
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, G. Bowen, L. Crothers S. Cuddihy,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: P. Mitchell, E. P. Prendergast

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PUBLIC MATTERS

(a) Proposed Projects – Aber Valley Heritage Group

Representatives of The Aber Valley Heritage Group attended the meeting to request a letter of support and financial support from the Community Council for the following projects:

- Replacement of the Windsor Mining Memorial in Abertridwr
- To identify sites and premises of heritage interest which members of the public can explore by a 'Heritage Trail'

Members agreed to write a letter of support – the Clerk to liaise with the representatives of The Aber Valley Heritage Group.

Members agreed to financially support the replacement of the Windsor Mining Memorial in principle – the amount to be determined at a later date.

Members of Aber Valley Community Council were invited to be involved in the development of the projects.

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 8th September 2016 were approved as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

68/2016 (2) (e) Additional dog litter and litter bins – Councillor L. Binding has notified Caerphilly County Borough Council that the Community Council has agreed the costs for installation of the bins and requested a timescale for completion.

68/2016 (2) (f) Members agreed to set up a Finance Committee to effectively monitor and review the budget throughout the financial year. The following Members were nominated and agreed:

Chairperson
Councillor Dale Berry
Councillor Gareth Bowen
Councillor Mark Stretch
Councillor John Taylor

The Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Aber Valley Community Council Finance Committee to be held on Thursday 10th November 2016, commencing at 6.15 pm.

73/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

74/2016 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (a) Community Council Presentation Evening – the Clerk to write a letter to the Caerphilly Youth Singers to congratulate them on their performance.
- (b) The Chairperson's allowance for 2016/17 to be donated to SYDIC and Aber Valley YMCA via the Aber Valley County Borough Councillors sponsored walk.

75/2016 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members matters:

- (a) The Spanish Civil War Memorial held at Abertridwr Community Centre is showing signs of damp – the Clerk to make enquires to resolve.
- (b) The lane behind High Street, Senghenydd has been cleared of illicit tipping.
- (c) Members were informed that Nant-y-Parc School Choir are taking part in an event at St David's Hall in Cardiff. The Clerk to contact the school to make enquiries regarding financial support towards a school choir uniform – Members agreed an amount of up to £200 and delegated powers to the Chairperson to authorise.
- (d) Litter bins and dog litter bins are overflowing in the Aber Valley – problems have been associated with dog litter bins being filled with general waste.
- (e) Illicit tipping in the lane behind Woodland Terrace and Upper Francis Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (f) At present Garden waste collections will operate as a 'request only' service.

76/2016 **CLERKS REPORT**

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

Members noted the following matters:-

(a) Aber Valley Community Council Budget

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 294 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(b) Direct Mail Distribution – invoice.

(c) Removal of payphones in the Caerphilly County Borough.

(d) Review of the operation and management of highway owned council car parks.

(e) Bus stop improvement works in the Abertridwr area.

(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 for August, September and October 2016 – £335.25.

(b) Armistice Day – November 2016

Member agreed to purchase two wreaths to lay at the Abertridwr Service of Remembrance and at the Senghenydd Cenotaph to remember those killed in the wars – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(c) Plaques

Members agreed to update the community recognition award plaques located in Abertridwr and Senghenydd Community Centres and approved any subsequent costs – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

(d) Aber Valley YMCA Pantomime

Members considered a request from Aber Valley YMCA for financial support towards the cost of the annual Christmas pantomime.

It was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £250 towards the event.

(e) Proposed Projects by Aber Valley Heritage Group

This item was discussed under Public Matters.

(f) Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund – Abertridwr Memorial Garden

Item deferred to the Forward Work Programme Committee meeting – the Clerk to arrange a meeting.

(g) Audit for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

Details of the proposed audit certificate and opinion including an Issues Arising Report for the year ended 31st March 2016 was presented to Members at the meeting.

Members re-approved the annual return and authorised the Clerk/RFO and Chairperson to complete, sign and date the re-approval and re-certification

section in order that BDO can certify the annual return and issue the Auditor General Wales Audit Certificate and Report.

(h) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £7.38 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

(1) Planning Appeal

(a) Planning Appeal - Application No. 15/0781/ROMPSP - The Senghenydd Minerals Site, Senghenydd

ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995 – SCHEDULE 14

Location: The Senghenydd Minerals Site Graig-yr-hufen Road
Senghenydd Caerphilly

Proposed Development: First periodic review of planning conditions
(Environment Act 1995)

Appellants(s): Mr C Payne

Planning Inspectorate's Reference: 516194

Start Date: 27 June 2016

(2) Planning Applications

(a) Case Ref. 16/0733/FULL Site Area: 184m²

Location: 15 Ty'n Y Parc Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4ED

Proposal: Convert integral garage to living room

Applicant: Mr R Venn, 15 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED

(b) Case Ref. 16/0765/COU Site Area: 80m²

Location: Shop Unit 4, Thomas Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4AZ

Proposal: Change of use from a greengrocers shop to a tattoo and piercing shop

Applicant: Mrs J Gatehouse, 13 Greenfield Place, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4EN

(c) Case Ref. 16/0784/FULL Site Area: 190m²

Location: 3 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED

Proposal: Erect two storey extension

Applicant: Mr L Morgan, 3 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED

(d) Case Ref. 16/0817/FULL Site Area: 613m²

Location: 28 Ffordd Las (Former 27 Ffordd Las), Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4EW

Proposal: Erect 3 bed bungalow with dormer windows

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cochlin, 28 Ffordd Las, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4EW

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th November 2016** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council