

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver
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In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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Cllr. M. L. Thomas (Chair) opened the meeting, wishing members present a happy and prosperous New Year.

56 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2019, 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. P. Oliver and Cllr. G. Oliver.

57 Declarations of Interest

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

58 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

59 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were received from colleagues at Gwent Police. The Clerk did however report receipt of monthly reports for November and December 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

60 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application / Ref. 20/0003/FULL

Location. Annfield Bungalow Collins' Row, Butetown, Rhymney, NP22 5QL
Proposal. Raise roof height to create self-contained first floor accommodation, new front and rear canopies and erect single storey rear extension.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Planning Application / Ref. 19/0986/FULL

Location. Trem-y-mynydd (Site of Former McLaren Arms) Walter Street, Abertyswg.

Proposal. Construct one pair of semi-detached houses (phase 2) at Trem-y-mynydd (Site of Former McLaren Arms) Walter Street, Abertyswg.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Planning Application / Ref. 19/0991/FULL

Location. 42 Greensway Abertyswg, Tredegar, NP22 5AR.

Proposal. Erect single storey side extension at 42 Greensway Abertyswg, Tredegar, NP22 5AR.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Planning Application / Ref. 19/0862/FULL

Location. Land Adjacent to 6 Old Brewery Lane, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5HT.

Proposal. Erect a two storey four-bedroom dwelling with porch entrance and parking to front at Land Adjacent to 6 Old Brewery Lane, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5HT.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Cllr. L. Dykes asked the Clerk to make enquiries regarding the status of planning on the Post Office, Jerusalem Street, Rhymney, Tredegar.

Moved. Clerk to report / update at the next meeting of Council.

61 Correspondence

61.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th December 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

61.02 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th January 2020.

Moved. Noted on file.

61.03 Welsh Government. Local Government Democracy Division.

Letter regarding the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

Moved. Noted on file.

61.04 HM Revenue & Customs.

Notice to employer of employee's tax code (or amended code).

Moved. Noted on file.

61.05 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 39 & 40 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 23 & 24 from Account x0x7x1x5

Receipt of Sheet No. 24, 25 & 26 from Account x0x7x0x1

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Invoice 297737896

Moved. Payment.

61.06 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Surgery dates. January 2020.
Moved. Noted on file.

61.07 Welsh Government.
Notification of the appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972. The limit per elector for 2020/21 having been set at £8.32.

61.08 Wales Audit Office.
Invoice for Audit of Accounts 2018/19.
Moved. Payment.

Wales Audit Office – End of Year Audit
Completion and Certification of the Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2019.
The Clerk advised Council that the external auditor's report stated that on the basis of their review, the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Auditor General for Wales' requirements and no matters of concern have been highlighted.
Moved. Clerk to conclude associated activities, including the completion of the publication of conclusion of audit, satisfaction survey and notification of audit timescale for 2019/20.

61.09 The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.
Review of the Electoral Arrangements of Caerphilly County Borough Council.
The Clerk updated Council on the proposed changes relevant to the Community Council area, impacting both the geography of County Borough and Community Council members.
Moved. Noted on file.

61.10 Caerphilly CBC.
Road resurfacing programme 2020 – Press Notice (Temporary Prohibition of Driving Order 2020)
The Clerk highlighted areas within and around the Community Council area for resurfacing over the next eighteen months. Cllr. J. Bevan highlighted an issue with the repainting of lines, chiefly yellow lines following resurfacing.
Moved. Noted on file.
Moved. Clerk to highlight with the relevant department at Caerphilly CBC.

61.11 Caerphilly CBC.
Update on the Gwent Regional OLEV (Office for Low Emission Vehicle) on street electric vehicle charge point project.
Moved. Noted on file.

61.12 The Fire Fighters Charity
Letter of thanks following Council's recent donation.
Moved. Noted on file.

61.13 Royal British Legion. Poppy Appeal.

Letter of thanks following Council's recent donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

61.14 Gwent Police

Remittance Advice - Income. Payment of £180.00 (Grant associated with Halloween Event).

Moved. Noted on finance file.

61.15 REG Windpower Community Fund (Pen Bryn Oer)

Remittance Advice - Income. Payment of £2,000.00 (Grant associated with Defib Project).

Moved. Noted on finance file.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£08,170.39**.

63 **Report of the Clerk**

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

Dates for the Town & Community Council Liaison Committee for 2020 which were duly shared with Cllr. D.T. Williams and Cllr. H. Williams.

An update on Council's various Christmas Events, all of which were both well attended and well received.

A summary of highlighted issues with Council's Street Lighting, a number of temporary outages and associated call outs made for lights in all three community / display areas.

Moved. Clerk to highlight this issue with colleagues at Centregreat and Festive Lighting.

An update on the 'go-live' of the community defibrillators, including a summary of use over the Christmas period, highlighting a callout / use at Pen-y-dre, ongoing issues with the heating element at Jerusalem Street, and the potential for unauthorised access in Abertysswg. The Clerk advised he was still in discussion with the supplier regarding a replacement / repair for Jerusalem Street. The Clerk also advised all had since been added to Council's insurance policy at no additional cost.

Payments and Invoices

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

Moved. Noted on file.

64 **Community Councillor Vacancy / Community Council Composition**

The Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting input from Mr. D. Beecham of Caerphilly CBC and therefore this item be deferred for discussion at the February / March meeting of Council.

65 **Quarter 3 2019/20. Expenditure Report**

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 3 of 2019/20 (October to December 19). Quarter 3 cumulative is shown below.

Expenditure Heading	Budget	Quarter 3 Expenditure	Percentage of Budget	Variance with Budget (Explanation)
Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,000.00	£09,904.05	76.19%	On Profile.
Chairperson Allowance	£00,500.00	£00,500.00	100.00%	On Profile.
Councillor Expenses (15 @ £1,500.00)	£02,250.00	£00,150.00	6.67%	Projected underspend of £2,100.00.
Summer Scheme	£06,500.00	£06,500.00	100%	On Profile.
Telephone & Broadband	£00,250.00	£00,092.23	36.89%	Second payment to be awarded in Quarter 4
Room Hire	£00,300.00	£00,300.00	100%	On Profile.
Insurance	£00,600.00	£00,000.00	0%	To be awarded in Quarter 4
Stationery Postage Travel	£00,750.00	£00,624.97	83.33%	On Profile. SLCC Membership included in Q1. Includes Clerk Travel
Website	£00,600.00	£00,600.00	100%	On Profile.
Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00	£04,063.00	81.26%	On Profile.
Dog Show x2	£00,800.00	£00,431.62	53.95%	Projected underspend of £368.38
Christmas Events	£01,500.00	£01,080.70	72.05%	Projected underspend of £419.30
Christmas Lighting	£10,000.00	£05,290.12	52.90%	Balance to be awarded in Quarter 4
Audit	£00,600.00	£00,429.70	71.62%	Projected underspend of £170.30
Defib Project	£10,000.00	£08,220.00	82.20%	Projected underspend of £1780.00

Moved. Noted on file.

66 **Community Council Precept 2020/21**

Following discussion, it was agreed that Council would freeze the Community Council precept at £35,000.00 for 2020/21

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

Moved. Clerk to prepare a draft budget for discussion at the February meeting of Council.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7pm
- 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)

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm.

_____ **Chairperson**