

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held virtually via BT Meet Me of the above Community Council on Thursday 8th April 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Cllr. D. Harse (Chairperson)	Cllr. C. Cuss
Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. S. Rees
Cllr. J. Bevan	Cllr. L. Dykes
Cllr. A. Power	Cllr. M. Powell

Absent

Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. M. L. Thomas	Cllr. A. Davies
Cllr. D. Bradley	

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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In the initial absence of both the Chair and Vice Chairperson of Council, Cllr. D. Harse was unanimously appointed to serve as Chair for the meeting.

01 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2021, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed (virtually) by the Chairperson Cllr. D. Harse.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. G. Oliver, Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. M. L. Thomas, Cllr. A. Davies, and Cllr. D. Bradley.

The acting Chair of Council Cllr. D. Harse welcomed recently appointed Cllr. M. Powell to the Community Council and asking him to introduce himself to Council and to briefly summarise their involvement in the Community, which Cllr. M. Powell duly did.

The Clerk advised Councillors that he would shortly be issuing declaration of acceptance of office and declarations of interests to all members and for completion / return ahead of Council's Annual General Meeting.

02 Declarations of Interest

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

02.02 Cllr. C. Cuss declared an interest in the discussion relating to Summer Scheme funding and the potential for bidding into the Pen Bryn Oer Community Benefit Fund. Cllr. C. Cuss Chair of that committee.

02.03 Cllr. H. Williams declared an interest in the discussion relating to Summer Scheme funding and the potential for bidding into the Pen Bryn Oer Community Benefit Fund. Cllr. H. Williams member of that committee.

02.04 Cllr. A. Power declared an interest in the discussion relating to the potential positioning of a memorial stone. Cllr. A. Power caretaker at St Davids Community Centre.

03 **Matters Arising**

03.01 Minute No. 43.2020-21. Pen March Wind Farm Update

Cllr. J. E. Hughes wished to clarify the content of the presentation given in November 2019, which had suggested the Community Council might assume administrative control for the Community Benefit Fund.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for conversation later in the year as and when Angharad Davies and Jen Cowley return to represent to Council.

Cllr. L. Dykes wished to clarify whether the substation in Dowlais Top, was one which was already in existence, or if a new substation was required and in doing so extending the geography of any Community Benefit Fund.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for conversation later in the year as and when Angharad Davies and Jen Cowley return to represent to Council.

04 **Planning Applications**

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

Planning Application. 21/0185/FULL

Site Area. 15578m²

Location. Land at Grid Ref 312805 205758, Warn's Terrace North Lane, Abertysswg.

Proposal. Erect four detached dwellings at Warn's Terrace North Lane, Abertysswg.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Moved. Clerk to circulate details to members, with members requested to advise of any observations by Friday 16th April 2021.

Planning Application. 21/0268/FULL

Site Area. 122m²

Location. Wern Villa, 2 Brynteg Crescent, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5PE.

Proposal. Demolish existing workshops and garages and to erect a detached garage at Wern Villa, 2 Brynteg Crescent, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5PE.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£02,766.54**.

06 **Correspondence**

06.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th April 2021.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.02 Zurich Municipal Insurance

Confirmation of payment receipt.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.03 Lloyds Bank

Balance to 10th March 2021 for Account x6x4x9x0

Balance to 10th March 2021 for Account x0x7x1x5

Invoice. 334349617 for banking 10th January to 9th February 2021.

Invoice. 337347784 for banking 10th February to 9th March 2021.

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

06.04 HMRC

PAYE – Notice to employer of employee's tax code for 2021/22.

Moved. Noted on file.

07 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk highlighted to Council a number of recent and future planned activities. The Clerk reported on the following ad-hoc actions and issues:

The Clerk confirmed that following discussion with colleagues at the Royal British Legion that he had been able to secure 100x Lamppost Poppies at a recommended donation cost of £3.00 per unit.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate purchase.

Moved. Payment. £300.00.

The Clerk confirmed that it was necessary to update the lettering on Council's Honours Board to reflect the chairpersonship for 2020-21 and the recent passing of Cllr. Percival Roy Oliver.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate purchase via Creative Honour Boards UK.

The Clerk reported recent anti-social behaviour in the grounds of St David's Community Centre, Rhymney, the issue having been raised by Cllr. A. Power. The Clerk confirmed that further to a conversation with Cllr. Power that he had raised concerns with colleagues at Gwent Police and requested the area be regularly patrolled.

Owing to continued uncertainty regarding the relaxing of covid-19 restrictions, it was unanimously agreed that Council delay the Annual General Meeting from May to June 2021, in the increased hope of being able to meeting face2face for this meeting.

Moved. Clerk to make necessary amendments.

Cllr. Cuss requested that Council give consideration to the potential positioning of a memorial stone in remembrance of those who have sadly lost lives / loved ones during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Moved. Council was in universal agreement to explore costed and location options for consideration at a future meeting of Council.

Moved. Councillors were requested to liaise as appropriate with Cllr Cuss regarding their personal thoughts and ideas.

Moved. Cllr. Cuss to work with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC regarding potential parcels of available land across the Community Council area – land at St. David's Community Centre having been highlighted as a potentially central location.

07.01 Payments and Invoices

The Clerk also read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.
Moved. All payments were approved by members.

07.02 Community Councillor Vacancy – Appointment via Co-option.

The Clerk advised Council that follow a selection panel held on Monday 22nd March 2021 that Mr. Mansel Powell had since been appointed to serve the Pontlottyn Ward.

07.03 Community Council Summer Scheme 2021

The Clerk advised Council that and as requested, he had applied to the Pen Bryn Oer Community Benefit Fund, in the hope of securing additional funding to run an extraordinary scheme in 2021. The Clerk advised that colleagues at Grantscape had been in touch to advise that to secure the £6,500.00 requested that Council would need to extend deliver into neighbouring catchments, namely Tredegar. The Clerk also advised that subject to approve, monies would also need to spent within the catchment of the fund, the scheme not allowing for travel / trips outside of the area.

Further to discussion, it was agreed that Council should revise its request to £2,000.00 in line with a single area bid and that the Clerk liaise with colleagues at Caerphilly Adventures to explore delivery in Bryn Bach Park, Tredegar.

Moved. Clerk to liaise as appropriate and to report at the May meeting of Council.

08 Gwent Police

The Clerk confirmed that he was yet to receive the written monthly update, most likely delayed by the recent bank holiday.

Moved. Clerk to chase and circulate electronically when received.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council (AGM) Thursday 10th June 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 1st July 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

_____ **Chairperson**