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# ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

#### PRESENT:

Chairperson: M. Bedir

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

#### **031/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Daniels, D. Wood, and Youth Ambassador R. Mantle.

#### **032/2026 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.

Declarations of interest were made during the course of the meeting and are minuted under the relevant item.

#### **033/2026 POLICE MATTERS**

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

##### Incidents to Note

- 70-year-old male assaulted on Church Road, Abertridwr- PCSOs attended to take details and welfare check. Statement has been detail and Police media appeal launched.
- Ongoing reports of offroad bikes going down Thomas Street

Tristan Kerr- On Saturday 13th June, it would have been Tristan Kerr's 18th Birthday. His mother has arranged another balloon release up on the mountain. She has stated that it is by Rose Crown.

- Reports from social services in the Lower Francis Street in relation to a welfare check on two children. Both children were alone when social services had arrived. When social services were on the phone- the mother returned screaming and shouting at them. Police attended and the children remained with the mum- relevant referrals have been made.
- Reports of a smashed window in the Ilan Road area of the Aber Hotel. Black Audi smashed and looked like drugs were inside.
- Reports of a granddaughter been attacked in the Bronmydd area in Abertridwr by two drunk women outside home address. Officers attended on an emergency response.
- Numerous reports of offroad bikes and quadbikes- males usually dressed in black and wearing balaclavas

### Targeted Activity

- Continued patrols being conducted around the old Bingo Hall following reports of fires being set in the area. The side panel has been ripped- needs reporting to council.
- 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.
- 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
- Couple of schools been given presentations, spoken too about knife crime/ anti-social behaviour.
- United Welsh activity day in Abertridwr Park- PCSO 525 attended.

There were no further issues reported by the Community Council.

**034/2026 PUBLIC MATTERS**

There were no Public Matters.

**035/2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador was unable to attend the meeting.

**036/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026.**

The minutes of the Community Council AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were approved as a true record.

**037/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026.**

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were approved as a true record.

**038/2026 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) The following income had been received:
  - (i) Caerphilly County Borough Council - £25,000.00. The first instalment of the 2026/27 Community Council Precept.

**(3) EXPENDITURE**

(a) Members noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 02.
- (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit- May) - £30.78
- (iii) EE Telephone Bill increase from April - £2.09

(b) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) Information Commissioner – £52.00. Data protection fee.
- (ii) Kings Castles - £150.00 (Bouncy Castle for Summer event) – reimbursement to the Clerk.

**(4) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Councillors D. Berry and M. Stretch both declared an interest in the application from SYDIC and took no part in the discussions on this item.

(a) Members considered the following application for financial assistance and resolved as follows:

- (i) SYDIC - £6,000
- (ii) Aber Valley YMCA - £6,000.

Members noted that the grants awarded were in relation to the Summer Schemes and requested a breakdown of costs from Aber Valley YMCA.

In addition, it was also agreed for the Clerk to request that both groups provide a report of their Summer Schemes, including how the money was spent and how the Summer Schemes went. The reports would be included at the Presentation Evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

**(5) A.O.B**

(a) Audit 2025/26

- (i) Members received the Internal Audit report for the financial year ended 31st March 2026.
- (ii) Members received the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2026 and completed the annual governance statement.
- (iii) Members approved the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2026 and authorised the Chairperson to sign the approval and certification section. Members were informed that the

Annual Return and supporting documents would be submitted to the External Auditor.

**(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

**039/2026 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

The Chair had nothing to report.

**040/2026 EVENTS 2026**

Summer event - Further plans were confirmed for the event on the Green, Abertridwr on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, including bouncy castles x 2 for £150, stalls, football tournament, candy floss, and cake stalls.

Presentation Evening – Members discussed possible local singers and entertainment to be confirmed.

Fireworks event – Clerk to chase up the request for a site visit with the company and organisers prior to the event.

**041/2026 ALEXANDRA TERRACE, SENGHENYDD**

Members discussed the rubbish being collected and dumped in this area (household and garden waste) and then burned. CCBC Officers were involved. Members discussed contacting Fire Safety and noted CCBC as the landowners.

**042/2026 MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

Traffic concerns regarding the roadworks throughout the Aber Valley.

Update on the beehives – need to agree a suitable site.

Parking issues and enforcement on Senghenydd Square. Members agreed to arrange a site visit with the relevant CCBC Officer.

Tatws Sion Cent – successful event held at the Top Club, Senghenydd.

Concerns regarding speeding on High Street, Abertridwr – Clerk to contact Gwent Police to request speed monitoring in this area.

Speed awareness signs throughout the Aber Valley were removed following the introduction of the 20mph and were not replaced. Noted that one of the signs was owned by the Community Council. Agreed for Clerk to contact CCBC

Highways to request the return of the signs and also to request 'rumble strips' by the quarry garage, entering into Abertridwr.

Litter picks to be organised within the Aber Valley, Members requested to confirm a list of areas in need to Community Councillor D. Berry. It was noted that the Allotment Group were happy to volunteer and be involved.

Councillor J. Roberts to send information following the next Green Plan meeting, to be circulated to Members for the Community Council July meeting.

Summer planting at the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and Abertridwr Square, to be arranged by Councillor C. Bishop and the Clerk. Agreed for the Clerk to notify the relevant schools and the allotment group and to note this project would be organised for next year.

CCBC School transport issues – safe walking routes discussed. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am, photographer at Abertridwr Square. Parents and pupils welcome to attend.

Senghenydd mountain to Ystrad Mynach – some potholes have been fixed but larger ones have been left untouched.

**043/2026    DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

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