
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 APRIL 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: M. Bedir

Councillors: C. Bishop, E.P. Prendergast, J. Roberts, M. Stretch, and
J. Taylor.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

001/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Berry, D. Bishop, D. Chamberlain (Vice Chair), D. Daniels, D. Wood, and Youth Ambassador R. Mantle.

002/2026 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.

A declaration of interest was made during the course of the meeting and is minuted under the relevant item.

003/2026 POLICE MATTERS

Gwent Police/ PCSOs were unable to attend the meeting.

004/2026 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no Public Matters.

005/2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was unable to attend the meeting.

006/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2026.

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12th March 2026 were approved as a true record.

007/2026 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) No income had been received.

(3) EXPENDITURE

- (a) Members noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 12.
- (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £28.69.

- (b) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) Delivery cost of leaflets for Volunteer Fayres - £210.00 (Reimbursement to Cllr. J. Taylor). Councillor J. Taylor declared an interest in this item.
- (ii) Senghenydd Community Centre - £60.00 (Room hire for 26th March 2026 – Volunteer Fayre).
- (iii) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £1,068.34 (Play Facility Inspection and Maintenance Costs for Hendre, Abertridwr 2025/26).

(4) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Erect single storey extension to side and rear of bungalow
Rosewood, Brynhafod Road, Abertridwr Caerphilly
GRID REFERENCE - 312211(E) 189510(N)

008/2026 **CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

The Chair gave his condolences at the start of the meeting and reported that he had visited the families of two local residents, Myra Griffiths and Billy Addicott, who had recently passed away.

The Chair noted that the Police poster referred to in the last meeting had been displayed in Senghenydd and also noted he would be attending the Windsor Colliery Memorial on Monday 13th April.

009/2026 **EVENTS 2026**

Summer event - Further plans were confirmed for the event on the Green, Abertridwr on 18th July, including community stalls and a football tournament. There would be a live band in the Aber Hotel in the evening, following the event in the day.

Fireworks Display - Members were informed that the full balance for the event had been paid as agreed at the last meeting. This item to be deferred to the next meeting to discuss fundraising for the event and arrangements for a pre-meeting with the organisers/fireworks company.

Members also discussed the CCBC Festive Lighting Workshop arranged for 6th May 2026 and agreed that the Clerk would attend together with Councillor M. Stretch.

010/2026 **PRESENTATION EVENING 2026**

Members agreed for the Presentation Evening to be held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at Abertridwr Community Centre at 7.00 pm (arrive for 6.30pm).

011/2026 **CCBC RESPONSE TO VOLUNTEERS**

Members noted and discussed the response received from CCBC, who are due to meet with Groundwork Wales and will provide a further update to the Community Council in due course.

012/2026 **ABER VALLEY CCTV REVIEW**

Members discussed the correspondence received from CCBC regarding the CCTV surveillance cameras and their usage within the Aber Valley. It was noted that some Members had already sent separate responses, and it was agreed for the Clerk to send a response from the Community Council to request that the CCTV surveillance to continue as it was invaluable in dealing with anti-social behaviour in the Aber Valley.

013/2026 SPEED COMPLAINT (GRAIG Y FEDW, ABERTRIDWR)

Members noted the response from the Police in relation to the speed monitoring exercise undertaken in the 20mph area of this road. Members agreed for the Clerk to respond and request that a further analysis be done further down the road, by the layby, in the 40mph area.

014/2026 SPRING AND SUMMER FLOWERS ON SENGHENYDD CENOTAPH

Members discussed the response from CCBC regarding the planters and summer flowers for the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and the Square in Abertridwr. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact James Leahy CCBC for an update on the planters and also the missing one from Abertridwr Square.

Members agreed for the Clerk to contact both local primary schools (Nant Y Parc and Cwmaber) and the Aber Valley Community Allotment group to see if they would like to be involved in the summer planting.

015/2026 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

Car parked/clamped at William Harris Bungalows for a few weeks. Noted no tax or insurance when checked online and vehicle should be moved soon as it had already been there for three weeks.

A man had been reported in the area offering to do garden work. He gave a price to a local resident and disappeared after being paid, without doing the work. Reports of people also acting as window cleaners in the area. Member would report to the Police.

Noted the level of litter within the Aber Valley and the bin was overflowing outside the Spar in Abertridwr. Member to contact CCBC.

Noted the number of large lorries going through Abertridwr, to and from the new site and causing damage to the roads. Member to contact CCBC Highways.

Noted that the cycle track was now partly open and discussed that it was thought to be fully open now. Members to confirm.

Noted the wall in Abertridwr Park had water leaking through it. Members discussed the recent meeting with ABUHB regarding this area and the ongoing work that was needed.

Thanks to all those who contributed and attended the exhibition held at the Oasis for 'Y Bowlen Werdd.'

Noted that the condition of the rear lane behind the shops in Senghenydd had been reported to CCBC. This area had now all been cleared and noted that the two CCBC employees had done a really excellent job of dealing with all the rubbish.

The Wheel at Nant y Parc had been maintained.

Noted that the report/survey on the land opposite Panteg had been completed by CCBC, and future projects would depend on the survey results.

Blocked culvert at Station Terrace, Senghenydd. Work now commenced by CCBC.

Noted residents' complaints regarding a property on Alexander Terrace, Senghenydd. Issues included parked vehicles, lane blocked and burning fires.

Noted the 'abandoned' bus at the layby on Graig Y Fedw, Abertridwr. Members confirmed that Planning Enforcement had been informed and discussed the involvement of Environmental Health.

Noted the recovery truck parked in Senghenydd car park may not be owned by a resident of Senghenydd. Member to report to Highways CCBC.

Noted the information received from CCBC regarding the recent vandalism of the toilets in Abertridwr Park. Members noted the toilets were closed at 9.00 am this morning. Agreed for the Clerk to confirm the opening hours and to send a letter of thanks to the cleansing team member who dealt with the mess.

016/2026 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 21st May 2026.**

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council