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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER**

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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, G. Bowen, P. Mitchell  
E. P. Prendergast, J. Roberts, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies: L. Binding

**119/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were approved as a true record.

**120/2014 MATTERS ARISING**

**114/2014 (i)** The ice-cream van and minibus are continuing to be parked on the double yellow lines/junction at the bottom of Bryngelli Terrace Hill. The Police are unable to issue parking tickets due to the condition of the double yellow lines – the Clerk to e-mail Caerphilly County Borough Council to request repainting of the double yellow lines as soon as possible.

**121/2014 POLICE MATTERS**

P.C.S.O. Ian Williams of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) The following issues were raised at the “Your Voice” Meeting:
  - New priority – drug warrants;
  - Bus bay outside the SPAR in Abertridwr;
  - 20mph zone on Aberfawr Road, Abertridwr (due to the park entrance).
- (b) Road Traffic Collision on Thomas Street, Abertridwr.
- (c) P.C.S.O. Ian Williams has contacted the manager of the delivery vehicles for the SPAR in Abertridwr regarding delivery vehicles continuing to park/unload on the double yellow lines and the junction – the situation has improved slightly.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) "Your Voice" Meeting – poor attendance from members of the public. Posters/publicity will need to be improved for the next meeting.
- (ii) Vehicles parking on the pavement/dropped kerb area at the junction opposite the SPAR in Abertridwr – bollards were suggested.

**122/2014**      **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Members discussed the area of land at King Street, Abertridwr. Works have been undertaken on this area of land. Councillor G. Bowen to contact Lee Carpenter, Environmental Health, to discuss the ownership of the land.
- (b) The lights on the Senghenydd Cenotaph are not working – to be repaired by South Wales Monuments.
- (c) The kerbstones around the Senghenydd Cenotaph are damaged – awaiting repair.
- (d) Illicit tipping at 96 Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Monthly bike/car rally on Graig-y-Hufen Tip – upon notification, the next event to be reported to Caerphilly County Borough Council/Environmental Health.
- (f) Concerns were raised regarding rubbish being disposed of at Graig-y-Hufen Tip.

**123/2014**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

**124/2014**      **CLERKS REPORT**

**(1)**      **SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.

**(2)**      **SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- (a) Income Tax Contribution

Members authorised the amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments for August, September and October - £315.00.

- (b) Armistice Day – November 2015

It is the custom of the Community Council to purchase two wreaths to lay at the Abertridwr Service of Remembrance and at the Senghenydd Cenotaph to remember those killed in the wars – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(c) Festive Lighting 2015/16

Members agreed the quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2015/16 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

The Clerk to arrange an order for new Christmas LED lighting to replace broken or faulty lighting that cannot be repaired (not exceeding the £1,000 set aside in the budget).

(d) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £7.56 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(e) Insurance Renewal

Members approved a 3 year long term agreement with Zurich Municipal for the community council's insurance - £634.38 for 2015/16.

(f) Plaques

Members agreed to update the community recognition award plaques located in the community centres – the Clerk to arrange accordingly and pay any subsequent costs.

(g) Aber Valley YMCA Pantomime

*Councillor P. Mitchell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.*

Members considered a request from Aber Valley YMCA for a donation towards the cost of the Christmas pantomime.

It was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £250 towards the event.

(h) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Members considered a request from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod for financial support towards the celebration of its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July 2016.

Members resolved not to make a financial contribution on this occasion.

(i) Five-man Community Cleansing Team

The Clerk to report the following area for inclusion on the schedule of works for the five-man community cleansing team:

Tan-y-Bryn steps (next to Meadow Hall Court), Senghenydd.

(j) One Voice Wales – Benefits of Membership

Members resolved not to invite a representative from One Voice Wales to deliver a presentation on the benefits of membership.

(3) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) **Case Ref:** 15/0561/FULL Site Area: 192m<sup>2</sup>  
**Location:** 3 Ty'n Y Parc Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4ED  
**Proposal:** Erect a two storey extension  
**Applicant:** Mr L Morgan, 3 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED

**125/2014** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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