
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor J. Taylor

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, G. Bowen, E. P. Prendergast,

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: L. Binding, L. Crothers, P. Mitchell, J. Roberts, M. Stretch

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PUBLIC MATTERS

Gill Jones, a representative of Aber Valley Heritage Group, attended the meeting to inform the Community Council about their recent discovery regarding Flt Sgt Ronald Levis from Senghenydd who was killed in action at the beginning of World War 2 in 1942, but whose name was never included on the War Memorial in Senghenydd.

It was proposed that, with assistance from Caerphilly County Borough Council, the Senghenydd War Memorial be refurbished to include his name and a re-dedication service to be arranged for Sunday 8th May 2016. Funding is being sought from the RAF.

Members of Aber Valley Community Council agreed that Flt Sgt Ronald Levis should be included on the War Memorial and a re-dedication service be held.

It was agreed that Gill Jones would arrange accordingly and inform the Community Council of the arrangements.

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ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

Julian Hayman attended the meeting to establish a link with the Community Council and discuss their plan for NHS Services in Gwent.

Clinical Futures – since 2007 the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board have been planning and making big changes to the way they provide NHS care. Their ‘Clinical Futures’ plans involve new hospitals and buildings, and also NHS Services outside the hospital setting and in local communities.

The following issues were raised and discussed:

GP access
A new Health Centre for the Aber Valley
Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr – limited facilities
Hospital locations – travel issues

Parking issues at the Royal Gwent
A new critical care unit in Cwmbran

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board monthly newsletter to be e-mailed to the
Community Council for information.

19/2016 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Amendment to the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11th
February 2016:

12/2016 (i) Police Officers (not Enforcement Officers) have been in the Aber
Valley.

20/2016 **MATTERS ARISING**

11/2016 03/2016 135/2014 (129/2014 (d) Wheelie bins left out on the pavement
at William Street, Abertridwr – warning letters have been sent from Caerphilly
County Borough Council but not adhered to. The Clerk to report back to
Caerphilly County Borough Council.

13/2016 (g) The possibility of properties on Abertridwr Square being turned into
flats – Councillor J. Taylor awaiting a response from Caerphilly County Borough
Council Planning Department.

15/2016 (2) (f) (i) A meeting to discuss the Heritage Room at Senghenydd
Community Centre was held on Monday 22nd February 2016 – it was agreed that
the Community Council owns the book of remembrance and the cabinet and all
the other artefacts were handed over and are owned by The Heritage Group.

21/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

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

- (a) Positive feedback regarding the re-painted double yellow lines at Thomas
Street, Abertridwr.
- (b) Improvement regarding parking issues at the bus Stop outside the SPAR
in Abertridwr – 3 parking tickets issued.
- (c) High Street, Senghenydd – drugs warrant.
- (d) Off-road bike operation on 28/02/16 – one bike recovered.
- (e) SYDIC funding – letter of support sent.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Parking issues at the bus stop outside Sam's Grill, Abertridwr.
- (ii) The delivery vehicle for Aber Mill Care Home is continually
parking on the roadside causing an obstruction – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to
resolve.

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MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Illicit tipping alongside the fence area at Nant-y-Parc Primary School – Councillor D. Berry to contact the Clerk with exact details and location.
- (b) Illicit tipping/household waste at William Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (c) A bag of rubbish on the layby on the road leading from Abertridwr to Penyrheol – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Illicit tipping/cooker at the rear of Thomas Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Members discussed the Periodic Review Mineral Planning Consent for The Senghenydd Minerals Site, Graig-y-Hufen Tip – conditions applied.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

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CLERKS REPORT

(1) SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget.
- (b) Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031: Deposit Plan Consultation
- (c) The Pensions Regulator – Workplace Pensions
- (d) The Centre, Senghenydd Financial Assistance Received
- (e) The Independent Remuneration Panel Annual Report 2017
- (f) Bus Stop Markings, Senghenydd

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

(a) Membership of One Voice Wales 2016/17

Members resolved not to join One Voice Wales.

(b) Income Tax Contribution

Members authorised the amount due to the Inland Revenue in respect of income tax payments for February, March and April 2016 - £315.00 (to be paid out of the 2016/17 financial year).

(c) SYDIC

Councillor M. Battle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members discussed the correspondence relating to the reduction in funding for Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(d) Planned Projects 2015/16 – 2016/17

Members agreed to the recommendation to earmark the following reserves from the 2015/16 budget to the 2016/17 budget for projects that have been approved but not completed or for invoices have not been received:

Litter bins / dog litter bins / benches – £6000
Senghenydd Past & Present Bench – £1000
Brochure and distribution – £1000
IT Equipment – £1000

(e) Community Council Expenditure

The following invoices have been paid with approval from the Chairperson in order for payments to be completed before the end of the financial year:

Argos (reimbursement to Clerk): Shredder – £44.99
Everson Sports and Trophies: Plaque Update – £15.00
One Voice Wales: Clerks Training 24/02/16 – £35.00
UK Laser Supplies: Ink Cartridges – £122.47

(3) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **Case Ref. 16/0109/FULL Site Area: 258m²**

Location: 39 Graig-Y-Fedw, Abertridwr Caerphilly, CF83 4AR

Proposal: Erect a single-storey rear extension

Applicant: Mrs K Mathews, 39 Graig-Y-Fedw, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4AR

Case Officer: Mr A Pyne - 01495 235197 - pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

(b) **Case Ref. 16/0133/COU Site Area: 124m²**

Location: 65 Caerphilly Road Senghenydd Caerphilly CF83 4FS

Proposal: Change the use from a C3 single dwelling to a house of multiple occupancy with double and single-storey rear extension

Applicant: Top Homes Ltd, 65 Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4FS

Agent: A3 Architectural Services, Mr S Khan, 90A Bury Old Road, Manchester, M8 5BW

Case Officer: Mr C Powell - 01495 235019 - powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council