

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held virtually via BT Meet Me of the above Community Council on Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Cllr. M. L. Thomas (Chairperson)	Cllr. D. Bradley
Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. A. Davies
Cllr. J. Bevan	Cllr. L. Dykes
Cllr. A. Power	Cllr. C. Cuss

Absent

Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. S. Rees	Cllr. D. Harse

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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The Chair of Council, Cllr. M. L. Thomas opened the meeting welcoming recently appointed Cllr. C Cuss and Cllr. A. Power to the Community Council and asking them to introduce themselves to Council and to briefly summarise their involvement in the Community, which both duly did.

Both Cllr. C. Cuss and Cllr. A. Power signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (remotely) and their declarations of interests relevant to being a Community Councillor and agreed to return to the Clerk via the Royal Mail.

36 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2021, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed (virtually) by the Chairperson Cllr. M. L. Thomas.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. G. Oliver, Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. S. Rees and Cllr. D. Harse.

Apologies for absence were also received from colleagues at Gwent Police. The Clerk advised Council that he had requested a written report summarising policing activities in the area and that this would be circulated on receipt.

37 Declarations of Interest

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

38 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

39 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application. 21/0057/FULL

Site Area. 285m²

Location. Ty-Seion, Carno Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5EG

Proposal. Demolish existing garage and erect a two-storey extension at the side of the house with garage below at Ty-Seion, Carno Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5EG

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 21/0073/COU

Site Area: 137m²

Location: 46 High Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LP

Proposal: Change the use of ground floor to a hair salon (A1 use), erect detached outbuilding to the rear to be used as a beauty salon (sui generis use), convert first floor to 2-bedroom flat and external alterations, at 46 High Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LP

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 21/0046/FULL

Site Area: 794m²

Location: Crosswinds 3 Maerdy Crossing Bungalows Abertysswg Road, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LB

Proposal: Remodel and extend bungalow (including alterations to the ridge height and pitch of the roof to facilitate the provision of attic rooms with dormer windows and roof lights) and construction of a detached garage at Crosswinds 3 Maerdy Crossing Bungalows Abertysswg Road, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LB.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

40 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£00,661.43**.

41 Correspondence

41.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th February 2021.

Moved. Noted on file.

41.02 Abertysswg Community Partnership.

Invoice for Defib Electricity Supply at Abertysswg Community Centre 2020/21.

Moved. Payment - £25.00.

41.03 Berties Plaice.

Invoice for Defib Electricity Supply at Berties Plaice, Jerusalem Street, Rhymney 2020/21.

Moved. Payment - £25.00.

41.04 Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water

Email and Newsletter updating on the latest developments across the Community Council area.

Moved. Clerk to circulate a copy of the Newsletter to all Councillors for awareness and onward communication.

41.05 RWE / CADNO. Pen March Wind Farm

Email and e-leaflet updating on the latest developments with this proposal.

Moved. Clerk to circulate a copy of the e-leaflet to all Councillors for awareness and onward communication.

Moved. Clerk to circulate a copy of the url related to the informal consultation.

Moved. Clerk to invite Mrs Angharad Davies Director at Cadno to a future meeting of Council.

42 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk highlighted to Council a number of recent and future planned activities. The Clerk reported to Council the recent use of the Defibrillator located in Pontlottyn, the third call upon devices installed by Council within the past twelve-months.

42.01 **Payments and Invoices**

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

Moved. All payments were approved by members.

42.02 **Community Council Draft Budget**

The Clerk shared with Council a draft copy of Council's Expenditure Budget for 2021/22. Following discussion, it was agreed that Council work within these values.

Income		Expenditure		
		Type	Lower Estimate	Upper Estimate
Approx. C/F 31/03/2021	£21,200.00	Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,500.00	£15,500.00
Precept	£35,000.00	Chairperson Allowance	£00,500.00	£00,500.00
Approx. VAT refund 2020-21	£01,400.00	Councillor Expenses (15 @ £1,500.00)	£02,250.00	£02,250.00
		Summer Scheme	£00,000.00	£06,500.00
		Telephone & Broadband	£00,400.00	£00,400.00
		BT Meet Me Virtual Meeting	£00,000.00	£00,550.00
		Room Hire & Storage	£00,300.00	£00,300.00
		Insurance	£00,575.00	£00,575.00
		Postage	£00,200.00	£00,200.00
		Stationery	£00,250.00	£00,250.00
		SLCC Membership	£00,160.00	£00,200.00

		ICO Membership	£00,040.00	£00,040.00
		Website	£00,600.00	£00,600.00
		Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00	£05,000.00
		Dog Show	£00,000.00	£00,000.00
		Halloween Events	£00,100.00	£00,100.00
		Christmas Events	£01,500.00	£02,500.00
		Christmas Lighting	£09,000.00	£09,000.00
		Christmas Electricity	£00,100.00	£00,150.00
		Audit	£00,500.00	£00,500.00
		Poppy Replacement (100)	£00,350.00	£00,350.00
		RBL Wreaths	£00,075.00	£00,100.00
		Defib Electricity (4x £25.00)	£00,100.00	£00,100.00
		Bank Charges	£00,170.00	£00,170.00
Total	£57,600.00	Total	£35,670.00	£45,835.00
Income / Expenditure Variance			+£00,730.00	-£09,435.00
Projected Balance Year ending 31.03.2022			£21,930.00	£11,765.00

42.03 Community Councillor Vacancy – Appointment via Co-option.

The Clerk reported receipt of two letters of interest to join Council under co-option for the one remaining Community Councillor vacancy in the Pontlottyn Ward from:

- Mr. Mansel Powell; and
- Mr. Andrew Titley.

Moved. Council requested the Clerk explore the correct route for selection and appointment with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC, and to bring a proposal back to the March meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to write to both candidates to advise accordingly.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 8th April 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council AGM Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 7.50pm.

_____ **Chairperson**