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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor D. Daniels  
Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, A. Diblasi, T. Richards,  
J. Roberts, J. Taylor, P. Yandle  
Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: E. P. Prendergast, M. Stretch

**65/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and Officers were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

**66/2018 PUBLIC MATTERS**

One member of the public attended the meeting and the following issues were raised:

- (i) Illicit tipping (builder's rubbish) on the land behind the Windsor Hotel – Councillor J. Taylor has contacted Caerphilly County Borough Council Property Services Department who are going to follow it up under the tenancy agreement.
- (ii) The DVLA have been in the Aber Valley regarding untaxed vehicles.
- (iii) Illicit tipping in the rear lane of Windsor Place, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (iv) A tractor has been going through the Valley and tipping rubbish on the mountain – Councillor J. Roberts is liaising with National Resources Wales and Lee Carpenter the Environmental Health Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (v) Recurrent dog barking – Members informed that it would depend on the time and frequency of the barking. Members advised the complainant to keep a log and contact the Environmental Health Department.
- (vi) A car regularly parking on the pavement at Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – Members advised the complainant ring 101.

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**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved as a true record.

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**MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Minute reference: 54/2018 (iii)  
Councillor J. Roberts is liaising with Rhodri Lloyd, the Principal Waste Management Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, regarding a list of areas for litter picking in the Aber Valley.  
  
Bethan Smith, the Environmental Health Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, is organising a Community Litter Pick to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- (ii) Minute reference: 54/2018 (iv)  
Councillor A. Diblasi has been liaising with Lee Carpenter, the Environmental Health Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, regarding wheelie bins not being collected. Councillor J. Roberts has arranged for some residents to have smaller sized wheelie bins.
- (iii) Minute reference: 54/2018 (v)  
Councillor P. Yandle shared the link for the free Caerphilly County Borough Council collections on Facebook and informed Members that there is currently a 3 week wait for collections.
- (iv) Minute reference: 55/2018 (viii)  
Councillor J. Taylor contacted Caerphilly County Borough Council Property Services Department regarding the land between 23 and 25 Stanley Street in Senghenydd and was informed that the land does not belong to Caerphilly County Borough Council. Ownership enquires would have to be made through Land Registry.
- (v) Minute reference: 55/2018 (ix)  
Stanley Street in Senghenydd is now on the list for a grit bin, however Caerphilly County Borough Council are not placing any new grit bins at this time. They are unable to give a timescale for when they will be in a position to place a grit bin in this location or if one will ever be placed in the future.
- (vi) Minute reference: 58/2018 (v)  
A formal meeting has been arranged for the Friends of Abertridwr Park Association and it is anticipated that this group will take over the running of the toilets in Abertridwr Park.
- (vii) Minute reference: 61/2018 (4) (e)  
Councillor A. Diblasi discussed the traffic issues in Senghenydd and informed Members that St Peter's Church car park is currently being used by residents of Caerphilly Road. Councillor A. Diblasi is concerned that the traffic situation and parking will get worse when St Peter's Church is sold.
- (viii) Minute reference: 61/2018 (4) (d)  
Members received and discussed a letter from Jack Humphreys, Chair of the Aber Valley Heritage Group, requesting financial assistance of an additional

£930 towards the Walking Through Time Project. Members asked the Clerk to contact Jack Humphreys to seek clarification on the following:

Is the additional £930 required as part of the pilot project or is it required for the next stage of the project, for which the Aber Valley Heritage Group are currently awaiting potential funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

If the request for financial assistance is required for the next stage of the project, Members agreed that the amount would have to be re-paid back to the Community Council when the grant from the Heritage Lottery fund is received.

If the request for financial assistance is required as part of the pilot project, Members agreed to support the request in the sum of £930.

Members delegated powers to the Chair to approve once clarification has been received from Jack Humphreys.

**69/2018**      **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

**70/2018**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

No report from the Chairperson.

**71/2018**      **CLERKS REPORT**

**(1)**      **Current Financial Situation**

- (a) Councillor E. P. Prendergast has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 315 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

**(2)**      **Income**

- (a) The following income has been received:
- (i) Vivian B. Vaughan Jones – £25.00  
A donation towards the cost of the flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd – Members asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Vivian B. Vaughan and contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to inform them that the Cenotaph in Senghenydd is being used to display celebration/birthday banners.

**(3)**      **Expenditure**

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:
- (i) UK Laser Supplies – £65.16 (including VAT)
  - (ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £260.00
  - (iii) Digital Systems UK – £10.61 (including VAT)

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk’s salary and related costs.

**(4) Correspondence**

(a) Traffic Cables on Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd

Members received an e-mail from Tania Swarbrick, the Assistant Engineer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, advising the Community Council of the results of the speed survey carried out on Caerphilly Road in Senghenydd. The average speed of all vehicles during the week was recorded at 22.9mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile (i.e. the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are travelling at or below) was 28.6mph. Caerphilly Road does not meet the intervention criteria with the Speed Management Strategy for the implementation of speed reduction measures.

(b) Speed Surveys in Abertridwr

Members received an e-mail from Dean Smith, the Principal Engineer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, informing the Community Council that whilst CCBC endeavours to investigate all complaints about excessive traffic speeds they do not have an infinitely large budget for undertaking speed surveys. A speed survey request has recently been carried out in Abertridwr, therefore any further requests cannot be accommodated in this area during the current financial year.

(c) Caerphilly Fireworks Display 2018

Members discussed a letter from the Clerk of Caerphilly Town Council requesting financial assistance towards the annual fireworks display at Caerphilly Castle, which will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. It was agreed the Community Council would support the request for financial assistance in the sum of £200.

**(5) A.O.B.**

(a) Community Council Presentation Evening

It was agreed the Community Council would hold the annual presentation evening on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Abertridwr Community Centre – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(b) Community Recognition Awards

Members received and discussed nominations for a community recognition award. The following awards were agreed:

Senghenydd Adult:	Glen Thomas
Abertridwr Adult:	Benjamin Rees
Senghenydd Young Person:	Stefan Collins
Abertridwr Young Person:	Garin Davies

Members agreed to present the recipients with a plaque and £25.00 – the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

**(6) Planning Applications**

(a) Case Ref. 18/0532/FULL

Location: 4 Aberfawr Terrace Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4EL (UPRN 000043009063)

Proposal: Erect single storey side extension

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**MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Members discussed the current situation of the wall at St. Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr. Members asked the Clerk to write to Robert Tranter, the new Head of Legal Services for Caerphilly County Borough Council, to ask what his view is on arbitration to resolve the legal dispute between the residents and Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the responsibility of the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr, as Members are significantly concerned about the condition of the wall and the safety of pedestrians and road users.
- (b) Members discussed the toilet arrangements at Senghenydd Park and the possibility of shared use of the toilets in the bowling pavilion.
- (c) Weeds overgrowing alongside Nant-y-Parc School in Senghenydd (in front of Parc Terrace) – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Fit and Fed is being held in Aber Valley YMCA every Wednesday and Thursday from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 10.10 am – 1.00 pm. Children will get free breakfast and a snack at lunchtime and 90 minutes of fun activities.
- (e) Potholes at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council in January 2019 to prompt them to include Bryngelli Terrace on the resurfacing schedule in the next financial year.
- (f) Councillor L. Binding and Councillor T. Richards gave their apologies for the Community Council meeting in September.
- (g) Members asked the Clerk to arrange a separate meeting to be held in September/October and Agenda the following three items:
  - (i) The process for Applications for Financial Assistance
  - (ii) Standing Orders
  - (iii) Live Streaming

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Aber Valley Community Council