
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT:

Vice Chairperson: Councillor J. Taylor

Councillors: D. Berry, C. Bishop, J. Roberts and D. Tolley

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 decisions and declarations of interest are set out below.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION
1.	To note Members attendance and receive any apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Cole, D. Daniels (Chair), E. P. Prendergast, T. Richards, M. Stretch and P. Yandle.
2.	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.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.
3.	Proposals for an Energy Park at Tywn Hywel – Bute Energy	Members noted and commented on the proposals.
4.	Police Matters.	There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

		<p>Members asked the Clerk to report the following Police matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Activity in Abertridwr Park all through the night – vehicles are entering the park during the early hours of the mornings. (ii) Front gates have been broken into at Aberfawr Road, Abertridwr and the wheelie bins have been set on fire. (iii) Reports of a mugging at Abertridwr Park. (iv) The play equipment in Abertridwr Park has been vandalised – do the Police have access to the Library CCTV, and if so does it assist with issues in this area? (v) Have the Police called into Abertridwr Library to talk to the staff to see if they have had any issues with anti-social behaviour? (vi) Has the Police Liaison Officer attended any of the local schools to deliver the presentation on the dangers of drug use?
5.	To confirm the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9 th September 2021.	The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9 th September 2021 were approved as a true record.
6.	DBS Provision.	A request was made for the Community Council to become a DBS provider. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, as further information was required.
7.	Clerks Report.	<p>1. <u>Current Financial Situation</u></p> <p>Members received the monthly statement of accounts and an update on the current financial situation. Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.</p> <p>2. <u>Income</u></p> <p>(a) It was noted that no income had been received.</p>

3. Expenditure

(a) Members noted the following expenditure:

(i) Zurich Municipal - £757.29
(approved under delegated powers).

(ii) Payroll – Month 6.

4. Correspondence

(a) Caerphilly County Borough Council: Engagement Event - Gwent Wellbeing Assessment

Members were invited to an engagement event on the Gwent Wellbeing Assessment.

(b) Universal Colliery Disasters Annual Remembrance Service

Members agreed to donate £50 to the Aber Valley Heritage Group in relation to the Universal Colliery Disasters annual remembrance service.

5. A.O.B.

(a) Armistice Day

Members agreed to purchase two wreaths to lay at the Abertridwr Service of Remembrance and at the Senghenydd Cenotaph to remember those killed in action during the wars.

(b) Christmas Lighting

Members received an update on the Christmas lighting. It was noted that arrangements have been made for an additional lamp-post figurine in Senghenydd.

(c) Training

Members agreed to increase the training budget for the next financial year to £100 per Member.

6. Planning Applications

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussion.

		The Community Council noted the planning applications.
8.	Chairperson's Report.	An apology for absence was received from the Chairperson.
9.	Member's Matters.	<p>Members reported on the following matters:</p> <p>(i) It was noted that the CCTV system at Abertridwr and Senghenydd is due for an annual review. Members put forward their views for the continuing need for the existing cameras and asked the Clerk to respond to Caerphilly County Borough Council in order for them to make an assessment on the continued use of the CCTV.</p> <p>(ii) Members received an update on the Undercurrents grant applications.</p>
10.	Date of the next Community Council meeting.	The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 th November 2021.