
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2015

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Crothers

96/2014 NANT-Y-PARC PRIMARY SCHOOL – LITTLE VOICES

Pupils from Nant-y-Parc Primary School attended the meeting to present 'The Little Voices Shouting Out Project' to Members of Aber Valley Community Council. The following important issues were raised:

- Litter / litter bins;
- Improving the schools environment;
- Lunchtime (dinner hall);
- What the pupils of Nant-y-Parc Primary School would like to happen;
- How the Community Council can help.

Members thanked the pupils for their excellent presentation and suggested they attend another meeting in six months to see if their important issues have been addressed and to continue share their views and ideas.

Members requested to attend Nant-y-Parc Primary School to present the pupils with certificates – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

97/2014 SYDIC

Dave Brunton and three young people from SYDIC attended the meeting to present a report on the summer scheme activities.

98/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 14th May 2015 were approved as a true record.

99/2014 MATTERS ARISING

90/2014 Illicit tipping / litter was discussed. Members reported illicit tipping at the rear of Thomas Street, Abertridwr (at the entrance to Abertridwr Park) – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

91/2014 (c) CCTV on Senghenydd Square – the camera has been put on tour (automatically rotate).

92/2014 Caerlwyn Farm (off Bryncoed Terrace, Abertridwr) – the situation is being monitored regularly and an improvement has been noticed.

100/2014 **POLICE MATTERS**

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

- (a) One off road bike recovered – to be crushed.
- (b) Three parking tickets issued to cars parked in the bus stop. Nine fixed penalties issued over the last two months.
- (c) Issues regarding the double yellow lines in Thomas Street, Abertridwr – to be followed up.
- (d) Road safety talk – Cwmaber Infants School.
- (e) First Aid talk – Cwmaber Infants School.
- (f) Mountain off road bike operation – ongoing.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Councillor L. Binding informed Members of a potential initiative being arranged to attract funding to combat speeding in the Aber Valley, which will be run by members of the public.
- (ii) Concerns were raised regarding a Sunday rally being held on Eglwysilan mountain – private land.
- (iii) Loud noise from car exhausts and motorcycles driving through the Aber Valley.
- (iv) Caerlwyn Farm – Members asked P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to visit the owners.

101/2014 **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) 'Your Voice' meeting – Members to receive information regarding the number of police tickets issued in the Aber Valley.
- (b) Members agreed that there were not enough litter bins in the Aber Valley.
- (c) Councillor J. Roberts requested to attend the Caerphilly Youth Forum – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.
- (d) A substantial amount of dog litter at Bridgefield Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- (e) The pathway leading from Parc Terrace, Senghenydd to Nant-y-Parc Primary School is overgrown as the cutting back has not been completed and problems have been associated with rats – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) Areas for inclusion on the schedule for the Five-Man Community Cleansing Team:
The steps leading from Caerphilly Road to Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd (next to Meadow Court Flats) and the three entrances on the pathways from the main road to Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd.
- (g) Members discussed funding for the water play feature at Senghenydd and agreed to match fund the £3,000 pledged from Caerphilly County Borough Council. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

102/2014 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Extra bins on Senghenydd Square and Abertridwr Square.

Bike for Bri – cycling from Abertridwr to France (over £5,000 has been raised).

103/2014 CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.
- (b) Armed Forces Day: Saturday 20th June 2015 – Councillor D. Berry to attend.
- (c) Five Man Community Cleansing Team.
- (d) Queens Award for Voluntary Services – the Clerk to write a letter of congratulations to the Aber Valley Heritage Group.

(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 May, June and July - £315.00.

(b) Summer Holiday Provision – Sports Development

Caerphilly County Borough Council summer holiday provision – Members decided not to make a financial contribution towards the cost of attending the programme due to making a financial contribution towards the SYDIC Summer Scheme. The Clerk to forward the information on to Dave Brunton (SYDIC), to contact Sports Development and establish links for the SYDIC Summer Scheme.

(c) Senghenydd Community Centre – Application for Funding

Councillor G. Bowen and Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

A letter was 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. The decision was deferred – the Clerk to contact the Chairperson of Senghenydd Community Centre to request a financial breakdown of associated costs.

(d) Caerphilly Town Council – Fireworks Display

Members considered the request from the Clerk of Caerphilly Town Council requesting a financial contribution towards the cost of the annual fireworks display at Caerphilly Castle.

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

(e) Stamps

It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase postage stamps as necessary.

(f) Mayor's Charity Appeal 2015/16

It was agreed that a donation of £50 be given to the Mayors Charity Appeal. Councillor D. Berry to represent the Community Council and present the cheque.

(g) SYDIC – Aber Valley Summer Scheme.

Councillor M. Stretch, Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor M. E. Battle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members considered the request from SYDIC for financial support towards the Aber Valley Summer Scheme.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the application in the sum of £1,200.00.

(h) Standing Orders

Members adopted the revised Aber Valley Community Council Standing Orders.

(i) Annual External Audit 2014/15

Members approved the accounts for audit and authorised the Chairperson and Clerk sign the forms as required – the Clerk to submit the accounts for audit to the nominated external auditors.

The internal audit report was presented and the annual governance statement was completed in agreement with Members.

104/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th July 2015** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council