
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: M. Bedir

Councillors: C. Bishop, D. Daniels, J. Taylor, and D. Wood.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

044/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

045/2026 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.

046/2026 PUBLIC MATTERS

Representatives from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (L. Hambridge, H. Capel and E. Turner) attended the meeting to update the Community Council on the plans progressing for the Well Being Centre. The site at Abertridwr Park is still being considered, with plans due to be submitted to Welsh Government.

Consideration would be given to supporting the football club (changing rooms and site), by way of a gift to the Community, if this area is affected.

The ongoing issue with the library is not connected to ABUHB and is a separate issue, and the current 2 health clinics in the Aber Valley are to remain.

The designs are not impacting the Football Club, but ABUHB reps wished to arrange a meeting with the club to discuss parking plans and use of the area. Agreed for the Clerk to email the relevant contact numbers to E. Turner – ABUHB.

Surveys are currently ongoing at the site and ABUHB are working with CCBC at the pre-planning stage with the Planning application due to be submitted by October. Following this stage, further information will be available to confirm and

share, and another Community event is planned for the Autumn to update local residents on progress and plans.

ABUHB reps were happy for the local Ward Members to be involved in their meetings with CCBC and would welcome the support and assistance.

047/2026 POLICE MATTERS

Gwent Police/ PCSOs were unable to attend the meeting and noted their monthly update would be circulated to Members following the meeting.

048/2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was unable to attend the meeting.

049/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2026.

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th June 2026 were approved as a true record.

050/2026 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 03.
 - (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit- June) - £30.78
 - (iii) Replacement cheque for HMRC PAYE Tax from Month 4 2025/26 – original cheque not received 403305 – cheque cancelled - £166.60
 - (iv) Replacement cheque for Sparrows for Memorial Bench 2025/26 – original cheque not received 403348 – cheque cancelled - £50.00

- (v) Replacement cheque for SLCC Membership Renewal – original cheque misplaced by SLCC 403372 – cheque cancelled - £200.00
- (b) Members approved the following expenditure:
 - (i) B&Q - Purchase of plants, planters, compost, and slate for Senghenydd Cenotaph – reimbursement to the Clerk - £173.00
 - (ii) Post Office Ltd – Purchase of 32 2nd Class Stamps – reimbursement to the Clerk - £29.12
 - (iii) Caerphilly County Borough Council (room rental at Abertridwr Library) - £260.00.

(4) A.O.B

(a) EE Mobile Telephone Contract

The Clerk informed Members that a new contract was due. Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange a renewal/new contract.

(b) Community Recognition Awards

Members received the nominations for the Community Recognition Awards and agreed the recipients for 2026. Agreed for the Clerk to send letters of invite to the Presentation Evening, at the end of July/ early August, to the recipients and nominators. Item to be added to the next meeting agenda to confirm any further arrangements.

Clerk to circulate confirmation of the agreed recipients to the Community Councillors and be provided with the relevant contact details.

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(a) NOTIFICATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995
Erect new general purpose agricultural building and associated works
Land At Grid Ref 312708 188853, Coed-y-pica, Abertridwr.
GRID REFERENCE - 312708(E) 188853(N)

Members agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC Planning and note the concerns of the Community Council in relation to the impact on the access to the new houses in this area.

(b) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Change the use from existing basement into two self-contained apartments - St Catherine's Court Caerphilly Road Senghenydd
GRID REFERENCE - 311903(E) 190283(N)

051/2026 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

The Chair reported on cleaning and weeding around Commercial Street, Senghenydd and had attended a school governor meeting.

052/2026 THE GREEN PLAN

Members noted the information circulated by Cllr. J. Roberts prior to the meeting.

Tree Planting - Cllr. C. Bishop had sent the list of 'open' areas to James Leahy CCBC, and trees were due to be delivered.

Members discussed funding options and agreed contact to be made with Cosgroves.

053/2026 EVENTS 2026

Summer event - Taking place on the Green, Abertridwr on Saturday 18th July. Further details confirmed regarding risk assessment, entertainment, and football tournament.

Fireworks event – Company had confirmed they would contact Senghenydd RFC direct and arrange a site visit. Members discussed and noted the request from J. McLaren for a separate visit regarding the siting of the firework display on the cricket ground. Agreed for the Clerk to contact J. McLaren and get approval to forward his contact number to the fireworks company.

054/2026 PRESENTATION EVENING 2026

Members discussed the entertainment for the evening and confirmed 2 local singers had been contacted. Confirmation needed as to whether both singers need to bring their own microphone/speakers' equipment. Cllr. D. Wood to confirm.

Draft Programme to be circulated to Members for information.

Item on agenda for September meeting to confirm any other details required.

055/2026 ABUHB REPRESENTATIVES

Dealt with under Public Matters.

056/2026 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

Members noted the entries received to date. Closing date is Friday 10th July 2026. Clerk to confirm all entries received by the closing date. All entries to be considered at the next meeting in September.

057/2026 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

Attendance at the drop-in session with CCBC Planning regarding the replacement LDP.

Rats reported at Graig y Fedw, Abertridwr.

058/2026 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th September 2026**.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council