
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2017

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Berry

Councillors: L. Binding, S. Cuddihy, D. Daniels, A. Diblasi,
E. P. Prendergast, T. Richards, J. Taylor

Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

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

36/2017 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

Members agreed to review the constitution with regards to Public Matters – the Clerk to put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

37/2017 MINUTES OF THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Forward Work Programme Committee meeting held on 13th April 2017 were presented for accuracy and noting only. The minutes were approved as a true record.

38/2017 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13th April 2017 were approved as a true record.

Members asked the Clerk to put 'Declarations of Interest' as a standing agenda item for future meetings.

39/2017 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Minute reference: 32/2017 (b)
Councillor L. Binding conducted the opening ceremony of the Tridwr Ladies Bowling Club 40th Anniversary in Senghenydd Park on Sunday 8th May 2017. The Tridwr Ladies bowling club expressed their thanks to the Community Council.

40/2017 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) There are no white road markings on the junction at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr to indicate who has the right of way – the Clerk to raise with P.C.S.O. Ian Williams and liaise with Councillor T. Richards.

41/2017 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

42/2017 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) A site meeting was held at Abertridwr Park with Simon Beacham, the Senior Parks Officer for Caerphilly County Borough Council, in relation to the Forward Work Programme to discuss and implement improvements to Abertridwr Park.
 - (i) Suitable areas for planting flowers were considered – the Clerk to liaise with Simon Beacham to proceed with the necessary arrangements.
 - (ii) The cost for the opening of the toilets in Abertridwr Park was requested – the Clerk to liaise with Simon Beacham to proceed with the necessary arrangements.
 - (iii) A public meeting will be arranged to discuss the creation of a Friends at Abertridwr Park Association – Simon Beacham to be invited to attend.

Members were informed that Abertridwr Park was being well used at the time of the site meeting.

- (b) Members reported on dog fouling – the Clerk to report the following areas to Caerphilly County Borough Council:
 - Cycle path, Abertridwr, (behind the Bingo Hall)
 - Cycle path, Abertridwr (opposite the Bingo Hall)
 - Church Road, Abertridwr (outside the old College)
- (c) Members discussed issues relating to rights of way and agreed for Councillor T. Richards to refer it to the next Community Council Liaison Committee Meeting.
- (d) Councillor T. Richards requested an official map of the Aber Valley Community Council area, indicating community council boundaries and rights of way – the Clerk to obtain the required information.
- (e) Councillor A. Diblasi asked for guidance in relation to allotments.
Councillor A. Diblasi signed a declaration of interest.
It was agreed that Councillor A. Diblasi would contact Caerphilly County Borough Council, on an individual basis, for advice and information regarding the allotments at Cwm Cefl.
- (f) Illicit tipping and overgrowth in the flank lane next to 13 Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that it is cleared and cut back.

CLERKS REPORT**(1) Current Financial Situation**

- (a) Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 301 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(2) Income

- (a) Members noted the following income:
- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council: the first instalment of the 2017/18 Community Council Precept – £17,250.00.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:
- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council: inspection and maintenance costs for the play facility at Hendre, Abertridwr from April 2016 to March 2017 – £982.21 (including VAT).
- (ii) British Telecom – £52.24 (including VAT).
- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs.

(4) Correspondence

- (a) Members received a copy of a letter from the Wales Audit Office regarding audit fees and other matters relating to the 2015-16 audit.

(5) Any Other Business

- (a) Members agreed for Councillor S. Cuddihy to organise the summer flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and approved any subsequent costs up to the sum of £50 to be reimbursed. Councillor L. Binding to assist with planting of summer flowers on Abertridwr Square.
- (b) Members agreed for the Clerk to purchase postage stamps as necessary for community council business.

(4) Planning Applications

- (a) Case Ref. 17/0333/FULL Site Area: 205m²
Location: 24 Kingsley Place, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4HD
Proposal: Erect two-storey rear extension
Applicant: Mr R Williams, 24 Kingsley Place, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4HD
- (b) Case Ref. 17/0338/FULL Site Area: 259m²
Location: 25 Mountain View, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4AT
Proposal: Construct block paving driveway area and wider gate access etc.
Applicant: Mr R Snelling, 25 Mountain View, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4AT

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd June 2017** at Abertridwr Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council