
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2022

PRESENT:

Chairperson: D. Daniels

Councillors: D. Berry, C. Bishop, P. Cole, R. Gater, J. Roberts, M. Stretch,
J. Taylor and D. Tolley

Clerk: S. Hughes

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020. The Regulations make temporary provision in relation to local authority meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic. Statutory requirements placed on local authorities by existing legislation to admit the public and press in person to certain meetings and to provide facilities to inspect certain documents in person at offices of the authority are relaxed for the duration of the Regulations.

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION
1.	To note Members attendance and receive any apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. P. Prendergast and T. Richards.
2.	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.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.
3.	Police Matters.	A representative of Gwent Police (C.S.O. M. Kerswell) attended the meeting. Members noted the report from C.S.O. M. Kerswell and reported their Police matters.

4.	To confirm the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9 th December 2021.	The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9 th December 2021 were approved as a true record.
5.	Clerks Report.	<p>1. <u>Current Financial Situation</u></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>2. <u>Income</u></p> <p>(a) It was noted that no income had been received.</p> <p>3. <u>Expenditure</u></p> <p>(a) Members approved the following expenditure:</p> <p>(i) Caerphilly County Borough Council – £260.00. Room rental at Abertridwr Library.</p> <p>(b) Members noted the following expenditure:</p> <p>(i) Payroll – Month 09.</p> <p>4. <u>Applications for Financial Assistance</u></p> <p>(a) Members considered the following applications for financial assistance and resolved as follows:</p> <p>(i) Tenovus Cancer Care – £50 (ii) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – £50</p> <p>5. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>(a) <u>The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils</u></p> <p>Members discussed the consultation on The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils. It was noted that the consultation, which is seeking views on draft statutory guidance for Community and Town Councils, closes</p>

on 17th March 2022. It was agreed for Members to have more time to read through the draft statutory guidance and present any views under Members Matters at the next meeting.

6. A.O.B.

(a) Toilets in Abertridwr Park

Members received a quote from Caerphilly County Borough Council to the open, close and clean the toilets in Abertridwr Park for 2022/23. It was noted that the annual charge for 7 days per week from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 would be £8,930.19 plus any % increase. It was agreed to defer this item to the February meeting to allow time to consider other options.

(b) Christmas Lighting – Electricity Contribution

Members agreed to pay a donation of £50.00 to Cavanna's on Senghenydd Square as the Community Council's Christmas lighting attached to their premises is connected to their electricity supply.

(c) Internal Auditor 2020/21

Members considered and agreed the appointment of Mr Terry Williams to undertake the internal audit for the financial year ending 31st March 2022. It was agreed for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

(d) Precept 20221/23

Members received and considered a report on the precept estimates for 2022/23.

Members were informed that Caerphilly County Borough Council has given notice that the Council Tax base for the Aber Valley is 2,016.21 Band D equivalent dwellings. It was noted that the Community Council is required to submit the Precept figure for 2022/23 by 31st January 2022, in order to expedite the setting of next year's Council Tax.

		<p>Members approved the precept estimates for 2022/23 and confirmed the Precept figure of £40,000.</p> <p>4. <u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>There were no planning applications.</p>
6.	Chairperson's Report.	<p>It was noted that at the Community Council meeting held on 9th December 2021 delegated powers were given to the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to negotiate extending the end date of employment for Mrs S. Hughes, Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, if necessary.</p> <p>It was proposed to extend the end date of employment for Mrs S. Hughes, Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, to 31st March 2022. This was unanimously agreed.</p>
7.	Member's Matters.	<p>(i) Members were informed that a second meeting had been held with the Police, SYDIC, County Borough Members, CCBC Youth Service, Parent Network and other agencies to discuss the current situation in relation to the antisocial behaviour in Senghenydd. It was noted that the Covid-19 restrictions in SYDIC has meant that there has been more young people out on the streets. It was agreed that there needs to be strategies put in place for the young people to divert them from getting into trouble. Members were informed that a further meeting will be held on 17th February 2022.</p> <p>(ii) A request had been received from SYDIC for the lighting to be turned on at the MUGA in Senghenydd Park. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to make enquiries.</p> <p>(iii) A query was raised in relation to the College building in Abertridwr and the Member was advised that any options would have to be explored with Coleg-y-Cymoedd.</p>

		<p>(iv) It was reported that the light near Plas Cwm Parc and Kingsley Place in Senghenydd is still not working. It was agreed that Councillor J. Taylor would report it to Caerphilly County Borough Council upon receipt of the lamppost number.</p> <p>(v) Land slippage near Senghenydd Rugby Club was reported. County Borough Members advised that this issue is being dealt with.</p> <p>(vi) Members were advised that the litter picker for Senghenydd will not be in work for a number of weeks. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that cover be put in place in the interim.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of the next Community Council meeting.</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th February 2022.</p>