has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council – the Engineering Services Division is currently working on proposals to improve the capacity of the Pwll-y-Pant roundabout (also known as the Cedar Tree roundabout), as part of the Caerphilly Basin highway improvements, to reduce heavy traffic queues at peak periods and during the day.

A plan showing the proposed highway improvement scheme for your information will be available at the community council meeting.

#### (f) Your Bus Matters!

In September and October, residents will have the opportunity to talk face-to-face with bus service providers at a series of events that will offer people the opportunity to speak directly council officers and bus company managers about any issues relating to their bus service, as well as the opportunity to suggest any changes that could be incorporated into future timetables.

## 2. **SECTION 'B' – ITEMS FOR DECISION**

### (a) **Spring Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph**

It is the custom of the Community Council to provide 4 troughs of daffodils at the Senghenydd Cenotaph every year. These need to be planted within the next few weeks to bloom in March 2015. Councillor E. P. Prendergast has offered to organise for the 4 planter boxes to be filled with daffodils.

Will members consent to the above and approve any subsequent costs to be reimbursed to Councillor E. P. Prendergast?

### (b) **Digital Systems UK**

An invoice has been received from Digital Systems UK for photocopying charges - £8.08 (including VAT).

Payment of this invoice has been made with authorisation from the Chairperson.

### (c) **Licence – Abertridwr Library**

An invoice has been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the rental of the room in Abertridwr Library - £260.00.

Payment of this invoice has been made with authorisation from the Chairperson.

### (d) **Town and Community Council Joint Liaison Committee – Invoice**

An invoice has been received from the Clerk of the Town and Community Council Joint Liaison Committee for Administration Charges - £100.00.

Will Members authorise payment of the invoice?

### (e) **Christmas Lighting**

In previous years the Community Council has used Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, removal and storage of the festive lighting for the Aber Valley.

Do Members wish to receive a quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, removal and storage of the Christmas Lighting for 2015/16?

### (f) **Applications for Financial Assistance**

The following application for financial assistance to be presented at the meeting:  
Senghenydd Sirens WRFC

### (g) **Centenary Memorial Service**

Arrangements are being made for the Centenary Memorial Service to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015. It is the custom of the Community Council to lay a wreath on that day.

Will Members authorise the purchase of a wreath?

### (h) **Annual Audit for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

Mazars (the Community Council's external auditors) have completed their work on the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and have signed and returned the certified Annual Return. On the basis of their review, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their

attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

An invoice was enclosed, which is in accordance with the fixed fee scale set by the Auditor General for Wales - £354.00 (including VAT).

Will Members authorise payment of the invoice?

**(i) Christmas Tree Festival 2015**

An e-mail has been received from Fr Gareth (part of the team of the new Benefice that incorporates the Aber Valley) regarding hosting the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter and Cenydd, Senghenydd. £250.00 has been reserved in the estimates for 2015/16.

**(j) 76 High Street, Abertridwr – Peter Prendergast Memorial Plaque**

An e-mail has been received from Judith and Steven Kings regarding the Peter Prendergast Memorial Plaque located at 76 High Street, Abertridwr. They wish to inform the community council that they have sold the house. An owners' consent form was signed at the time the plaque was put up, allowing pre-arranged access to the plaque for maintenance as required, although no-one has ever needed such access. The new owners have been informed that this may be required.

**(k) Insurance Renewal**

The Community Council's Insurance is due for renewal on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. A quote has been sought from Zurich Municipal Insurance – awaiting renewal quote (to be presented at the Community Council meeting).

**(l) Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening**

Arrangements for the presentation evening to be confirmed at the meeting.

**3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Objections were raised on behalf of Aber Valley Community Council regarding the following planning application:

**Case Ref. 15/0442/OUT Site Area: 33686m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: Land At Abertridwr Road, Penyrheol, Caerphilly**

**Proposal: Erect residential development comprising approximately 18-20 houses and 8 flats**