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# ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

#### **PRESENT:**

Chairperson: M. Bedir

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

#### **164/2025     APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

#### **165/2025     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.

#### **166/2025     TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Members discussed and agreed to appoint Community Councillor D. Chamberlain as Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

#### **167/2025     RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

Members noted the resignation of Community Councillor R. Gater and were advised that a 'Notice of Vacancy' was being advertised for the relevant time period until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Members would be kept informed, following this deadline.

#### **168/2025     PUBLIC MATTERS**

Wayne from Draigwen Honey, attended the meeting and provided information on the bee farm based in Senghenydd and also operating throughout South Wales, including Cardiff University, situated on the roof. Information was also provided on school visits, looking at pollination and using bees honey to make candles.

Members discussed a proposal to keep a small apiary (approx. 10 beehives) in the Senghenydd area on a safe, secure site for school children to be able to visit during the summer. This would increase pollination in the area and would start fostering/husbandry within the community. It was also proposed that Wayne would manage the site and the supply of honey, some of which could be available to schools/raffles, etc.

It was agreed that Wayne would provide a list of costs to Cllr. C. Bishop, who would make further enquiries and refer this item back to the Green Plan at their next meeting.

## **169/2025      POLICE MATTERS**

Gwent Police attended the meeting and provided the following information to the Community Council, which covered October/ November 2025:

### Total 72

Breakdown of some of the reported crimes.

Recent reports of criminal damage caused to cars in Abertridwr over the previous week. Unsure if all incidents are connected, however damage caused to cars did span over the course of a few hours. A diary car appointment has been booked in for the victim, and he will be providing a statement to the Constable.

There was a report of a car parked outside the street and had been smashed up. Both front and rear doors had been smashed and the rear windscreen. Currently subject is unknown. This is being dealt with via a diary car appointment with officers.

Car failing to stop – A car has failed to stop along the High Street towards Caerphilly. Caller became aware of a white car driving towards him and then pulled over to the left. A car then hit the callers' car to the rear drivers' side wheel. A red car was spotted and did not stop.

There were threats of violence at a rugby match where a small scuffle took place- this was caused by one of the parents of the players. This nearly escalated onto the pitch. Parents are made very well aware not to step foot onto the pitch. Police had attended and statements taken- investigation is ongoing.

### Recorded Anti-social behaviour incidents

There has been ongoing neighbourhood issues in Bryn Aber between two neighbours. PCSO 525 has attended to which the reporting person does not wish to make a formal complaint. Safety advice was given and PCSO 525 will meet with United Welsh on a joint visit to try and long-term problem solve.

Ongoing issues regarding parking issues in the area- PCSO 525 attended, however this remained a civil matter as it was not enforceable by Police. Both parties agreed to leave each other alone during this time.

### 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. Parking wardens from the council have been made aware.

PCSO525 will continue further foot patrols in area and speak to local businesses and residents in the area moving forward.

PCSO 525 will try to arrange 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 until December 2025.

Continued Police surgeries to be arranged in the area- library and The Oasis.

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.

Neighbourhood alerts up and running and will continue to sign up members of the public in local areas.

Schools to be spoken to in regard to Operation Sceptre- Knife crime.

**Members had no further comments.**

### **170/2025** **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador was not in attendance at the meeting.

### **171/2025** **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025.**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were approved as a true record.

## 172/2025 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) Donation from M. Crook for Summer Event - £50.00.

### **(3) EXPENDITURE**

- (a) Members noted the following expenditure:
  - (i) Payroll – Month 07.
  - (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £28.69
  - (iii) CCBC – Opening/Closing and Cleaning of the toilets in Abertridwr Park 2025/26 - £1628.12.
  - (iv) Xplosive Events Ltd – Full balance paid online for fireworks display - £6000.
  - (v) The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – £25.00
- (b) Members approved the following expenditure:
  - (i) Cookies Disco Services (Disco at Fireworks Display) - £200.

### **(4) CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) Request for Donation for Hefin David Memorial Bench

An email had been received from L. Green requesting a donation towards a Memorial Bench for Hefin David. Members agreed to donate £50 and agreed for the Clerk to arrange.

**(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (a) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Erect one and a half storey rear extension with replacement balcony 64 Ilan Road Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4EB GRID REFERENCE - 312093(E) 189059(N).

**173/2025 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

The Chair had attended the successful Fireworks Display Event at Senghenydd RFC and noted that residents had requested for the event to go ahead again next year.

The Chair had also attended the Memorial Service at Senghenydd.

**174/2025 THE GREEN PLAN**

Members had not met since the last Community Council meeting. Agreed for the Clerk to send a copy of the Green Plan to Wayne from Draigwen Honey.

**175/2025 EVENTS 2025/26**

Memorial Event – Future involvement with the Community Council.

Bonfire Night/ Fireworks Display – Members noted the successful event held at Senghenydd RFC on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Christmas Fete to be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in Abertridwr Community Centre. A donation of £500 was being made by Bute Energy for the selection boxes for the event. It was agreed for this money to be split between Abertridwr and Senghenydd children with Santa. Clerk to confirm Christmas Lighting arrangements are all completed with CCBC and Elsbury.

Funding to be considered for an Easter event 2026.

Cllr. C. Bishop looking into Pobl Grants for fruit trees, and also the Forestry Commission.

**176/2025 CCBC CLEANER AND GREENER SCHEDULE (JANUARY TO MARCH 2026)**

Deferred to the December meeting.

**177/2025 ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION**

Deferred to the March 2026 meeting.

**178/2025 DRAIGWEN HONEY**

This item was dealt with under Public Matters.

**179/2025 DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2026/27**

Members considered the draft budget proposals for 2026/27 and agreed to defer this item to the next meeting for further consideration. Members agreed for the Clerk to request information from CCBC regarding a possible increase in the future precept received.

**180/2025 MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members had no matters to report.

**181/2025 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm.

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