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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, P. Mitchell,  
E. P. Prendergast, J. Roberts, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors:

**09/2016      PUBLIC MATTERS**

No members of the public in attendance.

**10/2016      MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the community council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were approved as a true record.

**11/2016      MATTERS ARISING**

**01/2016** Parking issues/volume of traffic at William Street, Abertridwr – Councillor J. Roberts met with a Highways Officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council and is awaiting a response.

**01/2016** Welsh Kebabs opening hours – Councillor L. Binding has informed them that complaints have been received from members of the public. Caerphilly County Borough Council Planning Enforcement has been notified.

**03/2016 135/2014 (129/2014 (d))** Wheelie bins left out on the pavement area at Thomas Street and William Street, Abertridwr – warning letters have been sent out in the post from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

**05/2016 (a)** The bus stop at Coronation Terrace, Senghenydd is being replaced – date to be confirmed.

**12/2016      POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Enforcement Officers have been in the Aber Valley – a number of parking tickets and warnings have been issued. The Clerk to send an e-mail to the Police to request that they continue to enforce the bus bays outside the SPAR in Abertridwr and also the one on Abertridwr Square.

New bus bay road markings have been put outside the SPAR in Abertridwr which has greatly improved the situation.

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## **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) Illicit tipping at the rear of Woodland Terrace, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) Illicit tipping at Greenfield Place, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council as it has previously been reported but has not been removed within the allocated timescale. Councillor L. Binding to make enquiries regarding the allocated timescales for service requests.
- (c) A meeting has been arranged with Councillor L. Binding and Simon Beacham from Park Services Caerphilly County Borough Council to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to discuss the locations for the new dog litter bins and litter bins.
- (d) Illicit tipping on the path leading from Parc Terrace, Senghenydd to Nant-y-Parc Primary School – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Councillor J. Roberts has met with an officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council Cleansing Department to look at different areas that require clearing in Abertridwr and Senghenydd – works have commenced.
- (f) Members discussed a letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council to Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre informing them that their current funding allocation will not continue after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. **Councillor J. Roberts, Councillor M. Stretch and Councillor M. Battle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.**
- (g) Members discussed the possibility of properties on Abertridwr Square being turned into flats – Councillor J. Taylor to make enquiries to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (h) Illicit tipping on the banking area at the Four Terraces, Senghenydd – the Clerk to put on the schedule as a priority for the Five-Man Community Cleansing Team.
- (i) Members requested bus bay markings on the bus stop outside Nant-y-Parc Primary School – the Clerk to make enquiries to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (j) Members reported that buses are continuing to run late or out of service – Councillor E. P. Prendergast to monitor the situation and liaise with the Clerk so that exact details can be reported to Stagecoach.

- (k) A considerable amount of branches have blown off trees in the rear lanes – Councillor E. P. Prendergast to notify Councillor L. Binding of the exact locations.

**14/2016      CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

**15/2016      CLERKS REPORT**

**(1)      SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a)      Aber Valley Community Council Budget.
- (b)      Telephone Account – Community Council Office.

**(2)      SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- (a)      Local Government Finance Training - Clerk

Members approved a request from the Clerk to attend Local Government Finance Advanced Training on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - £45.00.

- (b)      Elsbury Access Platforms – Christmas Lighting 2015

Invoice received from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, removal and storage of the Christmas lighting 2015 – £1,102.80 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

- (c)      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:

Area at Four Terraces, Senghenydd

The rear of Woodland Terrace, Abertridwr

Councillor J Roberts to e-mail the Clerk with additional areas for cleansing.

- (d)      Community Council IT Equipment/Access

Members resolved to purchase IT equipment/server licences from Caerphilly County Borough Council to allow the Clerk to access e-mails and community council data as necessary:

Standard model laptop - £500.00

MS Office and the licences required to connect it to servers - £300.00

IT support from Caerphilly County Borough Council is on a best endeavour basis

A SWIVEL token to connect the device to a secure connection over the internet - £97 for the first year to cover the up-front cost and contract, subsequent years are £30.30 per year.

- (e)      Application for Financial Assistance

Dance Unity – £100.00.

(f) Additional Items to the Clerks Report

- (i) A meeting to discuss the Heritage Room at Senghenydd Community Centre to be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.00 pm – Councillor J. Taylor, Councillor M. Stretch, Councillor E. P. Prendergast and the Clerk to attend.
- (ii) A letter of resignation received from Councillor B Morris.
- (iii) Members agreed for any invoices received by the Clerk for approved supplies and services to be authorised by the Chairperson in order to be paid for by the end of the financial year.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

**16/2016** DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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