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# ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

#### **PRESENT:**

Chairperson: D. Daniels

Councillors: D. Berry, C. Bishop, P. Cole, E.P. Prendergast, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, and J. Taylor.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

#### **29/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Gater, T. Richards and D. Tolley. An apology for absence was also received from C.S.O. M. Kerswell (Gwent Police).

#### **30/2022 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.

#### **31/2022 PUBLIC MATTERS**

There were no public matters.

#### **32/2022 POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative of Gwent Police in attendance.

The Police report from C.S.O M. Kerswell which was circulated to members, prior to the meeting, was noted.

#### **33/2022 COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Community Safety Warden (CSW), Margaret Reed, advised members that 412 visits had been made to the Aber Valley area since September 2021. There had been 2 ASBO referrals made by the CSW, and 80 persons had been spoken to. Advice has been given to persons in the Aber Valley area in relation to antisocial behaviour and litter and specific patrol areas are recognised. General

enquiries and issues are dealt with by the CSW and are referred to the relevant department in Caerphilly County Borough Council, which can also include potholes in the road and faulty street lighting.

Reference was made to the restrictions on sports pitches in relation to dogs and the requirement for dog walkers to carry dog bags. The CSW advised members of the Caerphilly County Borough Council policy in relation to sports pitches. Members discussed the possibility of providing free dog bags in some local shops. It was agreed for this item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**34/2022**      **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were approved as a true record.

**35/2022**      **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)      Post Office Ltd – £20.40 (24 first class postage stamps – reimbursement to the Clerk).
  - (ii)      Playworks - £20.00 (replacement cheque for Payroll Administration Month 11, February 2021).
  - (iii)      Caerphilly County Borough Council - £887.38  
(Hendre play area inspection and maintenance costs 2021/22).
  - (iv)      Caerphilly County Borough Council - £8930.19  
(Toilets at Abertridwr Park, opening, closing, and cleaning) 2021/22.
  - (v)      Caerphilly County Borough Council - £200.00  
(Annual support and maintenance of website).
  - (vi)      Elite Paper Solutions - £1.44  
(Provision of confidential waste bags).

- (b) Members noted the following expenditure:
- (i) One Voice Wales - £1045 (Annual membership).
  - (ii) Calon Heart - £493.00 (Defibrillator locked cabinet and one set of pads).
  - (iii) Southern Electric - £89.63 (Christmas lighting for 8 figurines, Abertridwr).
  - (iv) SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) - £134.00 (Annual membership).
  - (iii) Payroll – Month 12.

**(4) Correspondence**

- (a) Calon Hearts – CPR and Defibrillator Training  
Members were informed that an email had been received from Calon Hearts offering a CPR and defibrillator awareness training session. Calon Hearts request a donation of £100 to cover mileage and costs for their training team.

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

- (a) Stationery  
Members approved the purchase of stationery and agreed for the Clerk to replenish items that were running low.
- (b) Hybrid IT Equipment  
Members discussed the IT equipment required for the hybrid meetings and agreed that they would continue with the current arrangements of using a spare laptop and speaker. This matter would be reviewed in the future if required.

**(6) Planning Applications**

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussions.

The Community Council noted the following planning applications:

- (a) Case Ref. 22/0072/FULL Site Area: 63983m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Land At Grid Ref 311809 189556 Windsor Way Abertridwr  
Proposal: Erect residential development of 153 No. units with new access, landscaping, drainage arrangements and associated works

Members discussed the application for the development of 153 houses and requested that enquiries be made to clarify whether United Welsh or Caerphilly County Borough Council would be responsible for the highways and lighting on the site. Members asked the Clerk to send a letter to United Welsh.

- (b) Case Ref. 22/0083/COU Site Area: 557m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Former Deb's Cafe 3 High Street Senghenydd Caerphilly CF83 4GF  
Proposal: Change the use from cafe to two-bedroom flat
- (c) Case Ref. 22/0268/FULL  
Site Area: 132m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 1 Lower Francis Street Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4DW  
Proposal: Erect first floor rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer

**36/2022**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair noted Councillor D. Tolley's apology for absence at the meeting and passed on his best wishes as requested, as he was not standing in the elections.

**37/2022**      **BENCHES ALONG ABERTRIDWR AND SENGHENYDD CYCLE TRACK**

Following a discussion in relation to the need for benches along the Abertridwr and Senghenydd Cycle Track, Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly Borough County Council to confirm the cost of installing 2 or 3 benches in this area.

**38/2022**      **POTENTIAL AREAS FOR TREE PLANTING**

Enquiries had been made to Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding possible areas for tree planting. Members agreed that this item was ongoing and requested that Tree Planting and Wildflowers be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**39/2022**      **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

- (i) Members discussed the damaged metal crash barrier at the turning point in Tan y Bryn, Senghenydd (behind Atlanta Buildings). Members asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly Borough County Council to clarify when this was due to be repaired.
- (ii) Members discussed the previous request for additional benches in Senghenydd Park, following the last meeting. Members asked the Clerk to send a further email to chase this up.
- (iii) Members discussed the blocked culverts at the gates behind the Workmen's Hall. Enquiries have been made to Caerphilly County Borough Council and this is ongoing.

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**DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm

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