

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllr. M. L. Thomas (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. James
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
Cllr. J. Bevan	

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Angharad Davies	CADNO
Jen Pearson	INNOGY

46 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th October 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, Cllr. J. Bevan and Cllr. G. Oliver.

47 Declarations of Interest

47.01 Cllr. L. Dykes declared an interest in Agenda Item – Matters Arising Minute No. 48.01 (Rhymney Valley Foodbank and Rhymney Community Centre).

47.02 Cllr. J. Hughes declared an interest in Agenda Item – Report of the Clerk (Defib Installation).

47.03 Cllr. D. Harse declared an interest in Agenda Item – Correspondence (Room Rental Invoice – Abertysswg Community Partnership).

48 Matters Arising

48.01 Minute No. 25.10, 30.03 and 38.01 Rhymney Valley Foodbank Application for Section 19/ 137 Grant Aid funding.

Cllr. L. Dykes confirmed that as requested he had liaised with colleagues at Rhymney Community Centre to determine the annual rent required, this amount being £250.00.

Moved. Payment.

Moved. Clerk to liaise with Rev Leah Philbrick to coordinate payment via the Church accounts.

49 **Gwent Police**
Apologies for absence were received from colleagues at Gwent Police.

50 **Planning Applications**
The Clerk confirmed that three application for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

Application Reference. 19/0848/FULL

Location. Land at Grid Reference 308961 210054 Rhymney Common Road, Pant-y-waun.

Proposal. Erect a 90-metre high anemometry mast (for temporary period of up to five years) at Land at Grid Reference 308961 210054 Rhymney Common Road, Pant-y-waun.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Application Reference. 19/0800/OUT

Location. Land at Grid Reference 311086 209021 (Former British Legion Club) Heol Uchaf Rhymney

Proposal. Erect residential development at Land at Grid Reference 311086 209021 (Former British Legion Club) Heol Uchaf Rhymney.

Moved. Council to raise traffic management considerations in the surrounding area.

Application Reference. 19/0908/CLEU

Location. The Vestry, Ebenezer Chapel, Carno Street, Rhymney

Proposal. Obtain a lawful development certificate for existing use as a dwelling house at The Vestry, Ebenezer Chapel, Carno Street, Rhymney.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

51 **Correspondence**

51.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th November 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

51.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 38 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 21 & 22 from Account x0x7x1x5

Receipt of Sheet No. 22 & 23 from Account x0x7x0x1

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Invoice 293150346

Moved. Payment.

51.03 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Request for a letter of support regarding access to fund free-to-use cash machines in isolated communities.

Moved. Clerk to prepare and respond as appropriate confirming Council's support for this application.

51.04 Caerphilly CBC

Rhymney CCTV_DPIA Requirements (PERM060)

Moved. Clerk to write to Mr. Carl Nesling to confirm Council's position on the retention of the above-mentioned Camera.

51.05 Caerphilly CBC

Minutes and papers relevant to the Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee to be held at the Council Chambers, Ty Penallta, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach, on Wednesday 20th November 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

Moved. Copy of papers supplied to Cllr. H. Williams.

51.06 One Voice Wales obo Wales Government

Survey on the use of digital i.e. social media and websites by Town & Community Councils.

Moved. Clerk to complete on behalf of Council.

51.07 Trago Mills

Notification of Pensioner' Week 2019

Moved. Noted on file.

51.08 1st Rhymney Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Letter from Mrs. C. Thomas Unit Leader requesting Section 19 Grant Aid Support for 2019/20.

Moved. Clerk to forward Grant Aid Application Forms for completion.

51.09 Abertysswg Community Partnership

Invoice for room hire 2018/2019

Moved. Payment

51.10 Pontlottyn CISWO Social Group

Letter requesting grant aid / financial support.

Moved. Award of £75.00.

51.11 Caerphilly CBC.

Notification of the Autumn / Winter Weed Control programme 2019/20.

Moved. Councillors to provide areas for focus to the Clerk.

Moved. Clerk to collate and respond Mr. R. Hartshorn highlighting the areas of focus prioritised by Council.

51.12 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Draft Annual Report 2020/21

The Clerk summarised the section of the report which makes particular reference to Community and Town Councils.

Moved. Clerk to review early in the new year for final recommendations and subsequent impact on financial planning and precept discussions planned for February 2020.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for AGM May 2020 to ensure Council adopt determinations as necessary.

51.13 Caerphilly CBC

Papers highlighting draft budget proposals for 2020/21.

Moved. Noted on file.

51.14 Rhymney Cancer Self-Help Group
Letter of thanks following Council's recent Section 19 Grant Aid support.
Moved. Noted on file.

51.15 Caerphilly CBC
Invoice for the Community Council Summer Scheme 2019.
Moved. Payment £6,500.00.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£12,432.00**.

53 **Report of the Clerk**

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

- Pumpkin Carving Event held in partnership with colleagues at Gwent Police and attended by the Chair of Council, Cllr. M. L. Thomas.
- Evening at St Johns Rhymney attended by the Chair of Council, Cllr. M. L. Thomas.
- Lamppost Poppy display throughout the Community Council area. The Clerk highlighted that poppies would be removed over the weekend of 23/24.11.2019, the Clerk to take stock of those weather damaged and in need of replacement.

Moved. Council moved that the Clerk coordinate the purchase replacement of damaged poppies with the Royal British Legion.

- Armistice Day and associated road closures.
 - The appointment and subsequent installation of the Defibrillator boxes, including educational support via colleagues at Idris Davies 3-18 School
- Moved. Clerk to place defibrillators and to ensure their presence is recognised by the relevant emergency services.

Moved. Clerk to agenda annual electricity payment / contribution for discussion at the December meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to complete return relevant paperwork to Grantscape and to organise a Council photograph for display on the Community Council website.

Payments and Invoices

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

Moved. Noted on file.

54 **Potential Wind Farm Project**

Angharad Davies CADNO & Jen Pearson INNOGY

Angharad Davies and Jen Pearson provided Council with a presentation highlighting Innogy is exploring the potential for a wind farm located mainly on common land north of the A465 Heads of the Valley Road, north-west of Rhymney. Angharad Davies and Jen Pearson highlighted studies to date suggest there may be scope for in the region of five turbines, with a combined

generating capacity of up to 25MW. The project is at an early stage, and the team has started undertaking a number of ecology surveys to gather detailed information on the species present on site and in the surrounding area. The majority of the site under consideration is registered common land, and Innogy has already engaged with the appropriate Commoners Association. Angharad Davies and Jen Pearson then highlighted Innogy has submitted a planning application to Caerphilly County Borough Council for a temporary anemometry mast to collect wind data (speed, direction and turbulence) as part of ongoing feasibility studies relating to a potential wind farm in the area. Angharad Davies and Jen Pearson then took a range of questions from Councillors, although acknowledged this was merely the start of a longer-term consultation and relationship with the Community Council. Cllr. M. L. Thomas thanked Angharad Davies and Jen Pearson for attending and presenting to Council.

55 Community Councillor Vacancy / Community Council Composition

In the absence of interest, it was agreed Council explore the potential for reducing the number of Community Councillors and the subsequent composition of Council.

Moved. Clerk to explore and prepare papers for discussion at the December / January meeting of Council.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm.

_____ **Chairperson**