
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: M. Bedir

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

Clerk: J. Lloyd

078/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

079/2026 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.

080/2026 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no Public Matters.

081/2026 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Sundaranworthy attended the meeting and provided the following information to the Community Council for October 2026. The Police report had been circulated to the Community Council prior to the meeting:

Incidents to note

- Reports of shouting at his neighbours' house which involved their 16-year-old son. There were reports of screaming and shouting at him. No offences were disclosed upon officer arrival as the 16-year-old was kicking off at parents.

- Reports of a couple banging on a door which was then smashed in in the Stanley Street area. Officers arrived and established there was no damage or other offences disclosed.
- Reports of a carer being touched on her buttocks by her colleague in the Bluebell close area. The colleague asked their colleague why he did this to which he laughed it off as a joke.
- Report of multiple people fighting in the RUGBY grounds. The fight was not caused from the rugby match. This fight was caused from a family who have shown up and assaulted people. Officers attended to take multiple accounts to which multiple injuries were recorded.

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 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:

- People causing a disturbance late at night down on the old railway line area (down from the main road into Abertridwr). Police advised contacting 999 or 101 to report incidents.
- Cars speeding and overtaking early in the mornings (around 7.15am) on Thomas Street, Abertridwr and on to Graig y Fedw, Abertridwr. Police will look into.

082/2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Youth Ambassador was not in attendance, and it was noted that she was no longer able to attend the meetings. Members discussed and agreed to advertise the vacancy. Clerk to circulate the previous vacancy advert for approval.

083/2026 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026.

The minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 10th September 2026 were approved as a true record.

084/2026 CLERKS REPORT

(1) CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

- Members received the monthly statement of accounts and an update on the current financial situation. Members discussed and approved the Community Council's accounts.
- The Clerk noted a number of cheques that had not yet been processed and asked Members if they could do this as soon as possible.

(2) INCOME

- The following income had been received:
 - Caerphilly County Borough Council - £25,000. The second instalment of the 2026/27 Community Council Precept.

(3) EXPENDITURE

(a) Members noted the following expenditure:

- (i) Payroll – Month 06.
- (ii) EE Telephone Bill (monthly direct debit- September) - £30.78

(b) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) Asda - £104.23 (Refreshments for Presentation Evening) – reimbursement to the Clerk.
- (ii) Asda - £25.00 Gift Card (2nd place award for logo competition) – reimbursement to the Clerk.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter received from YMCA Aber Valley including breakdown of costs from the Summer Scheme, as requested. YMCA Aber Valley noted their thanks to the Community Council for their valued support and in particular to Councillor Charlotte Bishop.

Members discussed the information provided and noted the proposal to include the underspend towards a pantomime. This was agreed.

5. A.O.B

- (a) Armistice Day Wreaths.

Members discussed and agreed the purchase of one wreath. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a cheque from the Community Council. Councillor C. Bishop to confirm the cost.

- (b) Audit Wales – Completion of Audit 2025/26.

Members had received the Audit Wales report and noted the 'Unqualified' opinion and the completion of Audit for 2025/26. Members noted the report from Audit Wales and the Completion Notice to be advertised by the Clerk.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor J. Taylor took no part in any discussions on these matters.

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

Members discussed the above application and agreed for the Clerk to contact CCBC Planning to query the hardcore that had already been left at the site, and whether this was allowed prior to any planning permission.

(b) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Erect rear ground floor and basement and attic conversion
2 Edward Terrace Abertridwr Caerphilly CF83 4FL
GRID REFERENCE - 312157(E) 189817(N)

085/2026 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT

The Chair had attended the Community Council Presentation Evening.

The Chair noted a football game was to be arranged with Aber Valley FC and the local Police/PCSO's.

086/2026 THE GREEN PLAN

Members discussed a letter received from Men's Sheds Cymru noting their work in the community and their request to attend a meeting to discuss future projects and available funding. Members agreed to invite them to the next Community Council meeting in November. Clerk to be provided with email contact details.

CCBC Cleaner and Greener, Councillors are now required to submit an online form. Members discussed items that had previously been reported but not dealt with. Councillor C. Bishop emailed these items to CCBC during the meeting.

087/2026 EVENTS 2026

Fireworks Display – Members discussed the event planned for Wednesday 4th November at Senghenydd RFC. The Clerk had contacted the fireworks company, who had since been in touch with Senghenydd RFC to arrange a site visit. Contact details for J. McLaren had also been included. Members agreed for the Clerk to request that the site visit, when arranged, also included the Community Council so that Councillors could also attend.

An email had been received from CCBC requesting details of fireworks event. Agreed for the Clerk to confirm the details and include Councillor C. Bishop in the response, to provide further information (online events form).

The Clerk had requested a Street Collection Permit application for the collection at the fireworks event. Members agreed for the Clerk to proceed with arrangements for the permit.

Christmas lighting – Members were advised that the Christmas lighting information had been submitted to CCBC as required. The ‘switch on’ date had been confirmed with Elsbury for Friday 27th November.

Christmas event – Members discussed Christmas events and noted funding required for selection boxes. Discussion followed regarding the delivery of the selection boxes in the community that was done last year and agreed for this to be added to the agenda for the next meeting in November to discuss further arrangements.

088/2026 FLOWERS ON THE SENGHENYDD CENOTAPH

Members discussed the flowers and planters that were purchased and organised by the Community Council this year and agreed to continue the same for next year. Agreed for this item to be added to the agenda for the May 2027 meeting to discuss arrangements.

089/2026 DEFIBRILLATOR AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members discussed the current status of the cabinet which was no longer holding any condensation following the addition of the dehumidifier inside the cabinet.

It was agreed that the cabinet would continue to be monitored going forward and it was also noted that the stainless-steel type cabinets were currently at the Community Centre and the Windsor, and a polyethylene cabinet was at Abertridwr Community Centre.

090/2026 MEMBERS MATTERS

Members reported on the following matters:

Financial Assistance Application forms were available on the Community Council website.

There is no longer a cashpoint in the Senghenydd area, and the cashpoint at the garage in Abertridwr was also going in December. Members discussed the post offices in the area, and Councillor M. Bedir would speak to the post office in Senghenydd Square.

091/2026 DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th November 2026**.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council