
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 22ND JUNE 2017

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Berry
Councillors: L. Binding, S. Cuddihy, D. Daniels, A. Diblasi,
E. P. Prendergast, T. Richards, M. Stretch
Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

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

45/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

46/2017 PUBLIC MATTERS

No public matters.

- (i) Constitution review – to be deferred to the next meeting.

47/2017 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 17th May 2017 were approved as a true record.

48/2017 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Minute reference: 42/2017 (c)
Members discussed issues relating to blocking rights of way and asked P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to provide an update and Police perspective at the next Community Council meeting.
- (ii) Minute reference: 42/2017 (a) (i)
Caerphilly County Borough Council Parks Services have planted the flower beds in Abertridwr Park and will invoice the Community Council accordingly.

49/2017 POLICE MATTERS

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

- (a) Successful warrant on Senghenydd Square.

- (b) Parking on the junction at Thomas Street, Abertridwr – 10 tickets have been issued.
- (c) Parking on the bus stop at Graig-y-Fedw, Abertridwr – tickets have been issued.
- (d) An arrest for dangerous driving in Penyrheol.
- (e) Parish Place, Senghenydd – problems associated with youths and antisocial behaviour.
- (f) No white road markings on the junction at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr – awaiting clarification from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (a) Parking in lanes at High Street, Abertridwr and Edwards Terrace, Abertridwr – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams informed Members that warning notices have been put on vehicles.
- (b) Off road vehicles – Members were instructed to report them to the DVLA. *Councillor D. Daniels signed a declaration of interest.*
- (c) Abandoned vehicle at Tan-y-Bryn, Senghenydd.
- (d) Dangerous parking outside Nant-y-Parc Primary during school start and finish times – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to attend and contact the school to discuss sending a letter to parents to address the issue.

50/2017 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

51/2017 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Some Members expressed concerns relating to the renewal/upgrades of bus stops in the Aber Valley – the Clerk to invite an Officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council to the next meeting to discuss.
- (b) Litter at Greenfield Place, Abertridwr – the Clerk to ask the Community Safety Warden to patrol the area.
- (c) Rats have been sighted at Lower Francis Street, Abertridwr – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Members discussed the bus route through the Aber Valley – the Clerk to contact Stagecoach Bus Company to ask if the bus route can include Bryngelli Terrace, Edwards Terrace and Bryn Aber.
- (e) The pathway/shortcut between Bryn Aber and Edwards Terrace, Abertridwr is overgrown – Councillor A. Diblasi to report to Councillor J. Roberts.
- (f) Educating children in Politics – Members agreed to raise the subject through their school governor positions.

- (g) Members discussed issues relating to the punctuality of buses – the Clerk to report to Stagecoach Bus Company.
- (h) Concerns were raised regarding rights of way and the whole retaining wall on both sides of the road at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr – the Clerk to invite an Officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council to the next Community Council meeting to update Members with the latest assessment of the wall, to address the main issue of safety to members of the public.

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CLERKS REPORT

(1) Current Financial Situation

- (a) Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 302 and bank reconciliation – Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts. Upon a request from the Clerk Members agreed that Councillor E. P. Prendergast will examine the Community Council's accounts on a monthly basis.

(2) Income

- (a) No income received.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:
 - (i) Data Protection registration renewal – £35.00.
- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs.

(4) Correspondence

(a) Aber Valley Arts Festival 2017 – Financial Assistance

Councillor E. P. Prendergast declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Members discussed a letter from the Secretary of Undercurrents requesting financial assistance for the Aber Valley Arts Festival to be held in October 2017.

Members agreed to support the request for financial assistance in the sum of £1000.

(b) Mayors Charity Launch 2017

Councillor D. Berry to attend the launch of the Mayor's Charity appeal on 28th June 2017 – Members agreed a donation of £50.

(c) Senghenydd Waterplay Feature – Financial Assistance

Members discussed a letter from SALT requesting financial assistance towards the Senghenydd water play feature and agreed to match fund the £3,000 from Caerphilly County Borough Council – Members asked the Clerk to seek clarification as to who is managing the waterplay feature and delegated powers to the Chairperson to authorise who the cheque is made payable to.

(d) SYDIC Summer Scheme

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

Members discussed a letter from the Youth Committee Chairperson of SYDIC requesting financial support towards summer activities for the young people in the Aber Valley.

Members agreed to support the request for financial assistance in the sum of £1,000.

Members also agreed to donate £100 to Aber Valley YMCA towards their outdoor activities fund.

(5) Any Other Business

(a) Audit 2016/17

The Notice of the annual audit of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 has been received from BDO LLP, on behalf of the Auditor General of Wales.

Members considered and approved the accounting statement and authorised the Chairperson and Clerk sign the approval and certification section – the Clerk to submit the Annual Return and supporting documentation to the external auditor by 3rd July 2017.

The internal audit report was presented and the annual governance statement was completed in agreement with Members.

(b) Community Council Presentation Evening

Members agreed to hold a Community Council Presentation Evening in September 2017 – details to be discussed at the next meeting.

(c) Community Recognition Awards

Community Recognition Award nomination forms to be distributed – recipients to be agreed at the next meeting.

(d) Code of Conduct Training

Code of Conduct training will take place on Thursday 27th July 2017 in the Council Chamber, Penallta House – Members to advise the Clerk if they are attending.

(e) Community Based Event – GAVO Wales

Members received an e-mail from the Holiday Scheme Co-ordinator for GAVO regarding a community based event in the Aber Valley – the Clerk to obtain further information and request a completed financial assistance application form for Members to consider at the next meeting.

(f) Aber Valley Carnival

Members asked the Clerk to contact the organiser of the Aber Valley Carnival to see if the Community Council can be of assistance.

(6) Forward Work Programme

- (a) The toilets in Abertridwr Park have been opened. Members were informed that the costs for opening, closing and cleaning the toilets is £2,531.50, however the cost may increase due to the daily closing time of the toilets

being extended from 4.45 pm to 7.00 pm. Members noted and approved the cost and any increase in cost associated to the extended closing time.

(7) Planning Applications

- (a) Case Ref. 17/0396/FULL Site Area: 173m²
Location: 49 Thomas Street Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4AW
Proposal: Erect a two storey rear extension
Applicant: Mr D Hawkins, 49 Thomas Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4AW
Agent: Mr M Morgan, 9 School Street, Aberbargoed, Bargoed, CF81 9DA
- (b) Case Ref. 17/0440/FULL Site Area: 2954m²
Location: Gleneagles, Eglwysilan, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4JG
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and extend and remodel entrance porch
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Robins, Gleneagles, Eglwysilan, Abertridwr, Caerphilly CF83 4JG

53/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th July 2017** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council