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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor D. Daniels

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

Clerk: S. Hughes

**48/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E. P. Prendergast.

**49/2020 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.

**50/2020 POLICE MATTERS**

C.S.O. Megan Kerswell from Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters.

- a) Calls regarding antisocial behaviour have risen over the last month. A number of issues have been reported in the Abertridwr area including Bryn Aber. Members reported that there has been a number of issues regarding antisocial behaviour in Abertridwr Park.
- b) Speed checks throughout the Aber Valley will be undertaken as soon as possible.

Members reported the following Police Matters:

- (i) A recent break in at the Royal Hotel in Abertridwr, stock was stolen and damaged.
- (ii) Two cars were vandalised at Windsor Place in Abertridwr. C.S.O. Megan Kerswell informed Members that the Police believe both cars were vandalised by the same person.

- (iii) Members of the public have been asking if the Police are going to be enforcing social distancing measures in light of the new lockdown rules. C.S.O. Megan Kerswell informed Members that the Police will be educating and encouraging before enforcing.

**51/2020**      **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were approved as a true record.

**52/2020**      **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**53/2020**      **CLERKS REPORT**

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

- (a) Members received an update on the current financial situation. It was noted that Councillor J. Roberts has received and authorised the Community Council's accounts including a bank statement, balance sheet and bank reconciliation.

**(2)**      **Income**

- (a) Members noted the following income:
  - (i)      Caerphilly County Borough Council – £20,000.

**(3)**      **Expenditure**

- (a) Members noted the following expenditure:
  - (i)      Payroll – Month 5.

**(4)**      **Correspondence**

(a)      **Playworks Payroll Administration Fee**

Members approved an increase in the monthly charge for payroll administration provided by Playworks.

(b)      **Aber Valley Community Council Insurance 2020/21**

Members were informed that the Community Council's insurance is due for renewal. It was noted that the Council is currently in a long term agreement with Zurich Municipal. Members agreed the policy premium for 2020/21 in the sum of £750.64.

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

**(a) Spring Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph**

Members agreed for the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for the provision of spring flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd for 2021.

**(6) Planning Applications**

None.

**54/2020 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Members were made aware of an e-mail gift card scam that is currently circulating and being targeted at Councillors.

**55/2020 MEMBERS MATTERS**

- (a) Members discussed the condition of the wall at St Anne's Gardens in Abertridwr and concerns were raised that the debris is holding up the wall. A Member questioned why there are two separate legal issues, referring to St. Anne's Gardens on different dates, 2005 and 2011/12, filed under the same file reference number. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to raise their concerns and to also request an explanation regarding the legal issues being filed under the same reference number. It was also agreed that Councillor J. Taylor would contact CCBC to ask for the wall to be inspected.
- (b) Members raised concerns regarding the ongoing condition of the wall at Abertridwr Park which is collapsed and in a state of disrepair. It has also impacted on the walkway which is no longer fit for use. Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council for an update on when works to the wall will be undertaken.

**56/2020 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTNCE MEETING**

It was agreed that the meeting to discuss applications for financial assistance will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020, prior to the main Community Council meeting.

**57/2020 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, prior to the main Community Council meeting.

**58/2020 DATE OF NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020** by remote video conference.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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