
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE, ON THURSDAY 8TH APRIL 2021

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor L. Binding

Councillors: D. Berry, T. Richards, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, J. Taylor,
D. Tolley and P. Yandle

Clerk: S. Hughes

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020. The Regulations make temporary provision in relation to local authority meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic. Statutory requirements placed on local authorities by existing legislation to admit the public and press in person to certain meetings and to provide facilities to inspect certain documents in person at offices of the authority are relaxed for the duration of the Regulations.

The Chairperson welcomed the newly elected Community Councillor for the Abertridwr Ward, Councillor Paul Yandle, to the Community Council meeting.

25/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Bishop, D. Daniels and E. P. Prendergast.

26/2021 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.

No declarations of interest were made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

27/2021 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

28/2021

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2021

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11th March 2021 were approved as a true record.

29/2021

CLERKS REPORT

(1) Current Financial Situation

- (a) Members received the monthly statement of accounts and an update on the current financial situation. Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.

(2) Income

- (a) It was noted that no income had been received.

(3) Expenditure

- (a) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £880.77. For Hendre play area inspection and maintenance costs 2020/21.
- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £240.00. For annual support and maintenance of website.

- (b) Members noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 12.

(4) Correspondence

- (a) One Voice Wales: Membership of One Voice Wales 2021/22

It was resolved that the Community Council will join One Voice Wales from April 2021. This was agreed by the majority present.

- (b) Caerphilly County Borough Council: A Dogs Tail – Sponsorship Opportunity

Members were informed that Caerphilly County Borough Council is hosting a project in Caerphilly Town Centre in March - June 2022. Members were advised that planning is in the early stages but received an overview and some potential opportunities to get involved.

(6) A.O.B.

- (a) Christmas Lighting

Members discussed the Christmas lighting in Abertridwr and Senghenydd for the 2021 festive period. Members considered the budget and it was agreed for £6,000 to be allocated for the purchase of new or additional

Christmas lighting, utilising £3,000 from the Special Projects budget. Members asked the Clerk to set up a meeting with Elsbury Access Platforms to discuss the options available.

(b) The Coal Authority Briefing Seminar – 15th April 2021

Members were informed that a Coal Authority Seminar on Tips has been arranged for 5.00 pm on the 15th April 2021. It was highlighted that the presentation will be led by the Coal Authority and would provide Members with an update on the work currently being undertaken by Welsh Government, The Coal Authority and the Local Authority to review the tips within Wales, to ensure there are no significant safety concerns.

(7) Planning Applications

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

(a) Case Ref. 21/0177/FULL Site Area:142m²
Location: 6 Gwern Avenue, Senghenydd, Caerphilly, CF83 4HA
Proposal: Erect two storey and single storey rear extension

(b) Case Ref. 21/0211/FULL Site Area: 121m²
Location: 20 Lower Francis Street, Abertridwr, Caerphilly, CF83 4DX
Proposal: Erect first floor rear extension

30/2021 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was no report from the Chairperson.

31/2021 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

- (a) Members received an update regarding the quarry behind High Street in Abertridwr.
- (b) Members received an update on the Keep Wales Tidy project and were informed that the wildlife garden has been installed behind Nant-y-Parc Primary School.
- (c) Members received an update regarding the successful arts grant bid submitted by the Aber Valley arts group 'Undercurrents'. Members were informed that Undercurrents, in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Art Development and Addo Creative, will be working with artists, groups and individuals in the Aber Valley to carry out a mapping exercise of projects that can be undertaken in the longer term.

32/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th May 2021** by remote video conference.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council