
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Roberts

Councillors: D. Berry, M. Bedir, D. Chamberlain,
R. Gater, and J. Taylor.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

152/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Bishop, D. Bishop, D. Daniels, E.P. Prendergast, and M. Stretch.

153/2024 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.

154/2024 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no Public Matters.

155/2024 POLICE MATTERS

Gwent Police attended the meeting and provided the following report to the Community Council:

ASB

3 reports of ASB at Bryn Aber – Youths, reach and ASB referrals issued.

2 Commercial Street – Verbal abuse.

2 The Square – Youths smashing glass.

1 Edward Terrace – Youths causing a nuisance.

1 Bronmynydd – Neighbour problems.

Crime

42 total crimes were reported ranging from criminal damage and arson to public order offences.

31 public safety reports.

19 admin.

16 transport (vehicle damage – person has since been identified and Police investigations ongoing).

Good works / TO NOTE

PCSO 463 is now a school liaison officer meaning all problems in school requiring police action will be dealt with by an officer. This is a positive action meaning officers can make a connection with the younger youths and build that positive connection.

PCSO 463 will now host drop-in stations with the aid from Dave at SYDIC. Members of the public are welcome to meet the local officer and chat about crime in the area.

Members noted no current issues at Abertridwr Park.

Members discussed The Hub (United Welsh) at Bryn Aber and notified the Police of the opening times for any visits.

156/2024 COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Community Safety Wardens were not in attendance at the meeting.

157/2024 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was not in attendance at the meeting.

158/2024 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024.

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th September 2024 were approved as a true record.

(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) The following income had been received:
 - (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £20,000. The second instalment of the 2024/25 Community Council Precept.

(3) EXPENDITURE

- (a) Members noted the following expenditure:
 - (i) Payroll – Month 06.
 - (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £26.98
 - (iii) Post Office Ltd – 1st class stamps x 16 - £21.60 (re-imbursement to the Clerk).
 - (iv) Eversons Sports and Trophies – Engraved Plaques x 3 - £120.00 (re-imbursement to the Clerk).
 - (v) Defib World – iPad SP1 Adult/Child Electrode Pads Twin Pack - £138.00 (re-imbursement to the Clerk).

4. A.O.B

- (a) Armistice Day Wreaths.

Members agreed to purchase a wreath to lay at the Senghenydd Cenotaph to remember those killed in action during the wars. Clerk to arrange the purchase and delivery/collection of the wreath.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

160/2024 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

The Chair discussed the Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening and Members discussed a possible sub-committee for future events. Members agreed to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting and noted Community Councillors interested in taking part were R. Gater, D. Berry, and M. Bedir.

The Chair also referred to the recent meeting with ABUHB and local residents, held at Abertridwr Community Centre, regarding the proposed new Health Centre on the Green, Abertridwr, and noted that CCBC Councillors had since been invited to attend a meeting in Ty Penallta with the Interim Chief Executive and the Health Board.

161/2024 THE GREEN PLAN

Members had met and discussed the Green Plan. Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange hard copies of the Plan for the next meeting and for 20 spare copies to be made available for Members to circulate. Members also agreed for the Clerk to send a copy to Aneurin Minton and to request his views, together with a proposal for an 'open evening' at Abertridwr Community Centre.

Discussion followed regarding the Aber Valley Community Council Directory and sponsorship opportunities from local businesses/ shops.

Members also discussed a Business Plan for the Parks at Abertridwr and Senghenydd and sponsorship from local businesses.

162/2024 BONFIRE NIGHT 2024

Members discussed the arrangements for the event including street collection permit and collection buckets/containers, insurance, donations made by local businesses, hi viz jackets, wardens, and posters advertising the event in the local area. Members would confirm if collection buckets were available to be borrowed from a local organisation and would notify the Clerk to arrange/purchase these if needed.

Members also discussed and agreed that on receipt of the invoice from the Fireworks company, the Clerk would arrange for a part payment to be paid as requested by the company (to be approved via delegated powers to the Chair), prior to the event.

163/2024 ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

164/2024 YOUTH AMBASSADOR ALLOWANCE

Members discussed an allowance for the Youth Ambassador and agreed for the Clerk to arrange a Gift Card/ Love 2 Shop, up to the value of £100.

165/2024 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING – 2024 FESTIVE PERIOD

Members discussed the quote provided by Elsbury and confirmed that Senghenydd Community Centre were happy for the Christmas display (large figurine) to be permanently installed on the building. Members agreed for the Clerk to confirm with Abertridwr Community Centre that they did not wish to have a large figurine permanently installed to the building, and to confirm this with Elsbury and be advised of final cost amount.

166/2024 SYDIC REPORT (SUMMER SCHEME)

Matthew Thorne attended from SYDIC and gave Members a presentation on the Summer Scheme that had been partly funded by the Community Council. Matthew thanked the Community Council for their contribution and explained that a registration event for the summer scheme is held in July for parents to visit the premises, and the scheme is run from the last week of July until late August. Over forty young persons signed up for the scheme this Summer.

This years' activities included a visit to Dragons Rugby, BBC Wales studios, and the Harry Potter themed escape rooms at Treforest Games, together with archery and ice skating. Discussion followed regarding the scheme which supports young people and promotes mental health and good well-being.

Matthew also noted that Leslie Brunton had received a GAVO voluntary award, and Members agreed for the Clerk to send a letter of congratulations.

Members discussed the possible collaboration with the YMCA and working together going forward, with proposals to run the summer scheme over a longer time period.

Members thanked Matthew for all the work at SYDIC and the Summer scheme.

167/2024 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members discussed a request for two local applications that had missed the deadline for the July awards and whether they could apply before the next application period in January. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact the applicant and advise that applications submitted could be considered at the next meeting in November. Members also agreed that an application submitted for financial assistance towards a pantomime event in December, could be considered in the November meeting and for the Clerk to advise the applicant.

168/2024 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

United Welsh – Bryn Aber Hub located in one of the houses and open 3 days a week. Members discussed a visit to the Hub and apprenticeships in the future. Clerk to forward the contact details to the Community Council for the representatives from United Welsh who attended a Community Council meeting earlier this year.

Requested the Summer scheme to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

169/2024 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th November 2024.**

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council