
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: S. Cuddihy

11/2017

PUBLIC MATTERS

Members of the public attended the meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding the collapsed wall at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr and the following questions were presented to Members:

Has Caerphilly County Borough Council undertaken a Risk Assessment on the wall?

If the wall collapses would the debris be contained within the barriers?

Is Caerphilly County Borough Council responsible for the care of the public?

Councillors reported that they had met with the relevant officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council and were informed that the wall has been monitored since the incident occurred. They were advised that there has been no movement to the wall and that officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council are continuing to monitor the situation.

Councillor J. Taylor to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to ask the following questions:

Has a Risk Assessment on the wall been undertaken?

If the wall collapses would the debris be contained within the barriers or fall into the road?

Councillor L. Binding to send a copy of the response from Caerphilly County Borough Council to members of the public via Facebook.

The Clerk was requested to put the date of future Community Council meetings on the Aber Valley Community Council Website.

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th January 2017 were approved as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

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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) Rogue Traders event at Abertridwr Library regarding doorstep crime.
- (b) Enforcement Days – to concentrate on parking issues in the Aber Valley.
- (c) The new Caerphilly Town Police Station will be opening in early spring.
- (d) Two vehicles booked on Senghenydd Square.
- (e) Off-road vehicles – monitoring the situation.
- (f) Drugs warrant in Newport – knock on effect to the Aber Valley.
- (g) Joint activity day – litter pick on Monday 20th February 2017 (meeting at SYDIC).

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Parking concerns outside Cwmaber Junior School during school pick up times – vehicles are being parked and driven on the green area outside the school, posing a risk to school children and pedestrians.
P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to monitor the situation and contact the Headteacher at Cwmaber Junior School to advise that a letter be sent to all parents.
- (b) A car set on fire at Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd.
- (c) Parking concerns outside Ysgol Ifor Bach during school pick up times, restricting the entrance and exit.
- (d) Increased activity on Senghenydd Mountain.
- (e) Members requested the figures for Enforcement Day – P.C.S.O. to update Members at the next meeting.
- (f) Parking issues on the junction area outside the Beulah Chapel in Abertridwr during Slimming Club hours.
- (g) Members highlighted an improvement regarding the parking of delivery vehicles outside the SPAR in Abertridwr.
- (h) Bike marking/lights – Councillor P. Mitchell to liaise with P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairperson attended the Aber Valley YMCA Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Councillor E. P. Prendergast attended the Caerphilly Town Council Presentation Evening.

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MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Councillor J. Roberts updated members on the situation regarding the trees and culverts on Abertridwr Square – the work has been completed in stages. The culverts were inspected and found to be in need of repair.
- (b) Litter clean-up during half term week – The Chairperson encouraged all Members to take part.

Members suggested that additional Enforcement Officers and Dog Wardens attend this week – the Clerk to make enquiries to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) Defibrillators are located at Aber Valley YMCA, Senghenydd Rugby Club and Cwmaber Infants School – the Clerk to put the information on the Aber Valley Community Council website and contact GAVO to make enquiries regarding defibrillator training for the community.
- (d) Potholes at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr – Caerphilly County Borough Council has been informed.
- (e) Chicken and duck litter and bedding being disposed of on the landscaped area at lower Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) An increase in dog fouling and litter in the Aber Valley. Members suggested including dog litter reports on the Facebook page for Aber Valley Litter – Councillor L. Binding to make enquiries.

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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 298 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(b) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.

An invoice has been received from British Telecom for £51.46 – this amount is paid by direct debit.

(c) Police & Councillor Partnership Meeting

The Police and Councillors Partnership meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th February 2017 – Members to RSVP to the Clerk as soon as possible.

(d) Town & Community Council Survey

The Community Council is invited to complete a survey from the Welsh Government as part of their research into the services provided and assets managed by Town and Community Councils – the Clerk to complete and return.

(e) Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group

The re-convened meeting of the Task and Finish Group has been arranged for 13th March 2017 at 2.00 pm in the Council Offices based at Penallta House – Members to RSVP to the Clerk.

(f) Cwmaber Junior School Netball Team

Members received a letter from Cwmaber Junior School Netball Team thanking the Community Council for their school netball kit.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Elsbury Access Platforms – Christmas Lighting 2016

Invoice received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, removal and storage of 15 Christmas figurines for the 2016 Christmas season – £1,020.72 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(b) Aber Valley YMCA Financial Assistance

Members considered the request from the Chairman of Aber Valley YMCA seeking financial support to claim the land at the rear of the YMCA which will cost £5,000.

Councillor P. Mitchell declared an interest and left the room whilst the discussion took place.

Members agreed to support the request in the sum of up to £5,000 (up to £2,500 to be taken from the Forward Work Programme Budget and up to £2,500 to be taken from reserves).

The Clerk to contact the Chairperson of Aber Valley YMCA to ascertain if financial assistance has been received from any other source and if the YMCA account has any funds reserved towards this cost. Members delegated powers to the Chairperson to authorise the amount of up to £5,000.

(c) Community Council Representative Governor – Ysgol Ifor Bach

Councillor M. Stretch was appointed as Community Council Representative Governor at Ysgol Ifor Bach. The Clerk to notify EAS.

(d) Additional Item to the Clerks Report

(i) Members agreed to delegate powers to the Chairperson to authorise payment of invoices up to 31st March 2017, so that they can be processed before the end of the financial year.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th March 2017** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council