

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7pm.

Present

Cllr. D. Harse (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. James
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. J. Bevan
Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. M. L. Thomas	Cllr. L. Dykes

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Sgt. Emma Sowrey	Gwent Police

The Chairperson of Council, Cllr. D. Harse opened the meeting by welcoming Councillors and Sergeant Emma Sowrey and wishing members a Happy New Year for 2019.

71 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 2018, 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.

72 Declarations of Interest

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

72.02 Cllr. G. Oliver declared an interest in Agenda Item – Planning.

73 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

74 Gwent Police

Sergeant Sowrey provided Council with a detailed verbal update of developments throughout the Community Council area. Within her report Sergeant Sowrey updated Council on a spate of burglaries across (x12) and progress regarding a number of recent arrests. Sergeant Sowrey also updated Council on a number of arrests related to recent drug warrant activities, before answering a number of questions from Councillors.

The Clerk also reported receipt of an update from Rhymney's Neighbourhood Team for December 2018.

Moved. Clerk to copy with the minutes of the meeting.

Cllr. Harse thanked Sergeant Sowrey for her report and for attending Council.

75 Planning Applications

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

76 Correspondence

76.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th January 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

76.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 29 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 13 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 11 from Account x0x7x1x5

Invoice No. 269819925

Invoice No. 267603596

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Payment of both invoices.

76.03 Teenage Cancer Trust

Letter requesting financial support.

Moved. Payment £100.00

76.04 Gerald Jones MP

Copy of letters addressed to Cllr. L. Dykes regarding:

- Fixed Odds Betting Terminals; and

- The Labelling of Meat Products,

Moved. Noted on file.

76.05 The Fire Fighters Charity

Letter of thanks following Council's recent donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

76.06 Caerphilly CBC

Letter requesting Council instruct the Principal Authority of its Precept requirements for 2019/20 by no later than 28th February 2019.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for discussion at the February meeting of Council.

76.07 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

Letter advising Council of the Commissioner's plan to raise its annual precept for 2019/20 in order to protect policing numbers at 1,290 until at least 2020/21.

Moved. Noted on file.

76.08 Wales Government

Letter updating Council on implementation of policy approaches relevant to the Community and Town Sector, a by-product of the recent findings of an Independent Review Panel.

Moved. Clerk to copy with the minutes of the meeting.

77 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£00,972.02**.

78 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.

Christmas Panto

Cllr. L. Gronow thanked Council for their support and sponsorship of the above-mentioned event held between Christmas and New Year.

79 Quarter 3 Expenditure Report

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 3 of 2018/19 (October to December 2018).

Moved. Noted on file.

Expenditure Heading	Budget	Quarter 3 Expenditure	Percentage of Budget	Variance with Budget (Explanation)
Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,000.00	£11490.54	88.39%	On budget.
Chairperson's Allowance	£00,500.00	£01,000.00	200%	Leaders Allowance agreed at the June meeting of Council.
Councillor Expenses (13 @ £1,500.00)	£01,950.00	£00,150.00	7.7%	Projected underspend of £1,800.00
Telephone & Broadband	£00,300.00	£00,091.03	30.34%	Profiled underspend of £100.00
Room Hire	£00,300.00	£00,000.00	00.0%	Not yet billed.
Insurance	£00,600.00	£00,000.00	00.0%	Not yet billed.
Stationery & Postage	£00,750.00	£00,696.08	92.81%	On budget.
Website	£00,600.00	£00,600.00	100.00%	On budget.
Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00	£03,899.21	77.98%	On budget.

Dog Show x2	£00,800.00	£00,704.60	88.07%	On budget.
Christmas Event & Functions	£01,200.00	£01,415.99	117.99%	Profiled overspend of £215.99 (Lamp Post Poppies and Halloween event included here)
Christmas Lighting	£09,000.00	£05,290.12	58.78%	On budget.
Audit	£00,600.00	£00,497.00	82.83%	Profiled underspend of £103.00
Summer Scheme	£06,500.00	£00,000.00	00.0%	Not yet billed
Closure of OAP Centre	£00,500.00	£00,000.00	00.0%	Not yet billed.
Council IT Renewal (Computer)	£00,800.00	£00,808.98	101.12%	On budget

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7pm
- 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 7.45pm.

_____ **Chairperson**