
ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2024

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J. Roberts

Councillors: D. Berry, M. Bedir, C. Bishop, D. Bishop, D. Chamberlain,
D. Daniels, R. Gater, M. Stretch, and J. Taylor.

Clerk: J. Lloyd

115/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E.P Prendergast.

116/2024 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.

117/2024 PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no Public Matters.

118/2024 POLICE MATTERS

Gwent Police were unable to attend the meeting, but reported on the following matters, which had been included in an email report sent to the Community Council:

ASB

3 reports of ASB being in the area as follows.

Cefn Ilan Rd – Neighbours

Aberfawr Terrace – Teens drinking

Bryn Aber – Nuisance

Crime

31 Crime related – Violence against the person/ criminal damage

27 Public Safety – Missing Person/ Domestic

Good works.

A big decrease from last month of crime related and ASB in the area. Bryn Aber has seen a positive decrease in both criminal and ASB with only 3 ASB calls coming from Bryn Aber in June. To continue the improvement PCSO 463 and others will patrol and engage with the community. If crime is detected ASB strike letters will be issued as a standard.

119/2024 **COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDEN – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Community Safety Warden attended the meeting and referred to a recent meeting with Members which had resulted in static CCTV cameras in the area and regular patrols in Abertridwr Park.

A Complaint had been received regarding youths around the YMCA building in Abertridwr and there had been targeted patrols in the area, together with the Splash Park area.

The CSW reported good work in the area and a reduction in ASB. No further complaints received regarding the Royal Hotel.

Members noted that the Community Hub is going ahead at Bryn Aber, arranged by United Welsh, and also noted the school Summer holidays and activity schemes to be provided by the YMCA and SYDIC.

CCBC 'Play in the Park' was also to take place for one day in each, Abertridwr and Senghenydd Park.

120/2024 **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Rosie reported to the meeting on her attendance at the CCBC Youth Forum and had volunteered to become a member.

A visit had been made to the Aber Valley FC Food Bank, who had also applied for funding from Penyrheol Community Council.

Members agreed for Rosie to be included in the email contact list to receive a copy of the emails sent to Aber Valley Community Council, for information.

121/2024 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2024.**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 6th June 2024, were approved as a true record.

(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) - £26.98.

- (b) Members approved the following expenditure:

- (i) 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 the current contact was due to end. Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange a renewal/new contract.

- (b) Community Council Presentation Evening

Members discussed arrangements for the Community Council presentation evening on Thursday 19th September at Abertridwr Community Centre at 6.00pm and had agreed at a previous meeting that up to £100 could be spent on refreshments to follow the presentation evening, in Abertridwr Community Centre. It was also confirmed that the organisers of Tatws Sion Cent had been invited to provide the entertainment. Members agreed for this item to be added to the next meeting agenda to confirm any further arrangements.

- (c) Community Recognition Awards

Members received the nominations for the Community Recognition Awards and confirmed the recipients for 2024. Members agreed that recipients would receive commemorative plaques.

Members noted that no nominations had been received for either Abertridwr or Senghenydd Young Person and agreed for the Clerk to contact SYDIC and Aber Valley YMCA over the Summer, to see if they wish to nominate a young person (up to 18) for these awards. The Clerk will notify the Chair of any nominations received from Members of Aber Valley Community Council, SYDIC or Aber Valley YMCA, who will have delegated powers to determine the recipients.

The Clerk would also respond to anyone who had nominated a person who had not been chosen to receive an award this year.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Aber Valley Heritage Group – Information had been received by email regarding the Annual Service of Remembrance at the Welsh National and Universal Mining Disaster Memorial Garden to be held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 10.00 am, which was noted by Members and agreed to defer the item to the next meeting in September.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (a) Case Ref. 24/0489/NCC Site Area: 5858m²

Location: Land West of Coronation Terrace Senghenydd Caerphilly (UPRN 000043007113)

Proposal: Vary conditions 3 and 4 of planning consent 20/0983/NCC (Vary conditions 3 and 4 of planning consent 11/0630/NCC (Vary conditions (3) and (4) of previous planning consent 06/0172/OUT (Erect residential development) to extend permission beyond expiration dates) to extend permission beyond expiration dates) to extend permission beyond expiration dates.

- (b) Case Ref. 24/0025/OUT

Location: Land at Coedcae Road to Pont-y-felin, Abertridwr

Proposal: Erect three separate residential structures, comprising of 6 No. one bed apartments, 9 No. two bed apartments and 2 No. four bedroom dwellings with all matters reserved.

Members noted the applications and agreed for the Clerk to contact Planning to note their concerns for residents' parking in relation to the application Case Ref. 24/0025/OUT.

123/2024 **BONFIRE NIGHT 2024**

S. Smythe from The Art of Sparks Ltd attended the meeting online to discuss the event proposed for Sunday 3rd November 2024 to be held at Senghenydd RFC and Cricket pitch. The company held the relevant insurance cover for £5m liability. The display would include 'quieter' fireworks (95 decibels) for 25 to 30 minutes, in addition to a laser light show for 20 minutes.

Members discussed a site visit and agreed this would be arranged with Cllr R. Gater and S. Smythe from The Art of Sparks Ltd. Members also discussed the quote of £9,000 for the total event and queried whether there was any movement on this figure. Members were advised that if the firework display were reduced to 20 minutes, (and still including the 20-minute laser light display), the quote could be reduced to £7,000. Members discussed and agreed the new proposal and quote for £7,000.

Members thanked S. Smythe for his attendance and information provided.

Members discussed and agreed that there would be no entry fee for the event but proposed 'collection buckets' to be available on the site. Members agreed that the Clerk would provide bank details to Cllr R. Gater for any local businesses who wished to donate to the event, and for the Clerk to contact CCBC for information on holding an event and any permits required for the collection buckets.

124/2024 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair advised Members that he had attended the recent Partnership meeting regarding the new health facility, which was also attended by United Welsh, Link Housing, Bute Energy, and the Health Board.

125/2024 THE GREEN PLAN

Members had not met since the last meeting. Members discussed and agreed that schools may be included in any future projects. Members agreed to meet in the summer holiday period to discuss The Green Plan.

126/2024 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (AGM)

Members agreed that no changes were to be made.

127/2024 ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

Members noted the poster designed by the Youth Ambassador advertising the competition. Members noted that there would be no 'age limit' to applicants and agreed that the advert would be coloured blue and orange.

Members agreed for the Clerk to confirm the prize money for the competition which had been agreed by Members at a previous meeting.

128/2024 ABERTRIDWR PARK TOILETS

Members discussed the information provided by CCBC which confirmed the price difference if the toilets were to be opened only on weekends and school holidays. Members agreed for the Clerk to confirm to CCBC this was the preferred option going forward.

129/2024 **ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION EVENING**

Members had discussed this matter under the Clerks Report.

130/2024 **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Members reported on the following matters:

The CCBC bin collection does not cover the whole street at Ilan Road, Abertridwr. Cllr. J. Roberts to investigate.

Station Terrace, Senghenydd affected by the overgrown trees at Plas Cwm Parc.

Member referred to a local youth project and proposed to have young persons to attend a Community Council meeting.

United Welsh apprenticeship noted.

Members discussed additional bench and possibly picnic bench needed at Senghenydd Park for local residents who use the area frequently. Members discussed local donations towards extra seating and noted that CCBC would need to be notified of proposal, if any benches were available.

Members noted TFW plans for 200th Anniversary next year and possible involvement of local residents.

131/2024 **DATE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th September 2024.**

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Aber Valley Community Council