
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Taylor

Councillors: M. Bedir, C. Bishop, D. Bishop, E.P. Prendergast, J. Roberts,
and D. Wood.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

059/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

060/2026 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.

061/2026 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no Public Matters.

062/2026 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Damon Soo attended the meeting and provided the following information to the Community Council for September 2026. The Police report would be circulated to the Community Council following the meeting:

Incidents to note

- Threats made to a female by her partner and was being threatening and being abusive and threatened to throw her out and her belongings in the Bryn Aber area.
- Reports of a homeless male who sleeps in the Abertridwr Park area near by the library. This male is known to Police and library staff have been welfare checked.

- Reports of two males fighting in the street in the BRYNGELLI TERRACE- Police attended and spoken to all parties. No complaints made by any parties.
- Male had knife and said going to stab people in Abertridwr- This was a mental health call in which he wanted to be arrested. No one was stabbed; no ambulance was required.

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- has been reported to the 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. Recently the SYDIC has been a new venue also- further surgeries to take place here.
- 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- walk around recently done with United Welsh in relation to ongoing issues with ASB, FLYTIPPING and PARKING.
- Couple of schools been given presentations and spoken to about knife crime/ anti-social behaviour and use of electric scooters.

Members noted the following points to the Police:

- Discussion on the homeless person sleeping in Abertridwr Park. Police are checking on him, and he is currently on the housing list with CCBC. Only homeless person the Police are aware of in the area.
- Nant Y Parc Primary School hold a 'Prevent' evening every year. Details to be passed on to the Police.

063/2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was unable to attend the meeting.

064/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2026.

The minutes of the Applications for Financial Assistance Meeting held on 9th July 2026 were approved as a true record.

065/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2026.

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066/2026 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 04.
- (ii) Payroll – Month 05.

- (iii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit- July) - £30.78
 - (iv) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit- August) - £30.78
 - (v) Fee Stop Payment (Cheques x 3) - £15.00
 - (vi) CCBC – Abertridwr Library (room rental) - £260.00
 - (vii) YMCA Aber Valley – Summer Event 2026 - £50.00.
- (b) Members approved the following expenditure:
- (i) Everson Sports & Trophies – Award Plaques and Engraving x 7 £280.00 (reimbursement to the Clerk).
 - (ii) Audit Wales 2024/25 Audit Fees - £382.45.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Zurich Municipal – Insurance Policy Renewal 2026/27

Members received and considered the renewal quote from Zurich Municipal for the Community Councils' Insurance as the policy was due for renewal on 30th September 2026. Members considered the renewal premium of £787.31 and agreed for the Clerk to proceed with the renewal process.

(b) Elsbury Access Platforms – Christmas Lighting – 2026 Festive Period

Members received and considered the quote from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, removal, and storage of the Christmas lighting for the 2026 festive period, and the date for 'switch on'. Members agreed for the Clerk to confirm acceptance of the quote, and to also confirm the date of Friday 27th November 2026 as the requested 'switch on' date for the lights.

5. A.O.B

(a) Flowers on the Senghenydd Cenotaph.

Members discussed the recent flowers and planters that had been purchased and arranged by some of the Community Councillors and agreed for this to continue going forward. Members asked for this to be deferred to the next meeting to confirm the arrangements.

(b) Universal Colliery Memorial Service.

Members discussed the Memorial Service and agreed for a donation of £60 to be arranged by the Clerk. Members noted that flowers were normally provided by the Chair at the event.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(a) Case Ref. 26/0456/CLPU

Location: Site Area: 255m² 38 Graig-y-fedw Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4AR (UPRN 000043009344)

Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey rear extension

067/2026 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report.

068/2026 EVENTS 2026

Councillor C. Bishop confirmed that over 400 trees were due to be delivered.

069/2026 FIREWORKS EVENT – FUNDRAISING AND ORGANISERS PRE-MEETING

It was noted that the fireworks company were organising a site visit with Senghenydd RFC prior to the event on 4th November, and the contact details for J. McLaren had also been passed on to the company. Members discussed sponsorship and contact to be made with local businesses.

070/2026 PRESENTATION EVENING 2026

Members were informed that the award plaques had been collected and all the finance award cheques had been prepared. Members agreed they were happy with the programme and the proposals for the summer scheme reports.

Councillor D. Wood would confirm the entertainment and the equipment required for the evening. Members were asked to provide information on the award winners for the Clerk to provide notes for the presenter.

Members were informed of arrangements with the Clerk and Councillor C. Bishop, the day prior to the event, to purchase the refreshments and hand over all the awards, programmes, cheques (in envelopes with receipts) and information for the presenter.

071/2026 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

Members considered all the entries and agreed on the winner. Agreed for the Clerk to prepare the cheque for £500 for the winner and to invite them to the Presentation evening. Members also agreed the 2nd place entry and Councillor C. Bishop to arrange a certificate/gift and invite to the Presentation evening.

072/2026 DEFIBRILLATOR AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members discussed the current status of the cabinet which was holding some condensation. Members noted the information on new style cabinets provided by the Clerk and agreed for the purchase of a dehumidifier/moisture absorber to alleviate the issue. This matter to be added to the next meeting agenda for any further consideration if required.

073/2026 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCILS' STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members were informed of the vacancy and advised to inform the Clerk if anyone was interested. Expressions of interest to be submitted to CCBC by 21st September.

074/2026 ABERTRIDWR PARK TOILETS

No further information received from CCBC regarding recent report of vandalism. Members noted the toilets would now be closed following the return to school term. Agreed for the Clerk to chase up with CCBC James Leahy.

075/2026 DOG ENFORCEMENT

Members discussed recent residents' complaints regarding dog enforcement, fouling, and bins not being emptied. Members agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC Kristian Jennings for information on availability for the Aber Valley in relation to dog wardens and enforcement, and to enquire whether they would attend an event to provide information to residents.

076/2026 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

Senghenydd Square had been cleared of rubbish that had not yet been collected.

Litter pick lady working in the Senghenydd area had now finished. Agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC Marcus Lloyd to confirm if the position is to be filled and if so, when. Clerk would email PA and cc Councillor C. Bishop.

Members noted the previous funding provided by the Community Council for poetry booklets and open mic events for Tatws Sion Cent, together with their work that had led to further ventures and exhibitions in the Community.

077/2026 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th October 2026.**

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council