
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER

MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, P. Mitchell,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES: L. Crothers, B. Morris, J. Taylor

68/2014 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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

69/2014 **MATTERS ARISING**

64/2014 (a) Gated lanes – Councillor L. Binding in discussions with Officers of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

70/2014 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Councillor E. P. Prendergast reported the following matters on behalf of P.C.S.O. Ian Williams:

- (a) Police have been re-searching areas relating to the disappearance of Trevor Elias, who has been missing for 3 years.
- (b) Two warrants carried out successfully.
- (c) Engagement with young people in SYDIC.
- (d) Allegations of attempted child abduction in Abertridwr.
- (e) Speed gun monitoring in Senghenydd – the highest speed recorded was 33 mph.

Members matters:

- (a) A considerable amount of litter has been thrown over the fence along the road leading from Abertridwr to Penyrheol – the Clerk / Councillor J. Roberts to contact Payback to the Community.
- (b) Rubbish has been dumped in a number of areas that have recently been cleared.
- (c) Members observed photographic evidence and discussed areas of concern within the Aber Valley which needs to be addressed including:
 - Fly tipping
 - Illegally parked vehicles
 - Litter
 - Rubbish / unwanted items dumped in back lanes
 - Accumulation of household waste
 - Dog fouling

The Clerk to arrange a special community council meeting with the following personnel to address these issues:

- Lee Carpenter – Environmental Health Officer, CCBC
 - Mark Miller – Refuse and Cleansing Foreman, CCBC
 - Waste Advisory Warden
 - Keep Wales Tidy
 - Police Inspector
- (d) The Four Terraces, Senghenydd – only part of the area has been cleared. A substantial amount of rubbish is remaining – to be added to the list for Payback to the Community.
 - (e) Members have received reports of vehicles parking on and driving across the green in front of Cwmaber Junior School – the Clerk to report to the Police.
 - (f) The Clerk to contact P.S.C.O. Ian Williams to enquire how many parking tickets have been issued in Abertridwr and Senghenydd over the last two years.
 - (g) The Clerk to contact P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to enquire how many dog fouling tickets have been issued in Abertridwr and Senghenydd over the last two years.
 - (h) The rumble strip in Abertridwr is to be repaired early in the next financial year (April – June).
 - (i) Senghenydd Square – the double yellow lines are to be addressed.
 - (j) Memorial in Abertridwr – work in progress.
 - (k) Land clearing/tree pollarding on the land leading from Abertridwr to Penyrheol – privately owned land.

The Chairperson attended the screening of 'Pride' in Senghenydd Community Centre on 11th March 2015.

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) UK Laser Supplies

Invoice received from UK Laser Supplies for 2 black ink cartridges and 2 colour ink cartridges - £49.39 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

- (b) SWALEC Christmas Lighting

Invoice received from SWALEC for electricity relating to temporary un-metered Christmas lighting 2014 – £83.44 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment (to be paid out of 2015/16 financial year).

- (c) St Peter's Church, Senghenydd – Financial Assistance

Members discussed a request from Deryn McAndrew, Churchwarden, Benefice of Eglwysilan and Caerphilly for financial assistance towards a new boiler in St Peter's Church, Senghenydd – the decision was deferred until other sources of funding has been confirmed.

- (d) County Supplies – Stationery/Paper

Invoice received from County Supplies for stationery items and paper - £84.13 & £48.00 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

- (e) Membership of One Voice Wales 2015/16

Members resolved not to join One Voice Wales.

- (f) Income Tax Contribution

Members authorised the amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments for February, March and April - £315.00.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed: _____

Chairperson

Aber Valley Community Council