
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 APRIL 2025

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Roberts

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

55/2025 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Bishop, M. Stretch, and R. Mantle (Youth Ambassador).

56/2025 **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.

57/2025 **PUBLIC MATTERS**

A Member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the allotments on Caerphilly Road, Senghenydd. He was concerned that CCBC Officers had visited the site today (10th April 2025) and had advised that the allotments would be closing as the site was up for sale, and residents would need to leave the site in due course.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that CCBC Councillors would meet with the resident outside of the Community Council meeting to visit the site and would then contact the relevant section of CCBC.

58/2025 **POLICE MATTERS**

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

Ongoing issues with local residents/ social media issues.

Members noted the following:

People 'trying' car doors and causing damage to parked cars in Abertridwr. The Police advised that residents should be reporting all incidents.

Vehicle parked in Senghenydd with no tax, MOT, or insurance. Police advised this would be a DVLA matter, unless the vehicle was causing an obstruction or if the driver were caught by the Police, driving with no insurance. Details of the vehicle were passed on to the Police.

Motorbikes seen (good condition) being stripped, possibly stolen. Bridgefield Street, Abertridwr, by the cycle track. Information passed to the Police.

Damage to taxis being targeted in the area. Police to investigate.

59/2025 **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador was not in attendance at the meeting.

60/2025 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2025.**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13th March 2025 were approved as a true record.

61/2025 **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) **EXPENDITURE**

(a) Members noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 12.
- (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £26.98

(b) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £1,017.47
(Play Facility Inspection and Maintenance Costs for Hendre, Abertridwr).
- (ii) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £150.00
(Supply of 4 Spring/ Summer Planters)

- (iii) United Graphic Design Ltd - £199.62.
(Annual Support and Maintenance of Website)

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

Following the Clerks report, Members discussed invoices payable to CCBC and agreed to include this as an item for the next meeting in May, to discuss all payments currently made to CCBC. Members also requested that the Clerk obtain a breakdown of costs for the invoice relating to 'Play Facility Inspection and Maintenance Costs for Hendre, Abertridwr.'

Members also discussed and agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC to locate where the planter has gone from Abertridwr Square (usually in the spot where the Christmas tree is sited) and request for it to be returned.

62/2025 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT AND THE GREEN PLAN

Members agreed to meet to discuss the Green Plan on Wednesday 23rd April at 6.30pm and would also include the Keep Wales Tidy Project.

The Chair had attended a party on Abertridwr Square for 'Save Abertridwr Library' which had also been attended by pupils from Cwmaber and Ifor Bach schools.

CCBC had replaced the Orchard trees that they had previously cut down.

Local people were willing to 'steam clean' and paint the Dram and Wheel on Aber Heritage walkway. The Chair had confirmed approval with CCBC. Members discussed a small donation from the Community Council towards the cost of the paint and it was agreed to determine the donation amount on the receipt of an invoice.

Clerk to contact CCBC/ tree surgeon to arrange the removal of wood pieces that had been left on the side, after trees had been chopped down on the Heritage Walk, Abertridwr.

63/2025 ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

Members agreed for the competition to be launched and Councillor C. Bishop to advertise and display posters.

64/2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING – 2025

Members discussed and agreed for the Clerk to continue to deal with requests for quotes from Elsbury and 2 other companies.

65/2025 **ABERTRIDWR TOILETS**

Members discussed the information received from CCBC and the invoice received for payment of damages caused last year. Members agreed to arrange a meeting with CCBC (M. Headington), and payment of the invoice to be determined after that meeting.

66/2025 **BONFIRE NIGHT 2025**

Members were informed that a separate meeting would be arranged with the organisers.

67/2025 **STAGECOACH**

The representative from Stagecoach was unable to attend and had sent a data report earlier in the day. Members discussed the report and noted that buses were still missing, early mornings and late at night. Members agreed for the Clerk to invite the representative to the next meeting in May and to request a report prior to that meeting so that Members would have sufficient time to review the information and respond at the meeting.

68/2025 **PRESENTATION EVENING 2025 AND AWARDS/ NOMINATIONS PROCESS**

Members agreed to meet outside of the Community Council meeting to discuss a change to the awards/ nominations process and refer back to the Community Council in the next meeting in May.

69/2025 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

To thank the people who were dealing with the Dram and Wheel and advise them of proposed donation.

To consider a litter pick in the area when members meet to discuss the Green Plan and proposed to do the litter pick as a 'community walk,' which could include viewing drains, culverts, the stream, and bus shelters with ongoing issues.

Ongoing work by the Bingo Hall/ Windsor, Senghenydd and footpath closed. 'Path Closed' sign not in the correct place and may have been moved.

Reports of rubbish on the common, Senghenydd at the area where the turbines are. Members agreed for the Clerk to report this to CCBC Cleansing.

70/2025 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 15th May 2025.**

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council