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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 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

#### PRESENT:

Chairperson: C. Bishop

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

#### **32/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Bishop, C. Page, and M. Stretch.

#### **33/2023 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.

A declaration of interest was made during the course of the meeting and is minuted under the relevant item.

#### **34/2023 PUBLIC MATTERS**

There were no public matters.

#### **35/2023 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no attendees from Gwent Police at the meeting.

#### **36/2023 COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Community Safety Warden (CSW), Margaret Reed, attended online and informed Members that there had been 4 referrals to CCBC regarding Bryn Aber, to get the area cleaned up. All other complaints received had been referred to the

relevant CCBC departments. A Member also reported that a youth from Bryn Aber wearing a 'man bag' had been selling drugs to young people.

**37/2023**      **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023.**

The minutes of the Community Council AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved as a true record.

**38/2023**      **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023.**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved as a true record.

**39/2023**      **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)      No income had been received.

**(3)      Expenditure**

(a)      Members approved the following expenditure:

(i)      Information Commissioner - £40.00.

(b)      Members noted the following expenditure:

(i)      Payroll – Month 02.

(ii)      EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £25.01.

(iii)      Terry Williams - £200 – Internal Audit Fee

**(4)      APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion.

(a) Members considered the application for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

(i) Tatws Sion Cent - £175.00

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

(a) Presentation Evening

Members discussed arrangements for the Community Council presentation evening on 21<sup>st</sup> September at Abertridwr Community Centre at 6.00pm and agreed to have the refreshments following the presentation at the Oasis. Members also discussed the entertainment and the possibility of having local people, singing and/or reciting poetry. Members agreed for this item to be added to the next meeting agenda to confirm arrangements.

**(6) Planning Applications**

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussions.

The Community Council noted the following planning applications:

(a) Case Ref. 23/0330/COU Site Area: 1162m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Leigh Social Club Commercial Street Senghenydd Caerphilly CF83 4GZ (UPRN 000043006813)

Proposal: Change the use of public house (A3) to bed and breakfast facility (C1)

(b) Case Ref. 23/0332/RET Site Area: 401m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Nisalocal The Panteg The Square Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4DH (UPRN 000043176161)

Proposal: Retain the installation of an ATM

(c) Case Ref. 23/0333/ADV Site Area: 401m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Nisalocal The Panteg The Square Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4DH (UPRN 000043176161)

Proposal: Retain Internally illuminated sign above ATM

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**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair noted that the Pride Parade through Caerphilly Town would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The Twinning Association were holding a wine tasting session on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The money raised from last years Christmas event went to the Food Bank at the YMCA. The Chair proposed that this would be split this year between a homeless charity and a prison charity and Members agreed on the possibility of money and food donations.

#### **41/2023**      **THE GREEN PLAN**

Members discussed the Green Plan and noted there had been a recent event in Penyrheol with a local resident who held records of the area. The records showed a decrease in the numbers of animals and birds in the area. Members discussed holding a similar event in the community with residents and possibly including local youths. Members discussed the possibility of including local businesses and have refreshments available at the Oasis and Abertridwr Community Centre.

Members discussed the play area at High Street, Senghenydd and referred to the open spaces and green spaces in the Aber Valley discussed in the last meeting. The organisers wished to hold a 'pop up' event in September for about a month. A Member had met with S. Beacham from CCBC who had agreed to 'clean up' the area before the event. The 2 ladies who were organising the event wished to attend the next Community Council meeting in July and give a presentation on what they have been doing with the green spaces/open spaces in the Aber Valley. Members agreed for the Clerk to send the invite for the July meeting and the contact details would be forwarded to the Clerk.

#### **42/2023**      **ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION**

Members discussed the draft proposals for the logo competition including the competition rules and possibly announcing the winner/prize at the community council Christmas event. Members agreed the proposed rules and that the competition would open on 1<sup>st</sup> July and close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

#### **43/2023**      **BONFIRE NIGHT**

Members discussed the possibility of a fireworks event and agreed for the Clerk to contact the Fire Service. Item to be added to the next meeting agenda.

#### **44/2023**      **TENNIS COURTS, ABERTRIDWR**

Members discussed the possibilities of organising the area and discussed the possible funding. Members also discussed including a timeline with the history of the area. Item to be added to the next meeting agenda.

#### **45/2023**      **STAGECOACH BUSES**

Members discussed the ongoing issues and agreed for the Clerk to contact C. Reed at Stagecoach to request a preferable date to meet with him, either in person or virtually, or Members are willing to meet at his place of work, to discuss the issues prior to the Community Council contacting the Traffic Commissioner in relation to the lack of service in the Aber Valley area. Members expressed concern that local residents are missing out on opportunities and wished to meet to address their concerns.

**46/2023**      **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

- (i) A local competition is being run with schools in the area for Senghenydd Rugby Club.
  
- (ii) Nant-y-Parc school had received a new quality mark award and is the first school in Wales to achieve this. Members agreed for the Clerk to send a letter of congratulations from the Community Council and discussed including them in the presentation evening. Members also discussed awards received by Cwmaber Infants and Juniors. Item to be added to the next meeting agenda.

**47/2023**      **DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm

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