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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON**  
**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:** -

**53/2014      KEEP WALES TIDY**

Andrew King attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new Keep Wales Tidy Project Officer.

His role as the Caerphilly Project Officer is to engage and support communities, volunteer groups, schools and other organisations in order for them to make their local environment a better place. This could be with a whole range of ideas from a litter pick of an area blighted by rubbish to managing a woodland area for community use.

Keep Wales Tidy also support voluntary/registered groups by providing grants and training.

**54/2014      MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were approved as a true record.

**55/2014      MATTERS ARISING**

**49/2014 (a)** Dog litterbin at King Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to ask Caerphilly County Borough Council to install a new dog litterbin in a suitable location.

**49/2014 (g)** Proposal to withdraw the area forum allocation budget – the decision will be taken by Full Council (CCBC) in February.

**51/2014 (2) (c)** Notice has been given by Caerphilly County Borough Council to revoke the following sections of prohibition of waiting at any time on Thomas Street, Abertridwr:

- On its northern side outside property numbers 176 and 178
- On its northern side outside property numbers 170 and 172
- On its southern side outside property numbers 147 and 149

**56/2014**      **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members Police matters – none.

**57/2014**      **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) The dog litterbin in Abertridwr Park has not been emptied for a number of weeks – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) The Clerk to clarify when the five-man community cleansing team are in the Aber Valley and inform Members as soon as possible.
- (c) Areas for inclusion on the schedule for the five-man community cleansing team:  
Eglwysilan Mountain  
Senghenydd Mountain
- (d) Clarification was provided on the planning appeal for Hill View Poultry, Caer Llwyn Farm to replace a one bedroom agricultural dwelling.
- (e) The land at the side of the Four Terraces hill, Senghenydd requires clearing – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council/ Payback to the Community.
- (f) The Clerk to send an e-mail to Mark Williams and Mark Miller to express thanks and appreciation from the Community Council for all the hard work undertaken in the Aber Valley by the refuse and cleansing litter pickers. Members highly praised all the good work they do in the Aber Valley and asked for their thanks and appreciation to be passed on to the persons concerned.

**58/2014**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson attended the Cawl lunch at St Peter's Church on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**59/2014**      **CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.

- (b) The Chairperson welcomed the winners of the Aber Valley Community Council Christmas Competition and presented the prizes for the best decorated properties in the Aber Valley to the following:

Abertridwr: Mr & Mrs Cross  
22 Bryngelli Terrace

Senghenydd: Mrs Rowlands  
35 Tan y Bryn

- (c) Llamau – Grant Received £100.

**(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 November, December and January - £315.00.

- (b) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution

Members agreed to pay a contribution to the shopkeeper on Senghenydd Square for allowing the Community Council to connect to their electricity supply for the Christmas lighting attached to their premises.

- (c) Stationery

Members authorised the Clerk to purchase stationery/paper/ink cartridges as necessary.

- (d) Applications For Financial Assistance

*Members declared interests on those applications in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and took no further part in the discussions on those individual applications.*

Members considered applications for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

- (i) St David's Children Society – Deferred (further information required)
- (ii) Caerphilly & District Twinning Association - £50
- (iii) Urdd National Eisteddfod Caerphilly - £50 through an appeal committee.

- (e) Council Tax Base Notification

The Clerk to inform Caerphilly County Borough Council of the Precept details for 2015/16 by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014.

- (f) Annual Estimates/Council Tax Precept

Members considered the recommendations for the annual estimates for 2015/16 and confirmed the Precept amount of £29,500.

With regards to Special Projects the Clerk to change the title of expenditure from Joint Schemes with Caerphilly County Borough Council to Schemes/Projects.

**(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Case Ref. 14/0822/COU Site Area: 62m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location:** 3 The Square, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4DH

**Proposal:** Change the use from an alteration shop to a tattoo and piercing shop

**Applicant:** Mr R Anderson, Fillies Lodge, Lower Francis Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4DW

**(b) Case Ref. 14/0805/FULL Site Area: 1144m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location:** 12 Underwood Terrace, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BQ

**Proposal:** Erect a two-storey rear infill extension to create a granny annex, porches and subdivision of rear window

**Applicant:** Mrs A Ponsford, 12 Underwood Terrace, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BQ

*Councilor J. Taylor expressed an interest in the above planning applications.*

**60/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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