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# ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER

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## CALLING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the above Council will be held at **Senghenydd Community Centre on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. 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. Declarations of Interest  
Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(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.
3. Public Matters
4. To confirm the minutes of the Financial Assistance meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018
5. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018
6. Matters Arising
7. Police Matters
8. Chairperson's Report
9. Clerk's Report (attached)
10. Members Matters
11. Next meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Abertridwr Community Centre

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## REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

### 1. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

- (a) A copy of the income and expenditure for 2018/19 including a balance sheet, current bank statement and bank reconciliation will be presented at the meeting.

### 2. INCOME

- (a) The following income has been received:
- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £19,000  
The second instalment of the 2018/19 Community Council Precept

### 3. EXPENDITURE

- (a) The following invoices have been received:
- (i) British Telecom – £52.24 (including VAT). This payment has been made by direct debit.
- (ii) Microshade Business Consultants Ltd – £204.00  
DPO Service for 2018/19
- (b) Playworks One – Payroll Administration:
- (i) Clerks Salary Month 4 – £446.95  
HMRC Payment – £111.80  
Payslip Processing Fee – £5.00
- (ii) Clerks Salary Month 5 – £447.15  
HMRC Payment – £111.60  
Payslip Processing Fee – £5.00

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Insurance 2018/19  
The Community Council's Insurance is due for renewal on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Renewal documents and the policy premium received from Zurich Municipal will be presented at the meeting.
- (b) Festive Lighting 2018/19  
A quotation has been received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2018/19:  
Fitting, removal and storage per figurine – £57.50  
PAT testing per figurine – £1.60  
Figurine repair – £49.00

- (c) Aber Valley Carnival  
An e-mail has been received from Joanne Davies, who organised the Aber Valley Carnival, to thank Aber Valley Community Council for their valued contribution to this year's carnival. They purchased a new large gazebo to replace the one that was damaged last year due to the weather and hired two large generators and enough fuel to provide energy supplies to 12 stalls.
- (d) The Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme  
An e-mail has been received from The Aber Valley Heritage Group to inform the Community Council that they submitted an application for an award from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and were successful in obtaining 6 silhouettes to remember those who went to war and did not return.
- (e) Mayor's Charity Appeal 2018/19  
This year's Mayor, Councillor Michael Adams, has chosen to support the Matthew Walklin's Make a Smile Foundation during his year of office. This is a small charity based in Blackwood, which aims to improve the support available to cancer patients by the provision of additional facilities, services and equipment to improve their comfort and welfare while undergoing treatment. Councillor Adams has chosen not to hold a formal launch night for the charity appeal this year, however he is hoping to host a number of charity events. Although the Mayor is not holding a launch night he would appreciate any support and/or donations you are able to give to help raise money for this very worthy cause.
- (f) Universal Colliery Memorial Service  
An e-mail has been received from the Aber Valley Heritage Group to inform Members that the Annual Service of Remembrance for the Universal Colliery Disaster will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Welsh National and Universal Mining Memorial and Garden commencing at 10.00 am. As in previous years floral tributes may be laid by those attending however there is the option of making a donation to help towards the maintenance of the garden.
- (g) Undercurrents Arts Festival 2018 Opening Night  
An invitation has been received from the Secretary of Undercurrents to the Arts Festival Opening Night to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- (h) Sport and Active Recreation Strategy Consultation  
CCBC is undertaking a consultation on its draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. The draft strategy sets out the future purpose and direction for the provision of sport and active recreation in Caerphilly County Borough and establishes the key principles and vision which will inform future decisions and actions. The consultation period ends on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.  
<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/sars>
- (i) Local Toilet Strategy Consultation  
Under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, Caerphilly County Borough Council has a duty to prepare and publish a Local Toilet Strategy. The purpose of this strategy is to improve everyone's access to toilets in their day to day lives through better use of existing resources. The first stage is to assess the community's need for toilets, including changing facilities for babies and changing places for people with a disability. The consultation period ends on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/Consultations/Local-toilet-strategy-consultation>

(j) General Data Protection Audit Report and Action Plan for Aber Valley Community Council

The General Data Protection Regulation Audit Report and Action Plan for Aber Valley Community Council will be presented at the meeting.

5. **A.O.B.**

(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 2019.

6. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The following application for financial assistance has been received:

(a) Friends of Abertridwr Park Association

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Case Ref. 18/0570/CLEU Site Area: 120m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 73 Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4GZ (UPRN 000043090027)  
Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use as two flats

(b) Case Ref. 18/0681/OUT Site Area: 1682m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Land At Grid Ref 311602 191525 Graig Terrace Senghenydd (UPRN 000043175868)  
Proposal: Erect three detached properties

Due to the timescale for comments or enquires Councillor J. Roberts e-mailed the Clerk to seek opinion on the matter regarding whether the Community Council should respond in support of residents' concerns. After consultation with the Chairperson it was agreed for the Clerk to send an e-mail to Caerphilly County Borough Council to oppose the planning application 18/0681/OUT on behalf of the Community Council.