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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor D. Daniels

Councillors: M. Battle, D. Berry, C. Bishop, T. Richards, J. Roberts,  
M. Stretch, J. Taylor and D. Tolley

Clerk: S. Hughes

**40/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L. Binding and Councillor E. P. Prendergast.

**41/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and Officers were 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, Officers and Clerk.

Declarations of interest were made during the course of the meeting.

**42/2020 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were approved as a true record.

**43/2020 MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Minute reference: 38/2020 (b)

Members received a verbal update on the response from Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the activities taking place in the old quarry behind High Street in Abertridwr.

(ii) Minute reference: 38/2020 (c)

Members received a response from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board regarding the concerns raised over the closure of Senghenydd Health Centre. Members were informed that the premises in Senghenydd requires further review in order to maintain the safety processes in line with Covid-19 guidance (social distancing, one way systems, infection control, etc.).

The Health Board Primary Care team are currently working with all GP practices to establish safe opening processes and each practice is required to submit a self-assessment of their ability to meet the national guidance.

The Practice do not feel they are in a position to re-open at this point in time, however, they have weekly planning meetings where the re-opening of the branch site is reviewed and assessed and to plan the safe re-opening as soon as possible. It was noted that the petition to call on the Practice and the Aneurin Bevan Health Board to re-open Senghenydd Health Centre, with appropriate safety restrictions, as soon as possible is still active.

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## **CLERKS REPORT**

### **(1) Current Financial Situation**

Members were updated on the current financial situation and were informed that Councillor J. Roberts has examined and approved the accounts for the current financial year.

### **(2) Income**

- (a) No income has been received.

### **(3) Expenditure**

- (a) Members noted the following expenditure:

(i) Payroll – Month 4

### **(4) Applications for Financial Assistance**

- (a) Members considered the following applications for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

(i) Aber Valley Communities Partnership (for Aber Valley Splash Park)  
– £3,000.00.

(ii) Aber Valley Football Club – £1,304.94.

### **(5) A.O.B.**

#### **(a) Confidential Waste Destruction**

Members agreed to use Elite Paper Solutions for the provision of confidential waste collection and destruction and authorised the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

#### **(b) Festive Lighting 2020**

Members agreed for Elsbury Access Platforms to provide the festive lighting service for the Christmas 2020 period and authorised the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

**(6) Planning Applications**

Councillor J. Taylor did not take part in any discussions.

- (a) Case Ref. 20/0580/FULL Site Area: 217m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 23 The Garth Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4ES  
Proposal: Erect first floor rear extension
- (b) Case Ref. 20/0623/FULL Site Area: 784m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 33 St Anne's Gardens, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4BS  
Proposal: Erect single storey side extension

**45/2020 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Members were informed that a young person from the Aber Valley has been making and hiding decorated clay stones for people to find. It was agreed that, when physical meetings recommence, an invitation would be sent to him to attend a Community Council meeting.

**46/2020 MEMBERS MATTERS**

- (i) Keep Wales Tidy – Local Places for Nature  
Members were informed that Aber Valley Community Council has been awarded a Garden Wildlife package from Keep Wales Tidy. The package is subject to a number of conditions including confirmation site of garden and evidence of landowner's permission. Members agreed for Councillor J. Roberts to contact the Aber Valley Environmental Action Group to work alongside Keep Wales Tidy in taking this project forward.
- (ii) Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to follow up a previous request for a replacement dog litter bin at Bryngelli Terrace in Abertridwr.

**47/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020** by remote video conference.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**  
**Aber Valley Community Council**