
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: M. Bedir

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

017/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

018/2026 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.

019/2026 POLICE MATTERS

Gwent Police/ PCSO attended the meeting and provided the following information to the Community Council for May 2026:

Incidents to Note

- 70-year-old male assaulted on Church Road, Abertridwr- PCSOs attended to take details and welfare check. A diary car appointment arranged to take statement.
- Ongoing reports of offroad bikes going down Thomas Street
- 2x youths reported to be attempting to break into the sheds around High Street, Abertridwr. No entry gained, area search negative for the youths.
- Reports of a 13-year-old grandson out of control and reports of him damaging the house and assaulting the caller in the Graigwen Crescent area- Police not required to attend as he did calm down and safety advice was given.

- A car had driven into the gates of the TIMER YARD, COMMERCIAL STREET. Male was reported to have driven at speed around the corner and straight into the gates.

Targeted Activity

- Continued patrols being conducted around the old Bingo Hall following reports of fires being set in the area. Side gate now made secure.
- Ongoing parking issues – Parking Wardens made aware and further patrols requested specifically around School drop off/pick up times.
- Foot Patrol and CO525 Soo continuing to build rapport with residents and deter offending specifically targeting areas affected by recent vehicle break ins.
- PCSO 525 will continue to issue further Section 59 warnings/ seizures in relation to offroad bikes/ e-scooters.
- Continued High visible foot patrols to be conducted around the area of Tristan Kerr murder
- Parking around King Street, Abertridwr to be monitored and council to be made aware of ongoing issues. Awareness around parking issues to be raised when speaking to residents.

Community Engagement

- Gaming Van to be deployed at future events with the aim to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour- This will now be subject to availability/ weather conditions. Community event attended on the 31st of March in Senghenydd Park organised by Caerphilly Council.
- Continued Police Surgeries to be conducted at the Library and The Oasis to provide reassurance in the wake of recent events.
- School Visits being conducted – Youths just returned from school- visits to each school in the area to be done.
- Continued push to engage residents with the Neighbourhood Alert Scheme.
- Bryn Aber- Community Hub attended and will continue to attend on a regular basis where possible
- Op Sceptre (Knife crime) next week- inputs around awareness in schools to be booked in.

There were no further issues reported by the Community Council.

020/2026 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no Public Matters.

021/2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was unable to attend the meeting.

022/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH APRIL 2026.

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9th April 2026 were approved as a true record.

023/2026 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 01.
 - (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit) - £28.69.
 - (iii) Terry Williams – Internal Audit Fee - £250

(4) APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- (a) Members considered the following application for financial assistance and resolved as follows:
 - (i) Aber Valley FC Foodbank - £3000 (to be paid in 3 instalments of £1000 for the financial year 26/27 – first payment of £1000 to be paid in May 2026,

2nd instalment of £1000 in July/August and 3rd instalment of £1000 in November/December).

(5) A.O.B

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance.

The Clerk sought approval to advertise that the applications for financial assistance were now open for people to apply.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for advertisements to be placed on social media, Aber Valley Community Council website, and notice boards at Abertridwr Community Centre, Senghenydd Community Centre, and Abertridwr Library. Members agreed to consider the applications received at an additional meeting of Aber Valley Community Council on 9th July 2026, prior to the main meeting.

(b) Community Recognition Awards.

The Clerk enquired whether Members wished to include Community Recognition Awards in the presentation evening. It was agreed to include these awards, which Members would consider applications for at its meeting on 9th July 2026. Members agreed for the nomination categories to remain the same, except for the change from Aber Valley Volunteer – Child to be amended to Aber Valley Volunteer - Young Person.

It was agreed that following the amendment above, the Clerk would arrange for advertisements to be placed on social media, Aber Valley Community Council website, and notice boards at Abertridwr Community Centre, Senghenydd Community Centre, and Abertridwr Library.

(c) Presentation Evening.

Presentation evening had been confirmed to be held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at Abertridwr Community Centre at 7.00 pm (arrive for 6.30pm).

Members discussed and agreed for the Financial Assistance recipients and the Community Recognition Award winners to be included in the presentation evening, and for the refreshments budget to remain at £100.

(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Retain ground floor unit, convert first and second floor from 1 flat into 2 flats, addition of flat roof dormer to side elevation and Introduction of bin and bike store to ground floor 1 The Square Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4DH GRID REFERENCE - 312029(E) 189342(N)**

- (b) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Erect second storey extension, internal garage conversion, construction of double garage with room over and car port linking garage and house Gleneagles Eglwysilan Abertridwr Caerphilly GRID REFERENCE - 310748(E) 188929(N)

024/2026 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report.

025/2026 THE GREEN PLAN

Members were due to arrange a meeting to discuss the Green Plan.

Members noted that the memorial at Nant y Parc had been cleaned and maintained.

Members noted the Partnership had met recently and were interested in the Green Plan and working together with Aber Valley Community Council.

026/2026 EVENTS 2026

Summer event - Further plans were confirmed for the event on the Green, Abertridwr on 18th July, including bouncy castles x 2 for £150, a pancake stall, ice cream van, and honey stalls, with further enquiries ongoing and requests for stalls. Members agreed a budget of £1000 for the event and noted the event was to be called the Aber Valley Festival (in memory of Jake Sweeney).

027/2026 FIREWORKS DISPLAY (FUNDRAISING AND ORGANISERS PRE- MEETING)

Members agreed to defer any discussions on fundraising to the Community Council meeting in September. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact the company and organisers to arrange a meeting prior to the event.

028/2026 SUMMER FLOWERS ON SENGHENYDD CENOTAPH AND ABERTRIDWR SQUARE

Members discussed and agreed to purchase 4 planters for the cenotaph. The planter for Abertridwr Square had been located by CCBC. Members agreed a budget up to £500 to be spent on planters and plants and for Councillor C. Bishop and the Clerk to arrange. Members also noted the interest from Nant y Parc and Cwmaber schools and the Aber Valley Community Allotment group.

029/2026 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

- CCBC Planning enforcement ongoing at Graig y Fedw, Abertridwr, regarding the vehicles that were currently situated in the area. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC Planning enforcement noting the concerns of the Community Council.
- Sheds and shipping containers on Coed y Pica Lane – ongoing enquiries with CCBC Planning enforcement.
- SYDIC Summer Scheme proposals – SYDIC have requested if local groups would be interested in joining them but have not yet received any responses.
- Alison Palmer/GAVO due to retire in July – Members agreed for the Clerk to send a thank you letter nearer the time.
- Parent Network running a support group for ASD pupils (autism spectrum disorder).
- Cwmaber Juniors have set up a parents' forum for pupils with additional needs.
- Fly tipping and litter on Eglwysilan Mountain. CCBC contacted and has been cleared.
- Loose drains throughout the Aber Valley have been reported to CCBC.

030/2026 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th June 2026.**

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council