
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2023

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Taylor

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

01/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Bishop, P. Cole, and R. Gater.

02/2023 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.

03/2023 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no public matters.

04/2023 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO R. Wall and S. Barbour (Gwent Police) attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- I. No ASB on Senghenydd and Abertridwr Squares.
- II. Youths entering the new house builds site in Senghenydd and causing damage to property. Police enquiries ongoing.
- III. 4 vehicle thefts in the Caerphilly area, tools and money stolen.
- IV. Police to attend a school visit at Ysgol Ifor Bach, and other visits planned for Cwmaber (years 5 and 6 age groups).

Members reported the following Police matters:

- 1) Members suggested 'open days' to be held in Senghenydd and Abertridwr, where the public could attend 'talks' from the Police. The Police suggested this could also include the Fire Service.

05/2023 **COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

06/2023 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2023.**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9th March 2023 were approved as a true record.

07/2023 **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 - £200.00
(Annual support and maintenance of website).
- (ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £120.00
(Deliver 4 planters to Woodfield Nursery)

- (b) Members noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 12.
- (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £21.86.

(4) Correspondence

(a) Mayors Charity Appeal

Members were informed that an email and letter had been received from this year's Mayor, Councillor Liz Aldworth, who has chosen to support #TurnABUHBPink during her year in office, which raises money to support the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board NHS Breast Unit at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr in Ystrad Mynach. Members were also informed that the Mayor's year of office ends on 11th May, and Councillor Aldworth would be very grateful if the Community Council would consider supporting her charity appeal. Members agreed to donate £100 and for the Clerk to arrange.

(b) Cwm Ifor – Start of Consultation Period

Members were informed that an email had been received from Welsh Government in relation to the proposed development of a solar farm at Cwm Ifor Farm, Caerphilly. Representations to be submitted by 28th April 2023. Members discussed the consultation and were in favour of the scheme that there could be some 'payback' to the Community. Members agreed for the Clerk to send a response.

(c) Caerphilly Community Review

Members were informed that an email had been received following a presentation given at Caerphilly County Borough Council offices on 24th March 2023. Representations were to be submitted by 18th May 2023 for the first 8-week consultation period. Members discussed the review and agreed that no change was needed within Aber Valley. Members agreed for the Clerk to send a response.

(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) Memory Stick

Members approved the purchase of a memory stick from CCBC and agreed for the Clerk to chase up the original request with IT.

(c) Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2021/22

Members were informed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for 2021/22 had been received from Audit Wales and had been put on the Community Council website and was currently being advertised in Abertridwr Library for 14 days, as required.

6. Planning Applications

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussions.

The Community Council noted the following planning application:

- (a) Case Ref. 23/0149/COU Site Area: 1221m²

Location: Windsor Hotel Caerphilly Road Senghenydd Caerphilly CF83 4FX (UPRN 000043009512)

Proposal: Change the use of existing public house (Use Class A3) to Bed and Breakfast facility (Use Class C1)

Members discussed the application for the Windsor Hotel, Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd, and were informed that Councillors J. Roberts and C. Bishop were meeting with the developer to discuss the proposals for the property. Members agreed that, following the meeting, the Community Council would be updated, and information would be circulated to close residents, and there would be a further meeting with the relevant CCBC Officer. Members agreed for this item to be added to the next meeting agenda and as a recurring item each month, as required. Members also suggested inviting the developer to a future meeting.

08/2023 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair noted that there was nothing to report.

09/2023 **THE GREEN PLAN**

The Green Plan had been circulated to Members following the last meeting. Members discussed the document and agreed to adopt the Green Plan. Members agreed that this would be a recurring agenda item each month, as required.

10/2023 **ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION**

Members agreed for this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

11/2023 **BONFIRE NIGHT**

Members agreed for this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

12/2023 **LAND AT TAN-Y-BRYN AND THE OLD PLAYGROUD, SENGHENYDD**

Members discussed these areas, and the triangular piece of wasteland, together with the proposal to plant fruit trees in this area. Members agreed for this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

13/2023 **TENNIS COURTS, ABERTRIDWR**

Members agreed for this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

14/2023

MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

- (i) Noted that there were still ongoing issues with Stagecoach buses not turning up or being cancelled. Members agreed for the Clerk to chase this up with Stagecoach and CCBC. Members had previously been informed that there were numerous drivers currently on long term sick. Noted that the Abertridwr bus didn't run on 13th April at 9.40 am.
- (ii) Noted that a bench previously located in the playground in Senghenydd needed to be reinstated. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC to request this and noted that the play equipment was too small for the children to play on.
- (iii) Noted the current state of the benches recently installed on the cycle track, caused by youths shortly after CCBC had installed them. Members discussed the quality of the benches and installation, prior to the damage caused. Members agreed for the Clerk to notify CCBC.

15/2023

DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th May 2023.**

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council