
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: S. Cuddihy, E. P. Prendergast, J. Taylor

86/2016 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

87/2016 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10th November 2016 were approved as a true record.

88/2016 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) **81/2016 (a)** Enforcement Day – increased Police presence in the Aber Valley. Members to request a report from P.C.S.O. Ian Williams at the next meeting.
- (b) **78/2016 (c) (ii)** Parking issues in the Aber Valley – Members to discuss the issue with P.C.S.O. Ian Williams at the next meeting. Members asked the Clerk to write a letter to all the shops in Abertridwr and Senghenydd asking them to advise their customers and delivery personnel to park legally and sensibly.

Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council Traffic Management to report the poor condition of some of the double yellow lines throughout Abertridwr and Senghenydd and the issues arising as a result.

- (c) **83/2016 (a)** Overhanging tree at Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for an update.
- (d) **83/2016 (b)** Collapsed wall at Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for an update.
- (e) **83/2016 (c)** Senghenydd Cenotaph – additional bollards will be put in place by the end of December 2016.

- (f) **83/2016 (f)** Drainage problem at Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd – a Housing Officer has attended the location to assess the situation and has advised that works will be undertaken.

89/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

90/2016 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

No report from the Chairperson.

91/2016 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Soil waste on Senghenydd Mountain – Councillor J. Roberts has reported the issue.
- (b) Buses frequently running late, including the first bus of the day and the buses running during off-peak hours are driving too fast through the Aber Valley – the Clerk to write a letter to Stagecoach.
- (c) Collapsed wall at Graig-yr-Hufen Farm – Councillor J. Roberts has met with an Officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council who had advised that signage will be arranged in the next financial year.
- (d) Clean up at Bryn Aber, Abertridwr – United Welsh are issuing all their residents with new bins.
- (e) Flooding in the Aber Valley – Members were advised to keep an eye on the drains and report any issues with flooding to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

92/2016 **CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

(a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 296 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(b) The Heritage Centre – Financial Support.

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

(a) Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership 2017

Members agreed to renew the membership subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks – £108.00.

(b) Llamau – Christmas Appeal

Members considered a request from Llamau for a donation towards providing a person they support with a Christmas present and an opportunity to enjoy Christmas lunch.

It was agreed that the Community Council would donate £100.00.

(c) Christmas Competition

Members discussed the arrangements for the Community Council Christmas competition and agreed that the prize would be £50.00.

(d) Swivel Token and User Licence – Laptop

A swivel token and user licence is necessary to allow the Clerk to use the laptop remotely.

Members agreed the cost for the licence at £47.34 and the recharge of £10.90 per annum for maintenance/support.

(e) Playworks Payroll

Members agreed to use Playworks Payroll to administer the payroll duties for the Community Council to ensure compliance responsibilities are fully met, and approved the associated costs – the clerk to arrange accordingly.

(f) PR System – Remembrance Day Service

A verbal request from The Aber Valley Heritage Group for financial assistance for the cost of the PR system hired for the Remembrance Day Service held on 13th November 2016 – Members delegated authority to the Chairperson to authorise up to the sum of £50.00, upon receipt of a letter/invoice from The Aber Valley Heritage Group.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/2016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th January 2017** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council