
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2015

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, L. Crothers, P. Mitchell,
B. Morris, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

75/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th March 2015 were approved as a true record.

76/2014 MATTERS ARISING

69/2014 Gated lanes – Councillor L. Binding in continuing discussions with officers of Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding a potential site – an update will be provided at the next Community Council meeting.

71/2014 (f) How many parking tickets have been issued in the Aber Valley over the last 2 years – awaiting confirmation from P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.

71/2014 (g) How many dog fouling tickets have been issued in the Aber Valley over the last 2 years – awaiting confirmation from P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.

77/2014 POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Sarah Greening of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) There should be representation from Gwent Police at all Community Council meetings.
- (b) In the last 28 days the following 12 crimes have been reported in the Aber Valley:
 - 5 criminal damage
 - 1 dwelling break-in
 - 2 non-dwelling break-ins
 - 2 incidents of violence with injury
 - 1 incident of violence without injury
 - 1 theft

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Members raised concerns regarding vehicles speeding through the Aber Valley. Ian Dunham, a resident of Thomas Street, Abertridwr, attended the meeting to suggest the purchase of speed gun to be used by a trained team of local residents. Sergeant Sarah Greening to arrange a separate meeting with Ian Dunham to discuss the idea further – Councillor L. Binding to be kept updated.
- (ii) Parking on double yellow lines and zigzag area outside Cwmaber Infants School, Abertridwr – Sergeant Sarah Greening suggested using problem-solving methods as opposed to issuing parking tickets.
- (iii) Vehicles not stopping at the pedestrian crossing area and parking on the double yellow lines and zig-zag area on Senghenydd Square– Sergeant Sarah Greening to speak to P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.

78/2014 **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Councillor J. Roberts attended a meeting regarding the potential memorial on Abertridwr Square – awaiting further information.
- (b) Councillor P. Mitchell praised the work/s undertaken at bottom of the Four Terraces, Senghenydd. Members also highlighted other work/s being undertaken in the Aber Valley.
- (c) The damage to Senghenydd Cenotaph is being repaired.
- (d) Broadband fibre boxes will all be on-line within the next few months.
- (e) Members discussed funding issues related to the Senghenydd water-play feature – Councillor P. Mitchell stated that £3000 has been pledged by Caerphilly County Borough Council providing it is match-funded.

79/2014 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson highly commended the artwork on the bridge at Ilan Road, Abertridwr.

St Cenydd Presentation Evening on Thursday 16th April 2015 – Councillor L. Crothers to attend.

80/2014 **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) Bands in the Park Concert – Financial Assistance

Members discussed the request from Caerphilly County Borough Council for financial support towards Bands in the Park Concerts – Members resolved not to make a financial contribution on this occasion.

(b) Internal Audit

Members appointed Mr Terry Williams as the Internal Auditor for the Community Council's accounts, for the financial year ending 31st March 2015 and approved the fee of £150.00.

(c) Local Government Finance Training - Clerk

Members approved a request from the Clerk to attend Local Government Finance Training on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 - £45.00.

(d) Urdd National Eisteddfod Caerphilly 2015

At the January 2015 Community Council meeting Members agreed to financially support the Urdd National Eisteddfod Caerphilly £50 through an appeal committee. Awaiting confirmation of local appeal committee – Members approved to financially support the Urdd National Eisteddfod Caerphilly out of the 2015/16 budget - £100.00.

(e) Aber Valley Community Directory

Members discussed and confirmed arrangements for the Aber Valley Community Directory – to be funded out the 2015/16 budget.

(f) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £8.12 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(g) Senghenydd Scout Group AGM

The Senghenydd Scout Group Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2015 in the Lower Hall, Senghenydd Community Centre.

81/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th May 2015** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council