

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present

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| 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 |
| Cllr. L. Dykes | |

Apologies

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| Cllr. P. Oliver | Cllr. G. Oliver |
| Cllr L. Gronow | |

In Attendance

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| Mr. G. Williams | Clerk to the Council |
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90 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th February 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 and Cllr. L. Gronow.

91 Declarations of Interest

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

91.02 Cllr. D. Harse declared an interest in Agenda Item – Planning (10/0060/FULL)

92 Matters Arising

92.01 Minute No. 85.08_2018/19 Caerphilly CBC

Budget Update

Further to Council's recent correspondence the Clerk reported receipt of the following update regarding the future of Rhymney Household Waste Recycling Centre.

To date there has been no cabinet decision made on the closure of the Rhymney site on a full time/permanent basis.

The regen and env. Scrutiny committee have considered our future Household waste recycling centre (HWRC) service and have recommended the rationalisation down to 4 sites (from 6) and this rationalisation includes the closure of Rhymney. However, the final decision on whether to implement the scrutiny committee recommendation remains a cabinet decision making function. To date the matter has not been considered by cabinet.

In addition, as part of the authority's 2019/20 budget process there are a basket of savings that have been consulted on and which have now been agreed by full council when it set the 2019/20 budget a few weeks ago. One of these savings is the closure of HWRC's on an additional day every week

(they are already closed on one day). Consequently, from 31/3/19, the HWRC in Rhymney will be closed on 2 days per week commencing 1/4/19 (you should note that the closure will be 2 separate rather than 2 consecutive days).

Moved. Noted on file.

Moved. Clerk to write to question whether the potential impact of any proposed closure will be properly assessed, to include the potential for increased fly-tipping and the associated cost of recovery / removal.

92.02 Minute No. 85.10_2018/19 Abertysswg Community Partnership / Defib Project
The Clerk provided Council with a detailed breakdown of the options available to Council, including outline indicative costs.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Council should pursue the option to purchase / install 5x (five) defibrillators across the Community Council area.

Moved. Clerk to invite Mr Clive Setter to attend Council's April meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to apply for match funding from the Bryn Oer Wind Turbine Community Benefit Fund.

93 **Gwent Police**

Apologies for absence were received from Gwent Police.

Cllr. D. Harse updated Council on the re-establishment of County Borough Councillor meetings with Gwent Police. Cllr. Harse also updated Council on a recent meeting with South Wales Fire Service, highlighting to Council the impact of anti-social behaviour both in terms of setting fires and attacks on crew members.

Moved. Clerk to invite Miss Claire Amor (Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, South Wales Fire Service) to attend a future meeting of Council.

CE-amor@southwales-fire.gov.uk

94 **Planning Applications**

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

Case Ref. 19/0131/FULL

Site Area: 3437m²

Location: North Court Capital Valley Eco Park Rhymney

Proposal: Store brick/stone arising from demolition locally on site, crushing and screening for reuse and storage of aggregates on site.

Moved. Clerk to explore the potential for dust and noise pollution.

Moved. Clerk to explore whether this is a temporary or permanent development.

Moved. Clerk to work with the Chairperson Cllr. D. Harse to provide an opinion on behalf of Council under delegation.

Case Ref. 19/0196/TCA

Site Area: 384m²

Location: 119 High Street Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5NG

Proposal: Fell all ash, sycamore and conifer trees and fell 1 horse chestnut tree on site.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Case Ref. 19/0090/FULL

Site Area: 872m²

Location: Prospect House Goshen Street Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5NE

Proposal: Demolish ancillary outbuildings and replace with single storey extension and first floor bathroom addition.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Case Ref. 19/0133/NCC

Site Area: 5332m²

Location: Land at Grid Ref 311086 209021 Heol Uchaf Rhymney

Proposal: Vary conditions 03 and 04 of planning consent 13/0506/OUT (Erect residential development) to extend the time period for the approval of reserved matters and within which the development can commence.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Case Ref. 10/0060/FULL

Site Area: 2324 m²

Location: Land at Waterloo Terrace, Pontlottyn

Proposal: Erect five houses with 14 self-contained assisted living residence flats at Waterloo Terrace, Pontlottyn.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

95 Correspondence

95.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th March 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

95.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 30 & 31 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 16 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 14 from Account x0x7x1x5

Invoice No. 274213576

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Payment of invoice.

95.03 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Notification of surgery dates for March and April 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

95.04 Dawn Bowden AM for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Notification of surgery dates for March and April 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

95.05 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2019

In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Clerk reported receipt of the above-mentioned report which will have effect for the financial year 2019/2020.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of Council.

95.06 Caerphilly CBC

Off Street Parking Notice. Copy of a notice which recently appeared in the Western Mail.

Moved. Noted on file.

95.07 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly. Consultation period between 07 March and 29 May 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

95.08 Caerphilly CBC

Budget Update. The Clerk summarised the list of decisions deferred for a period of up to twelve months before funding would be withdrawn. Some of the proposed cuts that are recommended to be deferred include:

- Withdrawal of the CCBC Community Safety Warden service - the report now recommends a reduction of the team from 9 to 6 wardens
- Reduction of the 'Meals on Wheels' service (Meals Direct) - this will now be considered as part of a wider review of the council's Catering Service.
- Closure of 2 household recycling centres - the matter will be deferred pending the conclusion of a comprehensive waste review
- Introduction of rat treatment charges – deferred
- Community Centre budget cuts and closures - deferred for a year to allow a period of 12-month notice, upon which funding will be withdrawn.
- Withdrawal of funding for community schemes such as Bargoed Ice Rink and Senghenydd Splash Pad - deferred for a year to allow a period of 12-month notice, upon which funding will be withdrawn.

Moved. Noted on file.

95.09 Gerald Jones MP

Copies of correspondence / replies to Cllr. L. Dykes written correspondence on the following topics:

- Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill 2017-19;
- Future Free Trade Agreements and the NHS;
- Agriculture Bill and New Clause 4 (NC4); and
- The wider of Free Trade Agreements.

95.10 Caerphilly CBC

Invoice for Summer Scheme 2018

Moved. Payment

95.11 Abertysswg Community Partnership

Invoice for Room Hire 2018/19

Moved. Payment.

95.12 Rhymney Fitness Association
Application for Section 19 Grant Aid Support 2018/19
Moved. Payment £75.00

95.13 Zurich Municipal
Insurance Premium 2019/20
Moved. Payment £531.70

96 **Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments**
The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£08,050.52.**

97 **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.

Notice.

Cllr. J. Bevan declared an address change effective from w/c 18th March 2019 to: 9 Pen-y-dre, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5DH.

The Clerk also updated Council on upcoming legislative changes and their subsequent impact on unrecorded and under-recorded historic public rights of way from 1st January 2026.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7pm
- Annual General Meeting Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 11th July 2019 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

_____ **Chairperson**