ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMABER

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CALLING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the above Council will be held at **Abertridwr Community Centre and on Microsoft Teams on Thursday 9th January 2025.** The meeting will commence at 7.00 pm.

The meeting will be held in a multi-location format. If members of the public or Press wish to attend, in person or remotely, please contact the Clerk to the Council 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Julie Lloyd (Clerk to the Council)

AGENDA

- 1. To note Members' attendance and receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(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.

- 3. Public Matters.
- 4. Police Matters.
- 5. Community Safety Warden Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- 6. Youth Ambassador.
- 7. To confirm the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th December 2024.
- 8. Clerk's Report (attached).
- 9. Chairperson's Report.
- 10. The Green Plan.
- 11. Aber Valley Community Council Logo Competition.
- 12. Christmas Lighting 2024/2025.
- 13. Abertridwr Toilets.
- 14. Presentation Evening 2025.
- 15. Bonfire Night 2025.
- 16. Members Matters.
- 17. Date of the next Community Council meeting Thursday 13th February 2025.

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REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

1. CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

(a) To receive an update on the current financial situation and to approve the Community Council's accounts.

2. INCOME

- (a) The following income has been received:
 - (i) Donation from The Aber Hotel towards Firework Display £250.
 - Donation from Senghenydd RFC towards Firework Display -£250.
 - (iii) Donation from J. Davies towards Firework Display £135.
 - (iv) Donation from Big Bs Bakes towards Firework Display £100.

3. EXPENDITURE

- (a) To note the following expenditure:
 - (i) Payroll Month 09.
 - (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) £26.98
 - (b) To approve the following expenditure:
 - Post Office Ltd 24 x 1st Class stamps £39.60 (reimbursement to the Clerk)
 - (ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council £260.00. Room rental at Abertridwr Library.
 - (iii) Elsbury Access Platforms £1,796.64. For the installation, deinstallation and storage of the Christmas lighting.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- (a) To consider the following application for financial assistance:
 - (i) Tatws Sion Cent.

5. <u>A.O.B</u>

(a) <u>Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution</u>

It has been the practice of the Community Council to pay a donation to Cavanna's on Senghenydd Square as the Christmas lighting attached to their premises is connected to their electricity supply.

(b) Internal Auditor 2024/25

To discuss and agree the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the financial year ending 31st March 2025, in order for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(c) <u>Precept 2025/26</u>

To receive and consider a report on the precept estimates for 2025/26 which includes:

- Budget 2024/25
- Expenditure up to 9th January 2025
- Estimated Expenditure from 9th January 2025 to 31st March 2025
- Financial Statement 2024/25
- Bank Reconciliation January 2025
- Proposed Budget for 2025/26
- Precept Recommendations for 2025/26

Caerphilly County Borough Council has given notice that the council tax base for the Aber Valley is 2,050.22 Band D equivalent dwellings. The Community Council is required to submit the Precept figure for 2025/26 by 31st January 2025, in order to expedite the setting of next year's Council Tax.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None