

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. D. Bradley	Cllr. L. Gronow

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Mrs. J. Richards	Council's Internal Auditor

10 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. M. L. Thomas.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019, previously circulated to members were confirmed for accuracy.

One amendment was noted. The following:

To consider Council's ex-officio representatives to:

b. *St David's Hall Management Committee* 1
Proposed and Seconded Cllr. J. E. Hughes

Should have read,

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

11 Declarations of Interest

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

11.02 Cllr. J. Bevan declared an interest in Agenda Item – Internal Audit

12 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

13 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were received from Gwent Police, although a written report was provided and is summarised below.

We can now confirm that 12 people have been arrested following 15 early morning raids today, (Tuesday 11th June) in the Rhymney, Hengoed, Trelewis, Nelson, Bargoed, Pontlottyn, Oakdale, Pontllanfraith and Newbridge areas of Caerphilly and the Abertillery area of Blaenau Gwent.

Over 180 specialist officers from Gwent Police were involved in Operation Dynamic, the latest operation to take place as part of Operation Jigsaw, our campaign to tackle serious and organised crime in Gwent.

The teams included: our Serious Organised Crime Team, specialist method of entry and search trained officers, along with officers from our dogs section and Criminal Investigation Teams. Local officers were also used to help carry out this morning's activity.

What's thought to be Class A drugs, heroin and crack cocaine, has also been seized and they will be sent away for forensic examination and identification.

12 people, 10 men and two women, have now been arrested on suspicion of supplying Class A drugs. They are all currently in police custody and investigations are ongoing.

14 **Planning Applications**

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

Case Ref. 19/0213/CLPU

Site Area: 5605m²

Location: Unit 6 Capital Valley Eco Park Rhymney (UPRN 000043165454)

Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use as B2 - General Industrial

Case Officer: Mrs M Davies (01443 866690 : daviem2@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: Pontlottyn

Map Ref: 311221 (E) 206991 (N) Community Council: Rhymney Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Moved. Clerk to investigate take of development and to clear through correspondence with the Chair.

Case Ref. 19/0351/FULL

Site Area: 164m²

Location: 24 Arthur Street Abertysswg Tredegar NP22 5AW (UPRN 000043038099)

Proposal: Erect garage

Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Moriah

Map Ref: 313213 (E) 205761 (N) Community Council: Rhymney Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Moved. Council raise no objections to this proposal.

Case Ref. 19/0331/FULL

Site Area: 141m²

Location: Claremont Southend Terrace Pontlottyn Bargoed CF81 9RL (UPRN 000043001037)

Proposal: Erect rear single storey extension for bathroom and storage

Case Officer: Mr C Boardman 01443 864674 boardc@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Pontlottyn

Map Ref: 311930 (E) 205552 (N) Community Council: Rhymney Community

Council Expected Decision Level: Committee

Moved. Council raise no objections to this proposal.

15 **Correspondence**

15.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th May 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

15.02 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th June 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

15.03 HMRC

PAYE – Notice to Employer for Employee Tax Code (Amended)

Moved. Noted on file.

15.04 HMRC

VAT. Acknowledgement of application for refund on VAT spend in 2018/19.

Moved. Noted on file.

15.05 Creative Honours Board

Quote QU-3472 from Creative Honour Boards Ltd for Rhymney Community Council (Wording for Council's Honours Board – change of Chair 2019/20)

Moved. Clerk to arrange purchase and implementation.

15.06 Caerphilly CBC

Remittance Advice notifying the receipt of the first precept payment of £17,500.00

Moved. Noted on file.

15.07 Penuel Chapel

Application for Section 137 Grant Aid funding.

Moved. Payment. £75.00

15.08 Marie Curie

Application for Section 137 Grant Aid funding.

Moved. Payment. £75.00

15.09 Caerphilly CBC

Notification of arrangements for Armed Forces Day 2019

Moved. Noted on file.

15.10 Caerphilly CBC

CCBC Response to Boundary Commission

Cllr. J. Bevan and Cllr. D. Harse updated Council on what the proposal would mean for County Borough Council coverage in the Community Council area.
Moved. Noted on file.

15.11 Pen Bryn Oer Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Decision Ref: RNB/2872

Notification that Council's application in support of its Defib Project ambition had been successful and provisionally awarded £2,000.00 towards costs.

Moved. Clerk to complete and return necessary contractual information.

15.12 Letter from visitor to the area – Mr. R. Barlow

Mr. Barlow's correspondence highlighted his disappointment regarding the appearance of the area adjacent to the war memorial which in his opinion is completely blocked from view because of abandoned vehicles.

Moved. Clerk to highlight the issue to Caerphilly CBC Highways / Parking.

Moved. Clerk to highlight the issue to VOSA.

15.13 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 33 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 18 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 16 from Account x0x7x1x5

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Invoice 278825841

Moved. Payment.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£01,108.58**.

17 **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.

Mindful of the apparent lack of interest in the above-mentioned vacancies, the Clerk highlighted to Council the potential to explore a formal reduction in Community Councillor numbers from 15 to x.

Moved. Clerk to explore and report at the July or September meeting of Council.

Payments and Invoices

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

Moved. Noted on file.

Dog Show (June 2019)

Cllr. H. Williams provided Council with a short verbal update on the first of two Dog Shows for 2019, held the previous Sunday 9th June 2019.

18 **Defib Project**

The Clerk provided Council with a financial comparison regarding the purchase of 4x Defibrillators and associated housing cabinets, costings sourced from a number of online competitors. Following discussion, it was agreed Council pursue a purchase with the Defib Shop defibshop.co.uk as follows:

- Samaritan PAD 500P
- Pad-Pak (inclusive of battery and electrode pads)
- AED Armor Rescue Kit
- AED Armor Stainless Steel Cabinet with Lock (10year warranty)
- 8-Year Manufacturer Warranty
- £1,300.00 excluding vat £1,560.00 including vat
- **4x £5200** excluding vat / **£6240** including vat

Moved. Clerk to coordinate purchase, although deferring delivery pending agreement on locations and installation arrangements.

Moved. Clerk to contact colleagues at Caerphilly CBC to request 'in-kind' support through the electrical installation of the 4 defibs / cabinets.

Moved. Councillors to make enquiries regarding potential locations.

Councillors to report at next meeting of Council, to include the provision on relevant contact details.

19 **Community Council Accounts / Internal Audit – Mrs. J. Richards**

The Clerk read out loud statements one to eight, from section 2 – Statement of Assurance of the Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019 and populated the boxes with accurate and appropriate responses. The Clerk also updated Council on the carry forward position and expenditure from 2018/19 yet to be invoiced. The Clerk also advised the display of the 'Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights' had been completed.

Mrs Julie Richards (Internal Auditor) read out loud the statements relevant to her role as the Internal Auditor (section 4) and populated the boxes with accurate and appropriate responses.

The form was subsequently signed and dated by the appropriate Officers.

Moved / Clerk to forward necessary documentation for external audit as appropriate.

Cllr. M. L. Thomas thanked Mrs. J. Richards for her report and for attending the meeting.

Moved / Payment.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 11th July 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

_____ **Chairperson**