
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT:

Chairperson: E. P. Prendergast
Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, A. Diblasi, T. Richards, J. Roberts,
M. Stretch, J. Taylor,
Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Binding, D. Daniels, P. Yandle
Gwent Police

102/2018 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.

103/2018 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

104/2018 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 8th November 2018 were approved as a true record.

105/2018 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Minute reference: 99/2018 (4) (c)
An invoice was received from Aber Valley YMCA for the hire of a PA system for the Remembrance Service held on 11th November 2018. The Clerk made a payment of £60.00 with approval from the Chairperson under delegated powers.

106/2018 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

107/2018 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (i) The Chairperson will be attending the Children's Carol Service in Beulah Chapel on 20th December 2018.

CLERKS REPORT**(1) Current Financial Situation**

- (a) Councillor J. Roberts has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 320 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(2) Income

- (a) No income has been received.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:

- (i) UK Laser Supplies – £65.16 including VAT.
- (ii) Wales Audit Office – £322.50.

- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs for Month 8.

(4) Correspondence

- (a) Caerphilly County Borough Council Draft Budget Proposals 2019/2020

Members discussed the draft budget proposals and the list of proposed savings for 2019/20. Members raised concerns regarding the proposed cutting of the remaining funding for the Senghenydd Waterplay Feature which could result in potential closure if alternative funding cannot be found. Members highlighted that there is an online petition to save the Aber Valley Waterplay Feature, which will be presented to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- (b) CCBC Events Review 2018

Members received a letter from Paul Hudson, Head of Regeneration and Planning for Caerphilly County Borough Council, regarding the Caerphilly County Borough Council Events Review. Members discussed the recommendations in the Review of the Tourism/Town Centre Events Programme Report. It was agreed that Aber Valley Community Council is unable to make any financial contribution to any of the events listed in Table 1 of the report as the Community Council contributes to events held within the Aber Valley – Members asked the Clerk to respond to Paul Hudson accordingly.

- (c) Community Cleansing Team

Members received a letter from the Waste Strategy and Operations Manager for Caerphilly County Borough Council informing them that the Community Cleansing Team will be working in the Aber Valley during the week commencing 7th January 2019. It was agreed that Councillor J. Roberts will co-ordinate areas for inclusion on the schedule.

(5) A.O.B.

(a) GDPR Audit Report & Action Plan

Members received the General Data Protection Audit Report and agreed the Action Plan for Aber Valley Community Council.

(b) Section 137 Expenditure – Limit for 2019/20

Members were informed that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019/20 is £8.12.

(c) Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership Renewal

Members agreed to renew the membership subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks for 2019 – £122.00.

(6) Applications for Financial Assistance

Members considered the following application for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

- (i) Fighting Dragons Karate Association – £255.00

(7) Forward Work Programme

Members reviewed the Forward Work programme budget and agreed to carry over the remaining balance at the end of the financial year (2018/19) to the next financial year (2019/2020) to continue with the Forward Work Programme project.

(8) Planning Applications

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in any discussions.

- (a) Case Ref. 18/0906/FULL Site Area: 126m²
Location: 1 Riverside Court, Senghenydd, Caerphilly CF83 4HB
Proposal: Erect a side extension to provide a lounge and shower room.
- (b) Case Ref. 18/0930/NCC Site Area: 40134m²
Location: Former BSW Saw Mills, The Timber Yard, Commercial Street, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4AE
Proposal: Vary condition 03 (time period) of planning consent 10/0550/OUT (Re-develop the site for a mixed use development including housing, employment (B1 Use) and community use with associated open space and infrastructure) to extend the period of time for the submission of reserved matters.
- (c) Case Ref. 18/0971/FULL Site Area: 545m²
Location: 3 Universal Villas, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4HJ
Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension
- (d) Case Ref. 18/0988/OUT Site Area: 1682m²
Location: Land At Grid Ref 311602 191525 Graig Terrace, Senghenydd
Proposal: Erect two detached properties with public off street parking and turning area.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Erect two detached properties with public off street parking and turning area
Land At Grid Ref 311602 191525 Graig Terrace Senghenydd
GRID REFERENCE - 311603(E) 191526(N)
The above application has been received under the provisions of the above
Act.

Members discussed planning application (d) 18/0988/OUT and asked the Clerk to send an e-mail to Caerphilly County Borough Council to oppose the planning application on behalf of the Community Council.

109/2018 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Councillor J. Taylor presented a draft copy of a book called 'Yr Antur Amser / Partners in Time' to Members. It was suggested that at some point the Community Council may want to purchase a number of copies to give to the schools in the Aber Valley. Councillor J. Roberts suggested linking with the Parent Network Association and the Aber Valley Arts Festival to set up a project to produce a similar type of book by the children in the Aber Valley.
- (b) Councillor A. Diblasi informed Members that he was asked to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council in January/February 2019 to ask for Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr to be included on the resurfacing schedule for the financial year 2019/2020 – Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly Borough Council to make the request for the road to be resurfaced as soon as possible in the new financial year.
- (c) Councillor A. Diblasi informed Members that he is working with Green Spaces Funding Scheme (utilising green spaces) at Bryn Aber and Edwards Terrace in Abertridwr.
- (d) Members discussed the possibility of the Connect2 bus service providing a transport service at Bryngelli Terrace and Bryn Aber in Abertridwr. Councillor J. Roberts to make enquiries and liaise with Councillor. A. Diblasi.
- (e) Members discussed the closure of Caerphilly Police Station to members of the public.
- (f) Councillor J. Roberts asked Members to consider having Welsh notices and signs in the Aber Valley as part of the Forward Work Programme.
- (g) Councillor T. Richards informed Members that he has personally prepared a document to send to Cardiff Crown Court and Caerphilly County Borough Council entitled 'Notice of application to Crown Court for repairs order where liability is not admitted' regarding the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr.
- (h) Members discussed the Christmas Lighting in Abertridwr and Senghenydd and asked the Clerk to set aside £3,000 in the 2019/2020 budget for replacement and/or extra Christmas lighting.

- (i) Members were informed of the absence of the litter picker in Senghenydd – Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request a replacement.
- (j) Members discussed purchasing customised Aber Valley Community Council plastic water bottles for primary school children in the Aber Valley – Members asked Councillor D. Berry to provide costings.

110/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please note the change of date:

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 17th January 2019** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council