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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 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: B. Morris

**88/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved as a true record.

**89/2014 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

The minutes of the Special Community Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved as a true record.

**90/2014 MATTERS ARISING**

**78/2014 (a)** Councillor J. Roberts updated Members on the current situation regarding the potential memorial on Abertridwr Square.

**78/2014 (d)** Broadband fibre boxes – all remaining boxes are in the process of being enabled.

**78/2014 (e)** Caerphilly County Borough Council has not yet identified the process to claim the £3,000 for the Senghenydd water-play feature – there are sufficient funds to initially open.

**82/2014** Reported illicit tipping has not been removed from certain areas – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

**87/2014** Cars are continuing to park on double yellow lines and pavements within the Aber Valley – a priority area for the 'Next Voice' meeting. The situation will be monitored and parking tickets will be issued.

**87/2014** The Police have been issued with new tickets.

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**POLICE MATTERS**

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

- (a) Parking within the Aber Valley will be monitored once the resurfacing of the road has been completed and lines re-painted.
- (b) A number of successful drug warrants have been undertaken – three pending.
- (c) A shop window was smashed on Senghenydd Square – no CCTV footage available as the camera was trained on one site for a number of hours. The Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that the CCTV camera tours the area.
- (d) Illicit tipping is a key area.

92/2014

**MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Public matters:

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the following issues at Caerlwyn Farm (off Bryncoed Terrace, Abertridwr):

- Inundated with drug waste;
- Illicit tipping;
- Antisocial behaviour/gathering at Top Rock and mountain area;
- No Police presence.

The issues have been reported to Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Police, but no response has been received – a reference number should be obtained so the report can be followed up.

Members requested Police surveillance – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to put the area on the list to be patrolled on a regular basis.

The Clerk to contact the Refuse and Cleansing Department, Caerphilly County Borough Council, to arrange for the cleansing vehicle to attend the site.

Councillors thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and raising the above issues, which is a concern shared by the Community Council.

Members matters:

- (a) Members discussed issues relating to the Panteg in Abertridwr.
- (b) Members discussed medical facilities with the Aber Valley.
- (c) Councillor J. Roberts asked the Clerk to invite Nant-y-Parc Primary School to the next community council meeting to give a presentation on 'Little Voices'.
- (d) Resurfacing of the roads in the Aber Valley – Members suggested the Highways Department notify residents in advance with a letter-drop or flyers and not resurface the road on a weekend in future, as a number of vehicles remained parked on the roadside.

- (d) Rumble Strip – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to enquire as to when the works will be undertaken.
- (e) Cwmaber Infants celebrated the Heritage of the Valley – photograph in the Caerphilly Campaign.

**93/2014**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

**94/2014**      **CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.
- (b) Precept.
- (c) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.
- (d) Wales Audit Office – Redistribution of Reserves.
- (e) Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014  
Section 72 – Notification of Proposed Public Space Protection Orders –  
Bus Stations and Bus Shelters.
- (f) Summer Activities – SYDIC.

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

- (a) Summer Flowers at the Cenotaph, Senghenydd

Members agreed for Councillor E. P. Prendergast to organise the summer flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

Members also requested summer flowers be planted in the tubs on Abertridwr Square - the Clerk to arrange accordingly and any subsequent costs to be reimbursed.

- (b) Play Facility at Hendre, Abertridwr – Inspection & Maintenance Costs 2014/15

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for the 2014-2015 inspection and maintenance costs for the play facility at Hendre, Abertridwr - £958.12 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(c) Memorial Service – Anniversary of 1901 Universal Colliery Disaster

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

Members agreed to purchase a floral tribute to be laid at the service of remembrance in memory of the first universal colliery disaster to be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 – the Clerk to make arrangements accordingly.

**(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Case Ref. 15/0100/COU

Location: 57 Thomas Street Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4AX

Proposal: Convert existing storage building to the rear of the property into two flats with alterations to openings and the provision of roof lights

Applicant: Mr Quereshi C/O DTB Design Mr D Thomas 206 North Road Cardiff CF14 3BN

**95/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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