
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2018

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor E. P. Prendergast
Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, L. Binding, A. Diblasi, T. Richards,
J. Roberts, M. Stretch, P. Yandle
Clerk: S. Hughes

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: D. Daniels, J. Taylor

42/2018 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.

43/2018 PUBLIC MATTERS

A member of the public attended the meeting and the following issues were raised:

- (i) Illicit tipping (builder's rubbish) on the land behind the Windsor Hotel – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (ii) Property development on Caerphilly Road – Members informed of planning permission timescales.
- (iii) Untaxed vehicles in the Aber Valley was discussed.
- (iv) The staffing of litter pickers in Abertridwr and Senghenydd and issues arising from their absence from work was discussed.
- (v) Members asked the Clerk to invite Mark Miller, the Principal Refuse and Cleansing Officer for CCBC, and Lee Carpenter, the Environmental Health Officer for CCBC, to the next meeting to provide an update on the tipping issues in the Aber Valley and illicit tipping figures for 2017/18.
- (vi) It was suggested that people use their mobile phone to record any instances of litter being thrown and dog litter not being picked up to report the individuals involved.

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THE FUTURE OF THE WELSH NATIONAL MINING MEMORIAL AND ABER VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM

A representative of The Aber Valley Heritage Group, Jack Humphreys, attended the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the future of the Welsh National Mining Memorial and Aber Valley Heritage Museum. Members were informed that the Museum is open to the public 6 days per week and is staffed by volunteers.

The Aber Valley Heritage Group are responsible for the maintenance of the Welsh National Mining Memorial and the Aber Valley Heritage Museum. The Committee, at its last meeting, considered the long term maintenance of both these important features as the average age of the members of The Aber Valley Heritage Group is in excess of 70 years. They are anxious to ensure that both projects are maintained in the future and are trying to recruit more volunteers who would be able to do so.

Jack Humphreys informed Members that a meeting is being arranged with representatives of Caerphilly County Borough Council, Hefin David AM and CISWO to discuss the long term future of the above projects and asked for representatives of Aber Valley Community Council to attend.

Members agreed to attend the meeting and suggested the Community Councillor School Governor representatives can link with schools to send any information out to parents.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th April 2018 were approved as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute reference: 34/2018 (ii)

Members discussed vehicles speeding through the Aber Valley and asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request speed lines in the following areas:

Thomas Street, Abertridwr;

Church Road, Abertridwr;

High Street, Abertridwr;

The road between Abertridwr and Penyrheol (the Clerk to contact Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn Community Council to ask them to make the same request).

(ii) Minute reference: 36/2018 (i)

Members discussed the current situation of the wall at St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr. Councillor T. Richards informed Members that a risk assessment of the wall has not been carried out – Councillor J. Roberts to contact Tim Stephens, Development Control Manager for Caerphilly County Borough Council, to clarify.

Members received a response from Caerphilly County Borough Council informing that they have inspected the wall opposite number 3 but are not in the opinion that it is dangerous at this moment in time. Members disagreed with this finding – the Clerk to forward a copy of the e-mail to Councillor J. Roberts.

It was agreed for Councillor T. Richards to contact the residents of St Anne's Gardens, Cae Bryn and Ffordd Las to suggest they form a residents group and nominated representatives of this group can then liaise with the Community Council.

(iii) Minute reference: 36/2018 (iv)

Members were concerned that the repair to potholes at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr has not been completed as agreed – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council and liaise with Councillor A. Diblasi.

(iv) Minute reference: 36/2018 (v)

Members were concerned that the refreshment of double yellow lines at Bryngelli Terrace, Abertridwr has not been undertaken appropriately – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council and liaise with Councillor A. Diblasi.

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POLICE MATTERS

P.C.S.O. Liam Brown attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) 2 calls in the last month for antisocial behaviour.
- (b) Illicit tipping on Eglwysilan Mountain.
- (c) Ongoing issues with parking outside the SPAR, Abertridwr.
- (d) Parking is being monitored outside the schools.
- (e) A number of phone calls have been received relating to rogue sheep.
- (f) Vehicles speeding at Aberfawr Terrace, Abertridwr.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) Cars parked in the rear of lane of Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd.
- (ii) Members to liaise with the Police regarding drugs issues.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson had nothing to report.

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MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported the following matters:

- (a) Members were informed that Richard Gater has secured funding for his PhD which is going to be based on the employment of men in the Aber Valley and that he would like to attend a Community Council meeting.
- (b) The public right of way at the end of St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr is in a terrible condition and very dangerous – the Clerk to ask Caerphilly County Borough Council to clear the pathway.

- (c) A section of the fence between Parc Terrace and Station Terrace in Senghenydd is missing – the Clerk to ask Caerphilly County Borough Council for it to be repaired as soon as possible.
- (d) The area of land in front of Parc Terrace, Senghenydd is overgrown and requires clearing – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (e) Members discussed the deteriorating condition of the old Ysgol Ifor Bach sites in Senghenydd – the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to ask them to clear and improve the sites and to consider any community interest.

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CLERKS REPORT

(1) Current Financial Situation

- (a) Councillor E. P. Prendergast has examined and authorised the Community Council's accounts.

Members received a copy of the income and expenditure to date, bank statement number 313 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 – £19,000
The first instalment of the Community Council Precept for 2018/19.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members approved the following invoices:
 - (i) British Telecom – £53.58 (including VAT)
 - (ii) Digital Systems UK – £6.28 (including VAT)

Members did not approve the following invoice:

- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £1,430.31 for various works undertaken at Abertridwr Park.
Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request a replacement invoice at the agreed price of £600, as the Community Council was not notified that any additional work was undertaken and no additional costs were agreed.
- (b) Members approved Playworks One payroll administration – Clerk's salary and related costs.

(4) Correspondence

- (a) WHQS Programme
Members were updated on the projects and areas identified for the Aber Valley under the WHQS Environmental Programme including Plas Cwm Park, Abertridwr Park and clearance of the steps behind Ilan Road. Members

also discussed the area of land at the end of Graig-y-Fedw and would support the option of taking this forward.

(5) Applications for Financial Assistance

- (a) Members considered the following application for Financial Assistance:
(i) Aber Valley Carnival – £400.

(6) Forward Work Programme

- (a) Abertridwr Park Toilets

Member discussed the cost for opening, closing and cleaning the toilets in Abertridwr Park, Monday to Saturday, from 1st June 2018 to 29th September 2018 and agreed the cost of £2,641.60. However, Members were concerned about the cost and asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for a breakdown.

(7) A.O.B.

- (a) Data Protection Regulation

Member received a quotation from Mircoshade VSM for GDPR Services and agreed the following:

The provision of a remote data audit – £135.00

The provision of Data Protection Officer Services 2018/19 – £135.00

(8) Planning Applications

- (a) Case Ref. 18/0265/NCC

Location: Land at Grid Ref 312302 188899. Adjacent To Bronmynydd, Abertridwr, Caerphilly

Proposal: Vary condition 01 of planning consent 11/0108/FULL (Renew Planning Permission)

51/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th June 2018** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council