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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, P. Mitchell,
E. P. Prendergast

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Apologies: L. Crothers, B. Morris, J. Roberts, J. Taylor

105/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11th June 2015 were approved as a true record.

106/2014 MATTERS ARISING

96/2014 Nant-y-Parc Primary School 'The Little Voices Shouting Out Project' – Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor L. Binding to attend Nant-y-Parc Primary School assembly to thank them for their excellent presentation and present the pupils with certificates.

99/2014 Illicit tipping at the rear of the shops on Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

103/2014 (2) (c) A letter received from the Chairperson of Senghenydd Community Centre requesting an annual grant/donation to help with the upkeep of the running of the Heritage Museum and the associated costs of keeping the Museum open six days a week – Members deferred the decision and the Clerk to write to the Chairperson of Senghenydd Community Centre to request a financial breakdown of income and expenditure to be discussed at a full community council meeting.

107/2014 POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) P.C.S.O. Ian Williams visited the residents of Caerlwyn Farm – the situation has improved but patrolling is required during the school holidays.
- (b) A burnt out car has been removed from Caerlwyn Farm area.

- (c) A public meeting with the Inspector to be held on 10th September in Abertridwr Library (4.00 pm – 6.00 pm).
- (d) An arrest has been made in Windsor Place regarding Class A Cannabis. Members suggested any community service is served in the Aber Valley area – Carl Watkins to liaise with Councillor L. Binding.
- (e) Off road bike operation – rained off.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Illegal parking on Thomas Street, Abertridwr – including bus stops, junctions and double yellow lines. Members requested that Enforcement is measured.
- (ii) Awaiting re-painting of the double yellow lines in Thomas Street, Abertridwr in line with new regulations – Members requested that P.C.S.O. Ian Williams keep issuing parking tickets as necessary.
- (iii) Your Voice Priority – coming up for review.
- (iv) Councillor L. Binding informed Members of a meeting to be held with the Crime and Police Commissioner regarding a traffic initiative on Thomas Street, Abertridwr.

108/2014 MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Overgrown hedge at the rear of Thomas Street, Abertridwr (between Ysgol Feithrin and Kings Close) – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council and copy Councillor L. Binding into the e-mail.
- (b) Councillor E. P. Prendergast received a letter from Abertridwr Community Church, thanking her for her donation of the Chairpersons allowance.
- (c) The cutting back of the hedge way on the path leading from Parc Terrace, Senghenydd to Nant-y-Parc School has not been completed – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Councillor L. Binding has been approached by Senghenydd Past and Present regarding putting a permanent seating arrangement in Penyrheol Cemetery to honour the miners who died, who are not named. Members agreed for Aber Valley Community Council to organise the bench, which will cost approximately £800. Fundraisers for Senghenydd Past and Present have raised £440 which they will donate towards the seating arrangement. Members requested the Clerk contact Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn Community Council and ask them to share the remaining balance with Aber Valley Community Council with a donation of £180.

109/2014 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairperson received a letter to attend the Queen's Award presentation event at Senghenydd Community Centre on Tuesday 21st July 2015 - Councillor L. Binding is attending and will also represent the Community Council.

- (b) SYDIC Youth Fete/Carnival – the Chairperson will attend meetings and keep the Community Council updated.

110/2014 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.
- (b) Ombudsman – Annual Report 2014/15.
- (c) Review of In-Patient Falls in Hospitals.
- (d) Notice of Amendment of Register of Rights of Common

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Local Government Finance Training – Clerk

Invoice received from One Voice Wales for Clerks training on Local Government Finance – £35.00. Members authorised the payment.

- (b) Aber Valley Arts Festival: October 10th-17th 2015

Councillor M. E. Battle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members considered the request for financial support from Undercurrents towards the running costs of the Aber Valley Arts Festival on October 10th-17th 2015.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the request in the sum of £1,500.

- (c) Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening

It was agreed the Community Council would hold a presentation evening in the Nazareth Community Centre on Thursday 17th September 2015 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

The following community awards were agreed:

Senghenydd:	Brian Marshall
Senghenydd:	Nikki Pitten
Abertridwr:	John Turton
Abertridwr:	Emma Ives
Entertainment:	SYDIC Band

111/2014 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th September 2015** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council