

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7pm.

Present

Cllr. D. Harse (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. James
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. J. Bevan
Cllr. M. L. Thomas	Cllr. D. Bradley
Cllr. D. T. Williams	Cllr. H. Williams

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. L. Dykes	Cllr. L. Gronow

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
PC Paul Broad	Gwent Police
PCSO Jess Mahoney	Gwent Police

80 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. D. Harse.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Oliver, Cllr. G. Oliver, Cllr. L. Gronow and Cllr. L. Dykes.

81 Declarations of Interest

81.01 Cllr. J. Bevan declared an interest in Agenda Item – Planning.

81.02 Cllr. D. Harse and Cllr. J. Bevan declared an interest in Agenda Item – Correspondence 85.10 (Abertysswg Community Partnership).
Cllr. M. L. Thomas assumed the role of Chair whilst this item was discussed.

82 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

83 Gwent Police

PC P. Broad and PCSO J. Mahoney provided Council with a detailed verbal update of developments throughout the Community Council area. Within their report the following statistics were highlighted, albeit distorted by reports of snowball fights, now recorded as crime / anti-social behaviour:

Moriah Ward.

118 Incidents / 46 Crimes

Snapshot. Anti-social behaviour at Idris Davies Place and Jerusalem Street (under-age drinking and damage).

Burglary at Tan-y-bryn. Suspect arrested with conditions not to re-enter the area.

Twyn Carno Ward.

102 Incidents / 17 Crimes

Snapshot. Number of drug related warrants, with both class A drugs and large amount of cash recovered.

Stop search and associated cannabis drug warning issued.

Vehicle and tool theft.

Pontlottyn Ward.

54 Incidents / 41 Crimes

Snapshot. Parking offences.

Domestic violence, although a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour.

PC P. Broad and PSCO J. Mahoney then answered questions and / or agreed to take actions away. These included:

- Illegal parking at the top of Hill Street, causing obstruction and obstructed view;
- Obstructive parking on Westville, Abertysswg causing issues with access in and out of the cul-de-sac.
- A traffic incident in Blackwood High Street; and
- Disabled parking in Tredegar High Street causing obstruction to passing traffic.

Cllr. Harse thanked PC P. Broad and PSCO J. Mahoney for their report and for attending Council.

84 **Planning Applications**

The Clerk confirmed that no application for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

85 **Correspondence**

85.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th February 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

85.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 29 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 14 & 15 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 12 & 13 from Account x0x7x1x5

Invoice No. 272030748

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Payment of invoice.

85.03 Teenage Cancer Trust

Letter of thanks following Council's recent donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

85.04 Western Power Distribution

Temporary Unmetered Connections for Festive Lighting Christmas 2018/19.

Moved. Noted on file.

85.05 Royal British Legion

Reissued invoice for Armistice Day Wreaths 2017/18 - £95.00.

The Clerk confirmed that owing to an administrative error at the Royal British Legion Council's payment made in March 2018 Cheque No. 003613 had not been banked and had since been lost / destroyed. The Clerk confirmed that cheque had not been presented / banked.

Moved. Payment.

Moved. Clerk to cancel Cheque No. 003613 with Lloyds Bank Plc.

85.06 Caerphilly CBC

Bylaws – Land Drainage. Confirmed by the Welsh Ministers and commenced on 19th January 2019

Moved. Noted on file.

85.07 Wales Audit Office

Report detailing the Auditor General's overall conclusions from his audit work in the Town & Community Sector for 2018/19.

Moved. Noted on file.

85.08 Caerphilly CBC

Budget Update.

Cllr. J. Bevan brought to Council's attention

Moved. Clerk to write to articulate Council's concern and disappointment regarding the proposed closure of the Community Waste Recycling Centre in Rhymney and to highlight inaccuracies reported in the Caerphilly Observer.

Moved. Clerk to explore the potential for a public petition against such decisions.

85.09 Caerphilly CBC

Traffic regulation Order Consultation. Statutory Consultation

Moved. Noted on file.

85.10 Abertysswg Community Partnership

Letter requesting Council's support in the purchase and siting of a Defibrillator for use in the community of Abertysswg.

Following discussion, it was agreed Council explore a feasibility study relevant to the purchase / installation / running of four (x4) defibrillators placed strategically throughout the Community Council area.

Moved. Clerk to undertake a feasibility study and to report at the next or subsequent meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to invite Mrs. June Thomas from CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) to a future meeting of the Community Council.

86 **Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments**

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£05,446.02**.

87 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk updated Council on the following developments

Community Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk confirmed further no applications had been received for Council's co-opted vacancies.

Moved. Clerk to continue to agenda monthly until all vacancies are filled.

Payments and Invoices

The Clerk also read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. Noted on file.

88. Community Council Draft Budget 2019/20

The Clerk shared with Council a copy of Council's Budget for 2019/20 Following discussion, it was agreed that Council work within these values.

Income		Expenditure	
Approx. C/F 31/03/2019 Mainstream	£27,400.00	Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,000.00
Precept	£35,000.00	Chairperson & Leaders Allowance	£01,000.00
Anticipated VAT 2018-19	£02,010.00	Councillor Expenses (15 @ £1,500.00)	£02,250.00
		Telephone & Broadband	£00,250.00
		Room Hire	£00,300.00
		Insurance	£00,600.00
		Stationery & Postage	£00,750.00
		Website	£00,600.00
		Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00
		Dog Show x2	£00,800.00
		Christmas Event & Functions	£01,500.00
		Christmas Lighting	£10,000.00
		Audit	£00,600.00
		Summer Scheme	£06,500.00

Total	£64,410.00	Total	£43,150.00
Projected Balance Year ending 31.03.2020			£21,260.00

89. **Community Council Precept 2019/20**

Following discussion, it was agreed that Council would freeze the Community Council precept at £35,000.00 for 2019/20.

Moved. Clerk to notify Mrs. N. Roberts, Interim Head of Corporate Finance as appropriate.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7pm
- Annual General Meeting Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

_____ Chairperson

