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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Berry

Councillors: M. Battle, G. Bowen, S. Cuddihy, E. P. Prendergast,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Binding, P. Mitchell

19/2017 NANT-Y-PARC PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Pupils from Nant-y-Parc Primary School attended the meeting to give a presentation on their Erasmus Project.

Over the course of the next 2 academic years Wales, Spain, Italy, Poland and Turkey are working together to develop a project which focuses on a topic called 'Storks in Science Zone'. Staff and pupils from each school have the opportunity to visit each country to develop the project. Staff and pupils from Nant-y-Parc Primary School have so far visited Spain and Italy.

Members thanked the pupils for their presentation and the pupils answered questions from Members.

20/2017 PUBLIC MATTERS

(i) Formation of an Action Group

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the formation of an Action Group to tackle issues regarding dog fouling and litter in the Aber Valley and to encourage residents to take more responsibility in keeping the Aber Valley safe and clean.

Members suggested nominating a point of contact for the Action Group and recommended that a meeting be arranged with interested parties from members of the public to form a constituted body.

Councillor J. Taylor and Councillor J. Roberts agreed to attend the meeting.

(ii) New Heritage Project: Walking Through Time

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

Representatives of The Aber Valley Heritage Group attended the meeting to update Members on the New Heritage Project: Walking Through Time and request financial assistance towards the project.

Members agreed to support the request for financial assistance in principle and deferred the matter to the next Forward Work Programme Committee meeting.

Councillor J. Taylor will make enquiries regarding other sources of grant funding for the project.

21/2017 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9th February 2017 were approved as a true record.

22/2017 **MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Minute Reference:11/2017
The traffic lights have been removed and the barriers have been repositioned at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr.
- (ii) Minute Reference:14/2017 (f)
The Clerk to inform P.C.S.O. Ian Williams that there has been no improvement in the parking issues outside the Beulah Chapel, Abertridwr.
- (iii) Minute Reference:17/2017 (2) (b)
Members were informed that the Chairperson authorised the amount of £5,000 to Aber Valley YMCA under delegated powers for financial assistance to claim the land at the rear of the YMCA.

23/2017 **POLICE MATTERS**

Two representatives of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) Parking concerns outside the schools in the Aber Valley – the situation is being monitored
- (b) Thomas Street, Abertridwr – parking enforcement.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (ii) A vehicle regularly parked outside Nant-y-Parc Primary School is obstructing the bus bay and flow of traffic.

24/2017 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (a) The Chairperson had nothing to report.

25/2017 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) A vehicle rolled down the hill at Lower Brynhyfryd, Abertridwr – the fire engine was unable to get to the location due to parked cars causing an obstruction.

- (b) The collapsed wall at Thomas Street, Abertridwr is considered not to be dangerous at this moment in time by Caerphilly County Borough Council and so no action will be taken – Members to follow up.
- (c) Illicit tipping (rubble) in the lane at Hendre Road, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) A circular letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council has been distributed to residents in William Street, Abertridwr regarding illicit tipping.

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

(b) Christmas Tree Festival 2016 – Accounts

The Statement of Accounts for the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival 2016 was presented to members. All monies were paid through the Parish of Eglwysilan account.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Membership of One Voice Wales 2017/18

Members resolved not to join One Voice Wales.

(b) New Heritage Project: Walking Through Time

This item was discussed under Public Matters and referred to the next Forward Work Programme Committee meeting.

(c) Financial Administration 2016/17

Members approved the following items to be earmarked from the 2016/17 budget to the 2017/18 budget:

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Website Maintenance – £500.00

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Dog Litter & Litter Bin Costs – £2161.00

(d) Forward Work Programme Budget

Members approved for the remainder of the Forward Work Programme budget for 2016/17 to be carried forward to the 2017/18 Forward Work Programme budget.

(e) Community Council Expenditure 2016/17

The following invoices have been paid with approval from the Chairperson under delegated powers in order for payments to be processed before the end of the financial year:

Wales Audit Office – £330.90

SWALEC – £61.71

Elsbury Access Platforms – £552.00

Playworks – £116.80

(3) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **Case Ref.** 17/0058/TPO Site Area: 1175m²

Location: Aberfawr House, Aberfawr Road, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4EJ

Proposal: Fell T1 - Monkey puzzle and replace with one sweet chestnut and one wild service tree (Tree Preservation Order 51/83/RVDC)

Applicant: Mr C Hackett, Aberfawr House, Aberfawr Road, Abertridwr, CF83 4EJ

27/2017 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th April 2017** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council