
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 14th JULY 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES: -

51/2016 **PUBLIC MATTERS**

No public matters.

52/2016 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9th June 2016 were approved with the following amendment:

47/2016 (a) A Proposal was put forward to earmark £12,000 from the Community Council budget each year for three years to make improvements to Abertridwr Park and surrounding areas.

53/2016 **MATTERS ARISING**

46/2016 (a) Collapsed wall near the Old School House, Abertridwr
Caerphilly County Borough Council has advised that they do not consider the wall to be dangerous at the moment – Councillor J. Roberts to contact CCBC to discuss.

46/2016 (e) Refuse bins at Atlantic Buildings, Senghenydd
The refuse bins remain broken and overflowing – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

54/2016 **POLICE MATTERS**

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

(a) Arrest on Abertridwr Square – off road bike.

(b) Working with United Welsh regarding the park at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr.

- (c) Members were advised that legislation states CCTV cannot be used for Enforcement.
- (d) Parking tickets have been issued to vehicles parked on the junction to William Harries Bungalows, off Thomas Street, Abertridwr.
- (e) Working with Positive Futures (Caerphilly Sport) with a view to providing activities in the Aber Valley during the school holidays.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines at Abermill Care Home, Abertridwr.
- (b) Caravans parked in a residential area have received parking tickets – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams informed Members that it is the responsibility of the Caerphilly County Borough Council Highways department.
- (c) A dog roaming around the Dan-y-Graig area, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Upon request P.C.S.O. Ian Williams updated Members on the current situation regarding shed break-ins and vehicle damage in the Caerphilly borough.

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MEMBERS MATTERS

Members matters:

- (a) Overhanging bushes on the pathway over the bridge at Bronmynydd, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) A representative of Disability CANDO to be invited to the October Community Council meeting – Councillor S. Cuddihy to liaise with the Clerk to arrange.
- (c) Wheelie bins being left out on the highway in between collections at William Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Overgrowth and overhanging bushes on steps leading onto the Heritage Garden at the rear of Aberfawr Terrace and Ilan Road Flats, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) The steps at Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd are closed whilst works are taking place.
- (f) The Senghenydd Waterplay feature is open for 18 weeks of the year dependent on the weather.
- (g) The cutting back has not been completed on the pathway from Parc Terrace to Nant-y-Parc Primary School, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (h) A wall at Graig-y-Hyfun Farm is continually being hit by vehicles – Councillor J. Roberts to contact the owners to discuss.
- (i) Additional part time litter picker in Senghenydd.

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

- (a) A robust and lengthy discussion took place regarding the previous decision to allocate £12,000 from the Community Council budget for three years to make improvements to Abertridwr Park and surrounding areas. Members put forward their views and opinions regarding the decision.
- (b) A Proposal was put forward that any money spent on improvements to Abertridwr Park and surrounding areas, an equal amount of money be spent on improvements to Senghenydd Park and surrounding areas. A recorded vote was requested.

Lyndon Binding – Abstention
 Councillor J. Taylor – Against
 Councillor S. Cuddihy – Against
 Councillor G. Bowen – For
 Councillor P. Mitchell – For
 Councillor J. Roberts – Against
 Councillor D. Berry – Against
 Councillor M. Stretch – Against
 Councillor M. Battle – Against
 Councillor E. P. Prendergast – Against
 Luke Crothers had left the meeting prior to the proposal

The proposal was not carried.

Concerns were noted by some Members. It was expressed that the Community Council continues to fund and support both areas of the Aber Valley.

- (c) Memorial garden on Abertridwr Square – Councillor J. Roberts updated Members on the current situation.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) A letter has been received from the Chairperson of Aber Valley Community Allotment requesting a financial contribution towards the re-build of the steps that form the only access into the allotments.
 Members agreed to allocate up to £2000.
- (b) Members were updated on the current situation regarding additional dog-litter bins and litter bins in the Aber Valley – Councillor L. Binding to continue pursuing.
- (c) The Chairperson reported on a meeting held at Abertridwr Park and discussed the improvements needed.

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 291 and bank reconciliation – Members approved the Community Council's accounts.

- (b) Ombudsman – Annual Report 2015/16
- (c) Precept
- (d) SYDIC Visits
- (e) The Caerphilly YOU Want Workshops
- (f) Proposed priorities for the new Police and Crime Plan for Gwent 2017-21
- (g) Invitation to Police and Crime Commissioner Community Council Event – Councillor L. Binding and Councillor S. Cuddihy to attend.

(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION

- (a) Financial Support – Location of Heritage Centre in Senghenydd Community Centre

Councillor G. Bowen and Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members discussed a request from the Treasurer of Senghenydd Community Centre requesting an annual grant to help with the running costs (heating and lighting) for housing the Heritage Centre.

Members resolved to consider the request at the Financial Assistance Committee meeting.

- (b) Caerphilly Fireworks Display

Members considered the request from the Clerk of Caerphilly Town Council requesting a financial contribution towards the cost of the annual fireworks display at Caerphilly Castle.

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

- (c) Community Council Representative Governor – Ysgol Ifor Bach

Councillor S. Cuddihy was appointed as Community Council Representative Governor for Ysgol Ifor Bach – the Clerk to notify the Education Achievement Service.

- (d) SYDIC Summer Scheme

Councillor M. Stretch, Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor M. E. Battle declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members considered the request from SYDIC for financial support towards the Aber Valley Summer Scheme.

It was agreed the Community Council would support the application in the sum of £1,000.

Members asked to Clerk arrange a visit to SYDIC for Thursday 8th September at 6.15 pm (prior to the Community Council meeting).

(e) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £7.44 (including VAT).

Members authorised the payment.

(f) SYDIC Refuse Bins

Item referred to Partnership and County Borough Councillors.

(g) Elected Member Code of Conduct

Members formally adopted the amended Code of Conduct – the Clerk to notify Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(h) Licence – Abertridwr Library

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for room rental at Abertridwr Library – £260.00.

Members authorised the payment.

(i) Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening

It was agreed the Community Council would hold a presentation evening in the Abertridwr Community Centre on Thursday 22nd September 2016 – the Clerk to arrange accordingly.

The following community awards were agreed:

Senghenydd (Adult):	Sandra Gough
Senghenydd (Young Person):	Nomination to be agreed by Clerk and Chair
Abertridwr (Adult):	Barbara Tudor
Abertridwr (Young Person):	Ellis Roberts

Entertainment: Caerphilly Youth Choir

Members agreed to introduce an Aber Valley Community Organisation Award next year.

(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

(a) Case Ref. 16/0339/RET Site Area: 220m²

Location: 36 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED

Proposal: Retain the conversion of garage to provide extra lounge living space and tarmac lawn at front of house to provide parking space

Applicant: Mr S Haskell, 36 Ty'n Y Parc, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4ED

(b) Case Ref. 16/0460/RET Site Area: 388m²

Location: Orbit House, 162 Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4FX

Proposal: Retain mixed use as a dwelling house and a hair salon in the basement

Applicant: Mrs A McCann Venn, Orbit House, 162 Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd, Caerphilly CF83 4FX

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th September 2016** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council