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# ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

#### PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Taylor

Councillors: D. Berry, C. Bishop, D. Bishop, P. Cole, D. Daniels, R. Gater,  
C. Page, E.P. Prendergast, and J. Roberts.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

#### **55/2022      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Stretch and Community Safety Warden, M. Reed.

#### **56/2022      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.

#### **57/2022      PUBLIC MATTERS**

There were no public matters.

#### **58/2022      POLICE MATTERS**

PC I. Adams (Gwent Police), attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (i) Recent issues with Anti-Social behaviour but noted there had been a massive reduction since this time last year.
- (ii) Recent issues of disorder on Senghenydd Square.

Members reported the following Police matters:

- (a) A bench on the cycle track had been destroyed, between the previous Sunday and Thursday. Caerphilly County Borough Council and Sargent Pursey had been informed.

- (b) Recent meeting with residents on Senghenydd Square. A letter had been sent to residents of the flats by the square. New windows were to be installed in the flats and new tenants to be allocated to the flats. Hafod Housing staff are keen to attend the monthly meetings on these issues.
- (c) Recent incident with cats in the Senghenydd area. Police enquiries ongoing. Police confirmed that reports on social media were not all true at this time.
- (d) Reports of a dog attack on a boy in Senghenydd. Police enquiries ongoing.

**59/2022      COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Community Safety Warden (CSW), Margaret Reed, was not in attendance.

**60/2022      TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

The minutes of the Community Council AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a true record.

**61/2022      TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a true record.

**62/2022      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) Information Commissioner – £40.00. Data protection fee.
- (ii) London Hearts T/A Defib World - £93.99. Replacement pads x 2.

- (b) Members noted the following expenditure:
  - (i) Payroll – Month 02.
  - (ii) Terry Williams – £200.00. Internal audit fee.

**(4) A.O.B**

- (a) Members were advised that the 2 benches were no longer available for Senghenydd Park. Members agreed that Caerphilly County Borough Councillors J. Taylor and C. Bishop would contact CCBC Parks dept to clarify the issue with the provision of benches.
- (b) Members were advised that the Abertridwr and Senghenydd Cycle Track came under CCBC Highways and not Parks. Members agreed that the Clerk would contact CCBC Highways to confirm if the proposed sites for benches on the cycle track were allowed. Members also suggested a bench by the Workmen's Hall. Members agreed that delegated powers be given to the Chair and Vice Chair to confirm the site of the benches and order the required amount.
- (c) Members were advised of the cost of the 'spring' gate in Abertridwr Park for supply and installation (£1400). Members discussed and agreed that they did not wish to pay this amount. Members agreed that the Clerk would respond to CCBC Parks dept and confirm that the Community Council did not wish to proceed.

**(5) Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications.

**63/2022 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

There was no report from the Chairperson.

**64/2022 STANDING ORDERS**

Members agreed to defer this item to the next Community Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**65/2022 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2022**

Members discussed the Christmas lighting for 2022 and agreed to purchase 2 replacements for Senghenydd and 1 large one for Abertridwr Community Centre. Members also discussed the possibility of the trees being trimmed on Abertridwr Square, to reduce the size of the trees, prior to the Christmas lights being attached. Members agreed that the Clerk would contact CCBC Parks regarding the trees being trimmed on Abertridwr Square. Members agreed that delegated powers be given to the Chair and Vice Chair to confirm the order for the Christmas lighting as soon as possible.

Members also agreed that the Clerk to contact Elsbury to confirm whether they can provide the Christmas lights that go around lampposts.

**66/2022      THE GREEN PLAN**

Members agreed to form a small group of Councillors to consider and develop the Green Plan and refer to the next Community Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**67/2022      MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

- (i) Members discussed the next 'litter pick' dates in the area. A Member noted that a 'litter pick' exercise was required in the Senghenydd area/mountain towards Nelson and proposed that 4 people each side of the road to be organised for this area.
- (ii) A Member noted that the grant application for Local Places for Nature had been approved for the Community Council. Members agreed to form a small group of Councillors, (the same group as the 'Green Plan') to incorporate this plan into the 5-year plan for both.
- (iii) Members discussed the condition and maintenance of the memorial at Nant y Parc school and agreed to raise this issue when they are due to meet with the Headmaster at the school.
- (iv) A Member noted that the local 'litter picker' had received some assistance for solar powered lights and CCTV security cameras to help monitor 'fly tipping' in the area. Enquiries were ongoing to confirm details of the assistance.
- (v) Members wished to note thanks to Councillor C. Page who was responsible for the flower planting and to Councillor C. Bishop for the Local Places for Nature grant application.

**68/2022      DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm

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