
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT:

Chairperson: M. Bedir

Councillors: D. Berry, C. Bishop, D. Chamberlain, E.P Prendergast,
and J. Taylor.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

147/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Bishop, D. Daniels, R. Gater, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, and Youth Ambassador R. Mantle.

148/2025 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.

149/2025 PUBLIC MATTERS

Samantha Greenway and Russell Williams attended the meeting from Llamau and spoke about the charity that supports homelessness in young people. They provided information on the Family Mediation service available, and Members were informed that referrals were usually received from the Local Authority, but a decline in the number of referrals had recently been noted. They wanted to ensure that people in the community were aware of the support available to them. Discussion followed and Members agreed to pass on the information supplied by Llamau, within the Community. Llamau representatives would send information leaflets to the Community Council following the meeting. Members thanked them for their attendance.

Kelly Gulliford (Senior Youth Worker) attended the meeting from CCBC and referred to her attendance at the recent ASB meeting. Members were provided information on the Youth Offending Service for children aged 8 to 18 and included a multi-agency team with multi-disciplines within the team. It was noted that there was a lot of ASB within the Aber Valley but no current work ongoing with any youths from Abertridwr or Senghenydd. Members were informed that the '101' service would pass on any information reported to them regarding ASB to the CADRO Officer, who would then compile a 'strike list'. Information was also

provided on the 4-strike rule, including letters to parents, attendance at a Youth Offending Team meeting, and attendance at Court which could result in an ASB injunction.

Discussion followed regarding intervention with the Police, where a young person could sign a 'contract' for 6 months with appropriate conditions, and could avoid going to Court, if adhered to. Members were also advised on the REACH prevention project, where referrals of young persons from age 8 could be made from schools with the agreement of the parent and child. This was a 3-month project/process that could be extended, and information had already been shared with SYDIC. Kelly Gulliford agreed to send referral information to the Community Council for the Clerk to circulate.

150/2025 POLICE MATTERS

Gwent Police were unable to attend the meeting and had provided the following information to the Community Council, which covered September 2025:

Total 110 incidents

Breakdown of some of the reported crimes.

Road traffic collision in the Commercial Street area, Senghenydd. No injuries caused so call was downgraded. Upon arrival from Officers there was a negative area search/CCTV enquires were carried out.

Break-in in the Bryn Aber Area, window was left open in owners address and noticed 290 pounds was stolen from her purse. CSI done forensics and case is being managed by CID.

A knife and air rifle were found in the homeless shelter in the social club. During a room sweep a knife and air rifle were found . Officers collected this and was made safe from firearms and booked in correctly.

An enforcement officer was assaulted in Coedcae Road . They were enforcing a warrant for a male who had not paid for a clamped car. They saw the male trying to cut off the clamp and officers saw this from their vehicle. No assault was confirmed but male was seen with a hacksaw to try cut off the clamp, drive off, and not pay the fine. Upon Police attendance male and car had left and area search was conducted by officers.

Recorded ASB (Nuisance) breakdown.

A known youth in the Aber-Valley area was recently carrying a hammer- video footage of him was seen. Crime reduction officer made aware also and action to be decided on what to do from a neighbourhood aspect.

Report of Youths in the Ilan Road area drinking. Youths were causing loud nuisance in the area- however PCSOs were committed during the time. PCSO 525 attended to do reassurance patrols by foot.

Targeted Activity

The Old Bingo Hall is being patrolled for reports of fires continuously- Side gate is open and not secure- security company made aware.

Ongoing parking issues continue- this will be looked at closer moving forward. PCSO525 will continue further foot patrols in area and speak to local businesses and residents in the area moving forward.

PCSO 525 will try arranging the GO- SAFE van in future to raise awareness with speeding offences and take positive action.

Gaming van to be placed in the near future to reduce ASB - currently out of action.

Continued Police surgeries to be arranged in the area.

School patrols continued during after school times due to parking issues.

Community Engagement

Further engagements to be arranged with PCSO.

Go Safe van to be arranged for traffic offence awareness and education.

More Police surgeries to be arranged with Councillors in Aber Valley area.

More engagement with schools to be arranged.

Cwmaber Junior/Infant school and Nant Y parc visited and introduced to chat about safety against strangers.

Surgeries to be arranged- emails sent to SYDIC to arrange.

Members noted the following:

Members asked the Clerk to contact the Police to check which 'social club' was being referred to in the report.

Members referred to a recent accident on High Street, Abertridwr and noted that the appropriate traffic control would be required by the Police, going forward. Agreed for Clerk to respond to the Police.

151/2025 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was not in attendance at the meeting. Members discussed having additional Youth Ambassadors and agreed to advertise on social media.

152/2025 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2025.

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 11th September 2025 were approved as a true record.

153/2025 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) INCOME

- (a) The following income had been received:
- (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £20,000. The second instalment of the 2025/26 Community Council Precept.

(3) EXPENDITURE

- (a) Members noted the following expenditure:
- (i) Payroll – Month 06.
- (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £28.69

(4) A.O.B

- (a) Flowers on the Senghenydd Cenotaph.

Members discussed the provision of Spring and Summer flowers at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and agreed the quote of £100.00 received from CCBC (£180.00 if new planters were needed). Members agreed for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements through Caerphilly County Borough Council.

- (b) Armistice Day Wreaths.

Members discussed and agreed that no purchases were needed as two wreaths were already available to use by the Community Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a donation from the Community Council for £25 to cover the cost of a wreath.

(c) Audit Wales – Completion of Audit 2024/25.

Members had received the Audit Wales report and noted the 'Unqualified' opinion and the completion of Audit for 2024/25. Members noted the recommendations from Audit Wales and the Notice to be advertised by the Clerk.

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in the discussions on this matter.

- (a) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Carry out various tree works (Tree Preservation Order 69/95/RVDC) 36 The Garth Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4ES GRID REFERENCE - 311566(E) 189485(N)

154/2025 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

Nothing to report from the Chair.

155/2025 THE GREEN PLAN

Members discussed the recent meeting planned for 5th October 2025 for the Green Plan, had not taken place and any matters would be deferred to the next meeting.

156/2025 EVENTS 2025

Bonfire Night/ Fireworks Display – Members noted that the event date had been changed and would now be held at Senghenydd RFC on Friday 7th November, start time to be confirmed. Members noted the invoice for £6,000 from the Fireworks company and had agreed for the Clerk to arrange payment. First Aiders to be confirmed, and any available sponsorships/donations to be invited within the community. Members discussed the bucket/cash collection at the event and agreed for the Clerk to apply for the relevant collection permit with CCBC. Members noted any availability for volunteers to attend from the Community Council.

Christmas Fayre to be held on Friday 5th December at 5pm in Abertridwr Community Centre.

157/2025 VOLUNTEER FAYRES

Members discussed bringing local residents who wanted to become volunteers, together with local organisations that needed volunteers. Community Council agreed that leaflets would be produced to promote a volunteer fayre/event, and these would be circulated in the Aber Valley. Discussion followed regarding GAVO events and Cllr. J. Taylor would look into for further information. Members agreed to cover the costs of printing the leaflets (up to £1,000) and for the event to be

considered for January 2026. Agreed for the Clerk to add to the December meeting agenda.

158/2025 VOLUNTEERS FOR BUTE ENERGY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Members discussed this committee which was proposed to meet monthly. Volunteers would be removed from the committee if 3 consecutive meetings were missed. Members agreed for Community Councillor D. Chamberlain and CCBC Councillor C. Bishop to be put forward for this committee, together with Community Councillor M. Bedir as reserve. Councillor C. Bishop to confirm the meeting dates.

159/2025 ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

To be deferred to the next meeting.

160/2025 LLAMAU REPRESENTATIVES (FAMILY MEDIATION)

This item was dealt with under Public Matters.

161/2025 CCBC K. GULLIFORD (YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE)

This item was dealt with under Public Matters.

162/2025 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

Community Councillor R. Gater had resigned from the post of Chair. Members agreed for the Vice Chair M. Bedir to be appointed as Chair, going forward, and for a new Vice Chair to be agreed at the next meeting. Community Councillor R. Gater had returned his members' allowance and Chairs' allowance for 2025/26. Members agreed for the Chairs' allowance to be given to Community Councillor M. Bedir and for the Councillors returned allowance to be put towards the Bonfire Night/Fireworks Display Event.

Ysgol Ifor Bach and Cwmaber schools to attend a Memorial Service on 6th November 2025 at 2pm in Abertridwr Community Centre.

163/2025 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th November 2025.**

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council