

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllr. M. L. Thomas (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. James
Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. H. Williams
Cllr. D. Harse	Cllr. J. Bevan

Apologies

Cllr. D. Bradley	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. L. Dykes

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Dr. David Llewellyn	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

36 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th September 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. D. T. Williams, Cllr. P. Oliver, Cllr. L. Dykes, Cllr. J. E. Hughes, Cllr. D. Bradley and Cllr. G. Oliver.

37 Declarations of Interest

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

38 Matters Arising

38.01 Minute No. 25.10 and 30.03 Rhymney Valley Foodbank

Application for Section 19/ 137 Grant Aid funding.

Minute carried from October meeting of Council.

The Clerk confirmed that as requested he had spoken with Rev. Leah Philbrick and negotiated any agreed grant could be paid via the Church Account, thus ensuring future applications for funding from Rhymney Community Centre were not compromised.

Moved. Cllr. L. Dykes to liaise with colleagues at Rhymney Community Centre to determine the annual rent required, reporting back to Council for consideration / decision at the November meeting of Council.

39 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were received from colleagues at Gwent Police.

40 Planning Applications

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

41 **Correspondence**

41.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th October 2019.
Moved. Noted on file.

41.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 37 from Account x6x4x9x0
Receipt of Sheet No. 20 from Account x0x7x1x5
Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.
Invoice 290105698
Moved. Payment.

41.03 Western Power Distribution

Temporary Unmetered Connection for festive period 2019/20.
Moved. Clerk to complete and return necessary paperwork.

41.04 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Dawn Bowden AM for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Notification of surgery dates for October 2019.
Moved. Noted on file.

41.05 Caerphilly CBC

Notification of change of date for the Community Council Liaison Sub
Committee – a move from November 13th to November 20th 2019,
commencing at 6pm.
Moved. Noted on file. Change already communicated to Cllr. H. Williams

41.06 Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Notification and invitation to a 'Community Network' event to be held at
Rodney Parade, Newport on Thursday 21st November 2019.
Moved. Noted on file.

41.07 Print Evolution

Invoice for Christmas Printing 2019/20.
Moved. Payment £128.38.

41.08 Wales Audit Office – End of Year Audit

Completion and Certification of the Annual Audit for the year ended 31st
March 201.9

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. Noted on file.

Moved. Clerk to conclude associated activities, including the completion of the
satisfaction survey and notice of conclusion of audit.

41.09 Princetown Memorial Garden Service

Information and invitation to this year's Armistice Service to be held on
Saturday 9th November 2019 at 11am.

Moved. Cllr. M. L. Thomas to attend and lay a wreath on behalf of Council.

41.10 **Caerphilly CBC**

Heads of the Valley Masterplan Presentation. Email confirming a date change to 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 30th October in the Sirhowy Room, Penallta House.

Moved. Councillors were encouraged to attend if available to hear the latest thoughts and plans for the area.

41.11 **Abertysswg Allotment Association**

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£02,587.79**.

43 **Report of the Clerk
Summer Scheme 2019**

The Clerk advised Council that he was yet to receive a formal report or invoice relating to Councils Summer Scheme.

Moved. Clerk to report at the November meeting of Council.

Defib Project.

The Clerk updated Council on an initial quote received regarding the installation of the four (x4) defibrillators and associated housing at the following locations:

- Early Years Building, 100 Pen-y-dre, Rhymney;
- Fish Shop, Jerusalem Street, Rhymney;
- Abertysswg Community Centre, The Green, Abertysswg; and
- The Pharmacy on the Square in Pontlottyn.

The Clerk advised Council that he was in the process of securing two additional quotes, ensuring Council achieve value for money in the commissioning of this activity – highlighting a second provider had visited the area earlier that day.

Moved. The Clerk was afforded delegated powers to work with the Leader and Chair of Council to determine the most appropriate bid / quote and to appoint as appropriate, ensuring a timely completion of this work.

Moved. Clerk to report progress at the November meeting of Council.

Community Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk confirmed further no applications had been received for Council's co-opted vacancies.

Moved. Clerk to agenda potential change to Council's composition for discussion at the November meeting of Council.

Gwent Police Pumpkin Carving Event 30th October 2019

The Clerk updated Council that he had been in liaison with colleagues at Gwent Police regarding the coordination of the above event to be held at Rhymney Library between the hours of 14:30 and 16:30. The Clerk advised Council that owing to amendments to funding arrangements with Gwent Police, Council would be receiving a BACs donation of £180.00 from Gwent Police for use in purchasing necessary materials. The Clerk continued to advise this sum was approx. £40.00 short of necessary funds, not including the purchase of trick and treat refreshments.

Moved. Council agreed to fund the £40.00 shortfall for the purchase of Pumpkins and Carving Sets – bringing the total (inclusive of the £180.00 to be received from Gwent Police) to £220.00.

Moved. Council also agreed to fund the purchase of associated trick and treat refreshments for use on the day, to a maximum sum of £100.00.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate purchases and handover of materials to colleagues at Gwent Police.

Armistice Day Arrangements 2019

The Clerk confirmed arrangements were now in place with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC regarding various road closures associated with the Rhymney and Abertysswg Services. The Clerk also confirmed the purchase of four wreaths, via the Royal British Legion.

Moved. Payment / reimbursement to the Clerk - £74.00.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate the installation of Council's Lamppost Poppies approximately 14 days prior to Armistice weekend.

Moved. Clerk to distribute wreaths during the week leading to the services to:

- Rhymney. Cllr. M. L. Thomas;
- Princetown. Cllr. M. L. Thomas;
- Abertysswg. Cllr. L. Gronow; and
- Pontlottyn. Cllr. L. James.

Moved. Named Councillors to attend respective service and lay a wreath on behalf of Council.

Christmas Event Arrangements 2019/20

Christmas Lighting

The Clerk confirmed necessary arrangements with both Centregreat and Festive Street Lighting were in place, with motifs to be installed and illuminated as per Council's instruction.

Santa Event

The Clerk confirmed arrangements were in place for Council's annual event for Monday 9th December 2019, circulating to Councillors a copy of the flyer to be distributed to local nursery / Primary Schools in mid-November.

Moved. Clerk to make necessary arrangements regarding the purchase of refreshments for use at the event.

Christmas Pantomime 2019

The Clerk circulated posters / tickets in readiness for the above-mentioned event.

Moved. Clerk to make necessary arrangements regarding the purchase of selection boxes for use at the event.

Payments and Invoices

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

Moved. Noted on file.

44 Quarter 2 2019/20. Financial Report (Expenditure)

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 2 of 2019/20 (July to September 19). Within his report, the Clerk advised Council of the following expenditure values, all of which are in line with profiled expenditure agreed within Council's agreed budget for 2019/20.

Moved. Noted on file.

45 Integrated Wellbeing Network. Dr David Llewellyn

Dr David Llewellyn provided Council with a PowerPoint Presentation summarising key statistical data and motivations behind the proposed / current development of an Integrated Well-Being Network in the North Rhymney Valley. Dr Llewellyn explained the Integrated Well-being Network (IWN) concept offers a framework for supporting the establishment of an integrated, place-based well-being system. Dr. Llewellyn explained this was not about creating more services or 'sticking plasters' that attempt to solve people's problems. Instead the aim is to capitalise on what is already available locally and bring in the unique strengths and assets that are within individuals and communities - these assets existing within all communities and contribute to good health and well-being. A key feature of IWNs is that practitioners working within this system will use a person-centred and strengths-based approach to support people with care and support needs. Dr Llewellyn urged Council's support in raising awareness, potentially securing funding for a coordinator role and to act as ambassadors for change.

Moved. Clerk to work with Dr David Llewellyn regarding the potential funding sources mentioned during his presentation and to report at a future meeting of Council.

Cllr. M. L. Thomas thanked Dr David Llewellyn for attending and presenting to Council.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

Chairperson