
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Crothers, E. P. Prendergast

01/2017 CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

The Chairperson welcomed the winners of the Aber Valley Community Council Christmas Competition and presented the prizes for the best decorated properties in Abertridwr and Senghenydd to the following:

Abertridwr:	4 Graig-y- Fedw
Senghenydd:	15 Stanley Street and Woodland Farm, Hill Road

02/2017 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

03/2017 MINUTES OF THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Forward Work Programme Committee meeting held on 8th December 2016 were presented for accuracy and noting only. The minutes were approved as a true record.

04/2017 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 8th December 2016 were approved as a true record.

05/2017 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) **88/2016 (c)** The removal of the overhanging tree at Thomas Street, Abertridwr exposed a dangerous wall which was immediately dealt with by Caerphilly County Borough Council – the Clerk to thank Gerald Collins, Building Control Officer of behalf of Members.

- (b) **88/2016 (e)** Senghenydd Cenotaph – additional bollards have been put in place.

06/2017

POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) The next Enforcement Day will be held on 17th January 2016.
- (b) Increased car crime in Caerphilly South.
- (c) The new Caerphilly Town Police Station will be opening in early Spring.
- (d) P.C.S.O. Ian Williams updated Members on the number of fixed penalty notices issued.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Bike marking – Councillor P. Mitchell to liaise with P.C.S.O. Ian Williams.
- (b) Delivery vehicles continuing to park on the junction and double yellow lines outside the SPAR in Abertridwr.
- (c) Vehicles continuing to park in the bus bay outside Sam's Grill, Abertridwr.
- (d) Dangerous and illegal parking during Slimming Club hours at the Beulah Chapel, Abertridwr.
- (e) Members enquired whether a Dog Warden could patrol on Enforcement Day – P.C.S.O Ian Williams to link with Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) Members suggested using CCTV to monitor and highlight illegal parking.
- (g) 4x4 vehicles on Senghenydd common.

07/2017

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chairperson attended the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peters Church, Senghenydd and informed Members that the Cawl lunch was a huge success.
- (b) The Chairperson took part in the Christmas lights competition.

08/2017

MEMBERS MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Illicit tipping was reported in the following areas – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council:
 - Grove Terrace, Senghenydd
 - Park Terrace, Senghenydd
 - Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd
 - Plas Cwm Parc, Senghenydd
 - Nant-y-Parc School, Senghenydd
 - High Street, Abertridwr
 - Garages at Plas Nant/William Street, Abertridwr

- (b) Large bags containing stones and other building supplies on the pavement area at Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) Clean up at Bryn Aber, Abertridwr – United Welsh are issuing all their residents with new bins.
- (d) Illicit tipping at the Four Terraces, Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Rhodri Lloyd for an update.
- (e) The collapsed fence area at Hendre, Abertridwr has been temporarily cordoned off – the Clerk to request an update and advise Councillor S.Cuddihy.
- (f) Late night working in the garages behind St Catherine's Court – Councillor J. Roberts to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council Planning Department.

09/2017

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

- (b) Christmas Competition.
- (c) Llamau – Grant Received £100.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Income Tax Contribution

The Clerk informed Members that payroll duties are now being administered through Playworks Payroll (as agreed at the last meeting). Members agreed to pay invoice number 1641 for the setup, processing fee and income tax contributions – £367.70.

(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 – £50.00.

(c) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £9.56 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(d) Stationery

Members agreed for the Clerk to purchase any required stationery.

(e) Ysgol Ifor Bach – Governor Vacancy

Nominations deferred to the next meeting.

(f) Internal Auditor 2016/17

Members agreed the appointment of Mr Terry Williams as Internal Auditor for the Community Council's accounts for the financial year ending March 2017 – the Clerk to send an engagement letter and make the necessary arrangements.

(g) Christmas Lighting

Members agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Elsbury Access Platforms regarding the purchase of new Christmas lighting, within the agreed 2016/17 budget.

(h) Licence – Abertridwr Library

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for room rental at Abertridwr Library – £260.00. Members authorised the payment.

(i) Precept – 2017/18

Members considered the Precept estimates and recommendations for 2017/18 and confirmed the Precept amount of £34,500 – the Clerk to inform Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Case Ref. 16/1012/FULL Site Area: 610m²

Location: 43 St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BS

Proposal: Erect two-storey extension to side of existing building

Applicant: Mr D Richards, 43 St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BS

10/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council