

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. J. Bevan	Cllr. L. Dykes

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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76 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. M. L. Thomas.

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

The Clerk read aloud a letter of resignation received from Cllr. E. James (Pontlloftyn Ward).

The Clerk outlined to Council the process for advertising a casual vacancy and the potential financial implications / consequences of a bi-election.

Moved. Clerk to liaise with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC and to pursue with the advertising of the casual vacancy as soon as is practical.

Moved. Clerk to report progress at the March meeting of Council.

77 Declarations of Interest

77.01 There were no declarations of interest.

78 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Clerk to liaise separately with Cllr. L. Dykes regarding the planning query made at the January meeting of Council.

79 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were received from colleagues at Gwent Police.

80 Planning Applications

The Clerk confirmed three application for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

Planning Application / Ref. 19/1023/FULL

Location. Elim Tabernacle Warn's Terrace, Abertysswg, Rhymney.

Proposal. Erect new bungalow at Elim Tabernacle Warn's Terrace, Abertysswg, Rhymney.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Planning Application / Ref. 19/1021/FULL

Location. Land at Grid Ref 313483 205405 McLaren Cottages, Abertysswg, Rhymney.

Proposal. Construct six newbuild dwellings, 4x four-bed and 2x three-beds at land at Grid Ref 313483 205405 McLaren Cottages, Abertysswg, Rhymney.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Planning Application / Ref. 20/0082/FULL

Location. 2 Warn's Terrace, Abertysswg, Tredegar, NP22 5AG.

Proposal. Erect first floor rear extension over existing ground floor rear extension to provide a dialysis room at 2 Warn's Terrace, Abertysswg, Tredegar, NP22 5AG.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

81 Correspondence

81.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th February 2020.

Moved. Noted on file.

81.02 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Surgery dates. February 2020.

Moved. Noted on file.

81.03 Western Power Distribution

Temporary Unmetered Connections for Festive Lighting Christmas 2019/20.

Moved. Noted on file.

81.04 Integrated Wellbeing Network (Caerphilly CBC & Aneurin Bevan UHB)

Update from Dr. David Llewellyn.

Moved. Noted on file.

81.05 FOIA Request

Request for information relevant to Council Minutes and Finance.

The Clerk advised Council that he had already responded against the relevant FOIA timescales.

Moved. Noted on file.

81.06 Wales Audit Office

Consultation on Future Audit Arrangements for Town & Community Councils in Wales.

Moved. Noted on file.

81.07 Wales Government

Notification of Minimum Pricing for Alcohol Stakeholder Information

Moved. Noted on file.

81.08 **Caerphilly CBC**

Leaflets / Posters relevant to Caerphilly CBC's #20Reasons Campaign
Moved. Noted on file.

81.09 **Zurich Insurance**

Renewal / re quoting data following Council's three-year agreement.

Moved. Noted of file.

Moved. Clerk to test the wider market ahead of Council's next meeting, ensuring Council achieve value for money and renew its insurance liabilities ahead of the 1st April 2020.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£00,601.58**.

83 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk highlighted to Council a number of recent and future planned activities including:

Defib heating element repair Jerusalem Street. The Clerk advised Council this matter was being progressed and that a further update would be provided at the March / April meeting of Council.

Defib billing. The Clerk advised Council the most appropriate mechanism for annual payment for the use of electricity, would be for the hosting bodies to bill Council annually - £25.00, commencing for the period ending 31.03.2020.

Moved. Clerk to liaise with relevant hosting bodies to request annual billing as outlined.

Payments and Invoices

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

Moved. Noted on file.

84 **Community Councillor Vacancy / Community Council Composition**

The Clerk updated Council on procedural advice received from Mr. D. Beecham at Caerphilly CBC. Following discussion, it was agreed that Council / Councillors endeavour to seek out relevant volunteers to fill Council's existing vacancy via co-option.

Moved. Councillors to update the Clerk as appropriate.

85 **Community Council Draft Budget 2019/20**

The Clerk shared with Council a draft copy of Council's Expenditure Budget for 2020/21. Following discussion, it was agreed that Council work within these values.

Expenditure Values	
Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,000.00
Chairperson's Allowance	£00,500.00

Councillor Expenses (15 @ £1,500.00)	£02,250.00
Telephone & Broadband	£00,400.00
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
Defib Electricity	£00,200.00

86 Governor Vacancy. Bryn Awel Primary

The Clerk advised that following the recent resignation of Cllr. E. James both from the Community Council and her role as Council's representative at Bryn Awel Primary School, that Council had been contacted by EAS regarding the vacancy.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for wider discussion at Council's AGM scheduled for May 2020.

Moved. Clerk to update colleagues at EAS accordingly.

87 Community Council Summer Scheme 2020

Council agreed to set-aside £6,500.00 for the provision of a Scheme to be delivered in July / August 2020.

Moved. Clerk to work with both Caerphilly Adventures and Sport Caerphilly to develop a costed proposal for consideration and agreement at the June meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for the March / April meeting of Council.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th May 2020 at 7pm (AGM)
- Community Council Thursday 11th June 2020 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10.

_____ **Chairperson**