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# ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

#### PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Roberts

Councillors: D. Berry, M. Bedir, D. Bishop, D. Chamberlain, R. Gater, and  
E.P. Prendergast.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

#### 54/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Bishop, D. Daniels, M. Stretch and J. Taylor.

#### 55/2024 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.

Declarations of interest were made during the course of the meeting and are minuted under the relevant item.

#### 56/2024 PUBLIC MATTERS

The Chair noted that a resident had contacted the Community Council and wished to attend a meeting online. The Clerk would contact the resident to clarify if they had an issue to be dealt with and provide contact details and information on the surgery due to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Abertridwr Community Centre.

#### 57/2024 POLICE MATTERS

There were no attendees from Gwent Police at the meeting.

#### 58/2024 COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Community Safety Warden was not in attendance.

**59/2024**      **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024.**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, were approved as a true record.

**60/2024**      **CO-OPTION – SENGHENYDD WARD**

Members welcomed Mr M. Bedir to the meeting as the new co-opted Member agreed at the last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**61/2024**      **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 noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 12.  
(ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £25.01.

- (b) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) J.S. Lee (Christmas Tree for Abertridwr Square (2023) on behalf of CCBC)  
- Invoice received and confirmed amount payable - £1,800.00.  
(ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £969.02  
(Play Facility Inspection and Maintenance Costs for Hendre, Abertridwr).  
(iii) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £6,096.42  
(Opening, Closing and Cleaning of Toilets at Abertridwr from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024).

#### **(4) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Councillor J. Roberts declared an interest in the application from Ikigai Karate Ltd and took no part in the discussions on this item.

Councillor R. Gater declared an interest in the application from Friends of Cwmaber and took no part in the discussions on this item.

Members considered the following applications for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

- (i) Ikigai Karate Ltd - £625.00.
- (ii) Friends of Cwmaber - £250.00.

#### **(5) CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **(a) One Voice Wales: Membership of One Voice Wales 2023/24**

An email had been received from One Voice Wales inviting Aber Valley Community Council to rejoin One Voice Wales from April 2024. The membership fee for 2024/25 is £1196. Members agreed not to rejoin.

##### **(b) CCBC Community Cleansing Team**

An email/letter had been received from CCBC Waste Admin regarding the Community Cleansing Team who will be working in the Aber Valley area for the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Requests for work to be submitted to them, by 14 days prior to 6<sup>th</sup> May (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024). Members discussed and agreed to send proposed areas/work to the Clerk, to be forwarded to Cllr. J. Roberts to compile one list for CCBC.

#### **(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **(a) Case Ref. 23/0711/HH Site Area: 112m<sup>2</sup>**

Location: 7 Station Terrace Senghenydd Caerphilly CF83 4HF (UPRN 000043006586)

Proposal: Convert Loft space to create habitable room.

#### **62/2024 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair noted that there was nothing to report.

#### **63/2024 THE GREEN PLAN**

Members had not been able to meet as planned due to other commitments. Members agreed that on the return of the Chair, Cllr. C. Bishop, a further meeting date would be confirmed.

**64/2024**     **BONFIRE NIGHT 2024**

Members discussed information and estimated costs of companies supplying everything for the proposed event, including insurance and a 45-minute firework display. Members also discussed sponsorship from local businesses and entrance fees, and collection buckets at Senghenydd RFC.

**65/2024**     **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Mr. Dave Brunton attended the meeting and discussed with Members how the partnership could work together with the Community Council in the Community. Members suggested having a Community Councillor Representative on the Community Partnership Board, and this proposal could be agreed at the Aber Valley Community Council AGM in May.

Members suggested the Partnership meetings being held in the evenings, as they are currently held in the afternoons which restricts attendance for those in work. Mr Brunton proposed that the Partnership meetings could be hybrid meetings going forward and discussed how best to deal with local matters to avoid duplication.

Members discussed the splash park and the future funding available to maintain the site and agreed to work closer with the Community Partnership.

Members agreed for this item to be added to the next meeting agenda.

**66/2024**     **STAGECOACH**

Members were informed that the Stagecoach representatives had been invited to the meeting but were unable to attend. Members agreed for the Clerk to invite them to the June meeting.

**67/2024**     **LOGO COMPETITION**

Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as Cllr. J. Taylor was not in attendance.

**68/2024**     **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

1. Residents' complaints regarding the new rules at Trehir Civic Amenity Site. Various separation rules and restrictions are set at different sites and are not advertised well. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC to note the issues.
2. Ongoing issues with Stagecoach buses at peak times. Many complaints received.

3. New Community Councillors were welcomed to the group.
4. Members discussed the use of the site at Ty'n Y Parc, with the possibility of floodlights. Members suggested meeting at the site and discussed possible sponsorship opportunities.
5. Members noted the launch of the second Tatws Sion Cent poetry book at the Top Club on 19<sup>th</sup> May, together with an open mic session.
6. SYDIC launched a new IT suite on their premises, which opened on 11<sup>th</sup> April.
7. Members discussed an email that had been received from United Welsh regarding a 'large scale community development project' in Bryn Aber, and agreed for the Clerk to invite them to the May meeting.
8. Members noted that the expenditure for Abertridwr toilets had been approved earlier in the meeting, however, an email had been received from CCBC confirming that, due to vandalism and damage caused on 10<sup>th</sup> April, the toilets had been closed. Members agreed for the Clerk to notify the Police and Community Safety Warden, requesting patrols in the area, and Cllr. R. Gater would notify residents via social media. Item to be added to the next meeting agenda.

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**DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next meetings will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

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