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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**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

Gwent Police

Clerk: S. Hughes

**93/2018      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.

**94/2018      PUBLIC MATTERS**

No public matters.

**95/2018      TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved as a true record.

**96/2018      MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Minute reference: 85/2018

Members received a response from the Chief Constable of Gwent Police informing that the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr is not a policing matter but a matter for the Local Authority in conjunction with the owner of the wall.

Members received a response off the Chief Fire Officer informing the reviewing of structures such as walls does not fall within their expertise and suggest representation is made to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Councillor L. Binding asked the Clerk to forward him the responses via e-mail.

Councillor T. Richards informed Members that he has personally contacted Cardiff Crown Court to ask for notices to be given to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- (ii) Minute reference: 87/2018 (iv)  
Councillor A. Diblasi updated Members on the current situation regarding the misuse and collection of brown wheelie bins. Further to a meeting with Gavin Thomas from Public Services at Caerphilly County Borough Council the bins have now been emptied. Councillor A. Diblasi also informed Members that United Welsh are working in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding rubbish collection.
- (iii) Minute reference: 87/2018 (iii)  
Members were informed that the turning circle at Graig-y-Fedw has been levelled.
- (iv) Minute reference: 90/2018 (4) (b)  
Members received a letter from Aber Valley YMCA thanking the Community Council for the very generous financial support towards their Annual Pantomime.
- (v) Minute reference: 91/2018 (a)  
Members were informed that the Churches in the area, including St Andrews, are doing a night shelter scheme from January to March 2019.

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### **POLICE MATTERS**

Two representatives of Gwent Police attended the meeting. The Ward Manager for the Aber Valley, PC Iwan Adams, introduced himself to Members. PC Iwan Adams discussed the recent changes to Your Voice and advised Members that the Your Voice Priority has now been passed to Councillors to raise the main issue which affects the community.

Members were concerned as they had not received any previous communication notifying them of these changes. PC Iwan Adams advised Members that he will send a letter to them regarding the changes and agreed to attend the next Community Council meeting to discuss the Your Voice Priority for the Aber Valley.

PC Iwan Adams informed Members that a representative of Gwent Police will then attend the Community Council meeting every month to update them on the Your Voice Priority.

Members discussed a number of priorities for Abertridwr and Senghenydd and agreed that antisocial behaviour and vehicles speeding through the valley are the main priorities in the Aber Valley. Members asked if both these priorities could be considered for both Abertridwr and Senghenydd.

Members agreed that antisocial behaviour will be the Your Voice Priority for Abertridwr and Senghenydd. PC Iwan Adams suggested Go Safe speed enforcement/cameras and agreed that vehicles speeding through the Aber Valley will also be considered as a priority.

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### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (i) The Chairperson attended the High Tea held at the Beulah Chapel in aid of evacuees during the war.
- (ii) The Chairperson attended the Abertridwr Service of Remembrance in Abertridwr Community Centre held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**CLERKS REPORT****(1) Current Financial Situation**

- (a) Councillor E. P. Prendergast has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 319 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

It was agreed that Councillor J. Roberts will examine and authorise the Community Councils accounts from now on.

**(2) Income**

- (a) No income has been received.

**(3) Expenditure**

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:

(i) British Telecom – £52.24 including VAT. This payment has been made by direct debit.

(ii) Digital Systems UK – £7.44 including VAT.

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs for Month 7.

**(4) Correspondence**

- (a) SYDIC Annual General Meeting

Members received an invitation to the SYDIC Annual General Meeting and Calibration Evening to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Senghenydd Community Centre.

- (b) Abertridwr CCTV – DPIA Requirement

Members received an email from Carl Nesling, Control Room Manager for Caerphilly County Borough Council, informing that the CCTV system at Abertridwr is due for a review and all interested parties are being contacted for their views on the requirement for the CCTV system. Members of Aber Valley Community Council strongly agreed that the CCTV should continue – the Clerk to respond by return e-mail giving the reasons for the requirement of the CCTV system.

- (c) Sound System – Remembrance Service

Members received a letter from Kenneth Gough, the organiser of the Remembrance Service to be held on 11/11/2018, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the loud speaker system.

Members gave the Chairperson delegated powers to approve the cost for the loud speaker system upon receipt of an invoice.

(d) Friends of Abertridwr Park Association

Members received a letter from the Friends of Abertridwr Park Association to thank the Community Council for their continued support.

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

(a) GDPR Audit Report & Action Plan

The Clerk to send Members the GDPR Action Plan and Data Retention Policy prior to the next meeting for approval and adoption.

(b) Forward Work Programme

The Clerk asked Members to consider the Forward Work Programme budget plan – Members agreed for the Forward Work Programme to be put on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**(6) Planning Applications**

*Councillor J. Taylor took no part in any discussions.*

(a) Case Ref. 18/0813/FULL Site Area: 254m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 21 Mountain View Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4AT  
Proposal: Create off road parking to the front of the property.

(b) Case Ref. 18/0869/FULL Site Area: 1150m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 12 Underwood Terrace Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4BQ  
Proposal: Erect two storey rear corner in fill and side extensions, and porches; internal and external modifications; to subdivide existing house into two dwellings; new drive for second home.

**100/2018 MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

(a) Members were informed that the planning application for the Four Terraces in Senghenydd was refused.

(b) Members discussed community recognition for people who no longer live in the Aber Valley – the Clerk to liaise with Councillor P. Yandle.

(c) Members discussed the next Community Council Presentation Evening and suggested looking at changing the format of the evening to include organisations being able to showcase their activities – a working party to be set up in February/March 2019.

(d) Members discussed asking for Bryngelli Terrace to be included in the bus route – Councillor A. Dibiasi to liaise the Councillor J. Roberts.

(e) Members were informed that seven lorry loads of rubbish have been removed from Clive Street in Senghenydd.

**101/2018**    **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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