



## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Member,

Your attendance is requested at the next meeting of the above Community Council to be held virtually via BT Conferencing on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 between 7 & 8pm.**

Yours sincerely,

Geraint Williams  
Clerk to Rhymney Community Council

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### AGENDA

01. Apologies
02. Declarations of interest
03. To approve and confirm the minutes of the last meeting of Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020
03. Matters Arising
04. Report of the Clerk
- 04a. Summer Scheme 2020
- 04b. Annual Return Year Ended 31/03/2020
- 04c. Community Council. Interim Approach to September 2020
- 04d. Foodbank. Future Funding
05. Gwent Police
06. Planning Applications

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held virtually via BT Meet Me of the above Community Council on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7pm.

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### Present

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

### Apologies

Cllr. L. Dykes	Cllr. L. Gronow
Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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#### 01 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record.

Moved. The Clerk agreed to forward an official copy of the minutes to be signed / returned by the Chairperson Cllr. M. L. Thomas.

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

#### 02 Declarations of Interest

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

#### 03 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### 04 Planning Applications

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

##### **Planning Application / Ref. 20/0323/FULL**

Proposal. Vary condition 04 (time period to commence development) of planning consent 17/0056/OUT (Construct 5 no. detached dwellings with new junction and internal roads) to extend the time limit by five years

Address. Land At Grid Ref 311245 205964 Fochriw Road Pontlottyn Bargoed

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

##### **Planning Application / Ref. 20/0259/FULL**

Proposal. Erect one detached dwelling and one pair of semi-detached dwellings

Address. Melrose 1 Cwrt Llechryd Llechryd Tredegar NP22 5QF

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

Planning Application. 19/0536/RET 20/0007/REF PP-07938601. Land At Former Station House Merthyr Road Rhymney Bridge Llechryd Moved. It was requested the Clerk write to Caerphilly CBC, Gwent Police and Planning Inspectorate Wales to articulate Council's growing concern regarding continued development at the above-mention location.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£04,000.22**.

06 **Report of the Clerk**

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

**Wales Government & Wales Audit Office Covid-19 Interim Arrangements**

The Clerk updated Council on a portfolio of process, timescale and legislative changes shaped to help Council respond to the current crisis. Within his report, the Clerk updated Council on meeting and attendance easements relevant until May 2021, including the provision for virtual meetings and virtual approval of the Annual Return for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

The Clerk highlighted the requirement is for audio only, not audio and video, the key being that Councillors can hear and be heard. Likewise, the requirement is for the public and press (interested in attending), to also hear. The Clerk highlighted he had made relevant arrangements via BT Meet Me to offer a 0800 number, negating a cost impact for individual Councillors and 'others' with interest. The Clerk also highlighted the necessity to move Council's AGM to later in the year, most likely to be November 2020, with steady-state appointment arrangements persisting until this date. The Clerk also highlighted the change to timescales relevant to audit, with all dates moving by two calendar months.

**End of Year Financial Position / Internal Audit**

The Clerk provided Council with a summary of Council's financial position for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, highlighting that Council's end of year balance was £19,265.08, with a further £3,189.82 to be reclaimed via HMRC for VAT expenditure. The Clerk confirmed Council's Internal Audit was already underway, the findings of which would be received at the June 2020 meeting of Council.

**Community Defibrillators**

Heating element repair Jerusalem Street, Rhymney. The Clerk advised Council this matter had been delayed by the Covid-19 outbreak and therefore would be progressed through the Summer / early Autumn.

**Community Council Summer Scheme**

The Clerk advised Council that owing to complications caused by Covid-19 that arrangements for Council's Summer Scheme had been thrown into significant doubt, initial feedback from Sport Caerphilly point toward their inability to support.

Moved. Clerk to liaise with colleagues at Sport Caerphilly & Caerphilly Adventures and to report at the June meeting of Council. The Clerk was afforded powers to pursue plans if either / both were in a position to support.

### **Section 19/137 Support for Rhymney Foodbank**

It was proposed that owing to the difficulties faced in wider society caused by Covid-19, a combination of furloughed workers, redundancies and School closures, posing difficulties with the provision of breakfast clubs / free Schools meals, that Council provide a financial donation. Following discussion, it was agreed Council would make a £600.00 donation, with a view to further funding being considered at a future meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to make arrangements to make Council's donation.

Moved. Clerk to agenda a future discussion and to explore donations being made by other Town & Community Councils across the County Borough area.

### **Other Notices**

Community Council Website. The Clerk confirmed Council's new website had since been completed and published.

Caerphilly CBC Cemeteries. The Clerk confirmed cemeteries reopened to the public from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Caerphilly CBC Recycling Centre / Rhymney. The Clerk confirmed recycling centres across the County Borough would reopen from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### **Payments and Invoices**

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

Moved. Noted on file.

### **Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events**

- Community Council Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7pm

**Meeting Closed at 8.00.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson