
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

Councillors: M. Battle, G. Bowen, L. Crothers, S. Cuddihy, P. Mitchell,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch,

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: D. Berry, E. P. Prendergast, J. Taylor

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PUBLIC MATTERS

(a) Proposed Projects – The Aber Valley Heritage Group

Representatives of The Aber Valley Heritage Group attended the meeting to present Members with sample tiles and a model of the proposed replacement Windsor Mining Memorial.

Members were informed that the project will commence within a year and the cost of replacing the Windsor Mining Memorial will be approximately £32,000, of which there is potentially going to be a shortfall.

(b) Remembrance Day Service

Representatives of The Aber Valley Heritage Group requested financial assistance for the cost of the PR system to be hired for the Remembrance Day Service to be held on 13th November 2016. It was agreed that a letter of request be sent by The Heritage Group and the Clerk to put on the Agenda for consideration at the next Community Council meeting.

(c) A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the following:

(i) The current situation at Abertridwr Park

Issues were raised regarding the current condition of Abertridwr Park– Members informed that a budget has been allocated to make improvements to Abertridwr Park and surrounding areas.

It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a separate meeting with Councillor L. Binding and Councillor J. Roberts to discuss these issues and report back to Members at the next the Forward Work Programme Committee meeting.

(ii) Parking issues in the Aber Valley

Concerns were raised regarding dangerous parking in the Aber Valley, particularly around the school areas – enforcement required.

A number of double yellow lines need re-painting – Members to be advised of locations in order to move forward.

Members discussed the possibility creating extra car parking space at High Street, Abertridwr.

Members suggested a clamping exercise in the Aber Valley – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to make enquiries.

79/2016 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13th October 2016 were approved as a true record.

80/2016 **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) **72/2016 (68/2016 (2) (e))** Additional dog litter and litter bins – awaiting a timescale for completion.
- (b) **75/2016 (a)** The Spanish Civil War Memorial has been repaired.
- (c) **75/2016** Members were informed that Nant-y-Parc School has already purchased a uniform for the school choir but have requested financial support towards transport for the event – delegated powers to the Chairperson to authorise, up to the agreed amount of £200.

81/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

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

- (a) Enforcement Day – November 2016.
- (b) Successful warrant in High Street, Abertridwr.
- (c) Halloween party in conjunction with the YMAC in Abertridwr.
- (d) Traffic disruption on Bonfire night in the Caerphilly area.
- (e) Bike marking day in conjunction with the YMCA to be held after Christmas.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Using mobile phones whilst driving.
- (b) Riding bikes in the dark with no lights.
- (c) Burnt out car behind the Windsor Pub, Abertridwr

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairperson and Clerk attended the Remembrance Service on Thursday 10th November 2016 at Abertridwr Community Centre.
- (b) The Chairperson and Councillor J. Roberts attended the Christmas Tree Festival Meeting.

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MEMBERS MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Overhanging Tree at Thomas Street, Abertridwr (which has previously been reported) – the Clerk to make enquiries to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) Members discussed the situation regarding the collapsed wall near the Old School House, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to obtain an update on the situation.
- (c) Vehicle damage to the Senghenydd Cenotaph – bollards have been approved and ordered.
- (d) The proposed fencing works on the land opposite the Panteg in Abertridwr was delayed but is now due to commence.
- (e) The steps between Caerphilly Road and Meadow Hall, Senghenydd are in need of clearing – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) Drainage problem at Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd – Councillor J. Roberts to make enquiries.
- (g) The fenced area at Hendre, Abertridwr has fallen down – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

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

(b) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.

(c) Caerphilly County Borough Council Winter Service Plan 2016/17.

(d) Notice of withdrawal for the Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival: 9th – 11th December 2016

Members considered a request for financial support towards the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival.

It was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £400 towards the event.

(b) Forward Work Programme Committee

The Terms of Reference for the Forward Work Programme Committee was approved.

Members agreed for a Forward Work Programme Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 8th December 2016, 6.00 pm, at Abertridwr Community Centre – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(c) Finance Committee

The Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee was approved with the following amendment:

5. The Finance Committee shall advise and recommend to Community Council for agreement on issues relating to the following:

Precept
Budgetary Process
Insurance
Internal Audit
Risk Assessment
Financial Regulations

(d) Spanish Civil War Memorial

It was agreed that the Community Council would reimburse Councillor G. Bowen for the cost of repair to the Spanish Civil War Memorial.

(e) Christmas Competition

Members agreed to hold the Christmas Competition for the best decorated properties in Abertridwr and Senghenydd – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(f) Town & Community Council Joint Liaison Committee

An invoice has been received from the Clerk to the Town and Community Council Joint Liaison Committee for the annual subscription and administration charge - £100.00. Members authorised the payment.

(g) Autumn/Winter Weed Control

Members were asked to identify and notify the Clerk of any areas to be included in the Autumn/Winter Weed Control taking place week commencing 21st November 2016.

(h) Audit for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

The Annual Return was approved and accepted by Members. The issues arising report and an action plan was also presented to Members.

(3) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

- (a) Case Ref. 16/0837/NOTA Site Area: 376m²
Location: Cefn Llwyd Farm, Bryncoed Terrace To Cefn-Llwyd Farm, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4HW
Proposal: Erect a new apex frame steel frame agricultural building, designed to agricultural specification BS5502, 30.5m long x 12.2m wide x 4.6m to eaves and 6.230m to ridge, to be used as a hay barn, implement shed, along with seasonal lambing shed, coming off the side of an existing building
Applicant: Mr N Tamplin, Cefn Llwyd Farm, Bryncoed Terrace To Cefn-Llwyd Farm, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4HW

85/2016 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th December 2016** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council