
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Berry

Councillors: G. Bowen, S. Cuddihy, P. Mitchell, E. P. Prendergast,
J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: M. Battle, L. Binding, J. Roberts, M. Stretch

42/2016 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

43/2016 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th May 2016 were approved as a true record.

44/2016 MATTERS ARISING

38/2016 (a) Dog litter bin outside Nant-y-Parc School, Senghenydd:
Caerphilly County Borough Council are making arrangements to replace the damaged bin.

38/2016 (e) William Street, Abertridwr:

An officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council will be attend the area and speak to all residents in the street regarding bins left out on the highway in between collections.

Arrangements have been made for a Dog Warden to patrol the area.

38/2016 (i) The pavement area at Parc Terrace, Senghenydd:

A routine inspection by Caerphilly County Borough Council did not find any actionable defects – Councillor D. Berry to confirm and respond to CCBC.

45/2016 POLICE MATTERS

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

(a) Warrant at Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – positive outcome.

- (b) A site meeting will be held at Senghenydd Square on 16th June 2016 to discuss the road layout.
- (c) A site meeting will be held at Edwards Terrace, Abertridwr on 10th June 2016 to discuss issues relating to the trees, concerning anti-social behaviour (throwing stones/climbing trees) – Members were invited to attend.
- (d) Illicit tipping – road between Coed-y-Pica, Abertridwr and Hendredenny.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Complaints have been received regarding vehicles parking on the pavement at Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams informed Members that three vehicles have been booked and warning flyers will be put on all vehicles.
- (b) Complaints have been received regarding the high speed of traffic entering Abertridwr at Graig-y-Fedw.
- (c) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines and the junction area at the entrance to William Harries Bungalows off Thomas Street, Abertridwr, particularly in the evenings after 5.00 pm.
- (d) Members discussed the unused area of land at the end of Graig-y-Fedw, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to enquire whether the land could be used for off-road parking.
- (e) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines at Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to find out the current status of the double yellow lines opposite Aber Mill Care Home.
- (f) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines, the pedestrian crossing and in the bus bay on Senghenydd Square. Members suggested using the CCTV camera to identify the vehicles/persons responsible – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to make enquires.

46/2016

MEMBERS MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Collapsed wall near the Old School House, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) Members discussed an article in Newslines regarding waste disposal – the Clerk to put the information on the Community Council Website.
- (c) Members discussed the current situation regarding the Panteg in Abertridwr.
- (d) Illicit tipping at Graig-y-Hufen Tip, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) The litter bins at Atlantic Buildings, Senghenydd are broken and overflowing – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- (f) Members discussed carrying out planting/gardening work in the Aber Valley with young people to encourage them to take a pride in the area – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request surplus gardening provisions and liaise with Councillor S. Cuddihy.

47/2016 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

- (a) A suggestion was put forward to earmark £12,000 from the Community Council budget each year for three years (2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19) to make improvements to Abertridwr Park – the majority of members agreed.
2016/17 – the Clerk to make the necessary budgetary arrangements and allocate the amount from Special Projects (Community Council Projects/Joint Projects) and Community Council reserves.
- (b) Memorial garden on Abertridwr Square.

48/2016 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

49/2016 **CLERKS REPORT**

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget – the Clerk to e-mail Councillor S. Cuddihy and Councillor P. Mitchell a copy of the income and expenditure for 2015/16 and 2016/17 including a balance sheet.
- (b) Proposed Caerphilly Basin Highway Improvements – Pwll-y-Pant Roundabout.
- (c) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Listening & Engagement.
- (d) Gelligaer Rambler's Exhibition.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Income Tax Contribution

Members authorised the amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments:

March & April 2016 – £13.50

May, June and July 2016 - £335.25

(b) Mayor's Charity Appeal

Councillor D. Berry and Councillor S. Cuddihy to attend the launch of the Mayor's Charity appeal on 29th June 2016 – Members agreed a donation of £50.

(c) Community Council Representative Governor – Ysgol Ifor Bach

Community Council Representative Governor vacancy at Ysgol Ifor Bach – nomination deferred to the next meeting.

(d) Tidal Lagoon Power Briefing – Meeting Request

A request from the Development Manager of Tidal Lagoon Power to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss the early stages of their project – the Clerk to send an invitation to attend the Community Council meeting to be held in September 2016.

(e) Senghenydd Waterplay Feature – Application for Financial Assistance

Members discussed a request for financial assistance towards the Senghenydd water play feature and agreed to match fund the £3,000 pledged by Caerphilly County Borough Council – the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(f) Five-Man Community Cleansing Team

The Clerk to report the following areas for inclusion on the schedule of works for the Five-man Community Cleansing Team:

- (i) The steps area at Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd.

(g) CCTV – Privacy Impact Assessment

Members discussed an e-mail from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding a Privacy Impact Assessment on all CCTV cameras and agreed the support of the Community Council for the continued use of CCTV cameras in the Aber Valley – the Clerk to e-mail confirmation of support and comments on why CCTV is essential in Abertridwr and Senghenydd.

(h) Bowling Green, Abertridwr

Members discussed an update from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the bowling green and re-location of the toilet facilities at Abertridwr Park – the Clerk to e-mail Caerphilly County Borough Council to obtain further information regarding the logistics of moving the toilets and question whether the toilets can be separated in order retain two in Abertridwr Park and re-locate two to Senghenydd Park.

Members discussed the toilets at the Pavilion in Senghenydd Park – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to clarify ownership and use of the toilets.

(i) Registration with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)

Members approved the requirement to register with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) under the Data Protection Act 1998 - £35.00.

(j) Annual External Audit 2015/16

The Notice of the annual audit of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016 from BDO LLP, on behalf of the Auditor General of Wales, has been received.

Members considered and approved the accounting statement and authorised the Chairperson and Clerk sign the approval and certification section – the Clerk to submit the Annual Return and supporting documentation to the external auditor by 11th July 2016.

The internal audit report was presented and the annual governance statement was completed in agreement with Members.

(3) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

- (a) **Case Ref. 16/0385/FULL Site Area: 10578m²**
Location: Land at Graig-yr-Hufen Road, Senghenydd, Caerphilly
Proposal: Erect a single wind turbine of up to 77m tip height and associated infrastructure
Applicant: Aber Valley Community Turbine Ltd, Mr D Brunton, The Old Caretakers House, Gwern Avenue, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4HA

50/2016 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th July 2016** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council