

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7pm.

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### Present

Cllr. H. Williams (Chairperson)	Cllr. C. Cuss
Cllr. D. T. Williams	Cllr. M. L. Thomas
Cllr. M. Powell	Cllr. D. Harse
Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. D. Bradley	Cllr. J. E. Hughes
Cllr. L. Dykes	

### Absent

Cllr. A. Power	Cllr. S. Rees
Cllr. A. Davies	

### In Attendance

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. H. Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Bevan, Cllr. S. Rees, Cllr. A. Power and Cllr. A. Davies.

### 18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 19 Matters Arising

There were no matter arising from the last ordinary meeting of Council.

### 20 Planning Applications

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

#### Planning Application. 21/0308/FULL

Site Area. 731m

Location. Land at Grid Reference 310612 209029 Pontlottyn Link Road, Bute Town, Rhymney.

Proposal. Erect 1 detached dormer dwelling and detached domestic garage with associated landscaping and service connections at the above-mentioned location.

Decision. Application already considered / refused.

#### Planning Application. 21/0446/FULL

Site Area. 173m

Location. Patels, 32 Merchant Street, Pontlottyn, Bargoed, CF81 9PD  
Proposal. Install shopfront canopy at 32 Merchant Street, Pontlottyn, Bargoed, CF81 9PD  
Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0597/FULL**

Site Area. 1710m

Location. Land at grid ref 311086 209021 Heol Uchaf, Rhymney.

Proposal. Erect detached dwelling at the above-mentioned location.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0472/RM**

Site Area. 7129m

Location. Land at grid ref 310752 209566 Merthyr Road, Rhymney Bridge, Llechryd.

Proposal. Seek approval of the reserved matters in respect of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of planning consent 20/0401/OUT.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0564/COU**

Location. Unit 2, Victoria House, Victoria Road, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5NU.

Proposal. Change the use of part of the building to HMO temporary accommodation at Unit 2, Victoria House, Victoria Road, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5NU.

Decision. Council raises objections to this proposal, concerned that any further development would result in a concentration of HMOs in a confined area.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£15,807.94**

**22 Correspondence**

**22.01 HMRC**

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Moved. Noted on file.

**22.02 HMRC**

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Moved. Noted on file.

**23.03 Local Government Transformation and Partnerships Division**

Consultation to seek views on proposals to set out qualifications a Clerk to a Community Council must have.

Moved. Council agreed to await the outcome of the consultation, although agreed in principle to support the Clerk to obtain any necessary additional qualifications, as prescribed by the outcome of the consultation.

**23.04 Lloyds Bank**

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 June 2021 from Account x6x4x9x0  
 Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 June 2021 from Account x0x7x0x1  
 Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 June 2021 from Account x0x7x1x5  
 Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Notification of cancelled cheques:

- 003756. Bryn Awel Primary School £300.00
- 003779. Rhymney Brownies & Guides £300.00
- 003816. Ysgol Y Lawnt £300.00
- 003817. Bryn Awel Primary School £300.00

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Receipt of deposit of £500.00 payable from Abertysswg Community Centre.  
 Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

23.05 Information Commissioners Office.  
 Subscription request / invoice for 2021/22.  
 Moved. Payment. £40.00.

23.06 Viking  
 Invoice for stationer goods.  
 Moved. Payment. £175.85.

## 24 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:

### Quarter 1 2021/22. Financial Report (Income & Expenditure)

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 1 of 2021/22 (April to June 21). 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 2021/22.

### Rhymney Community Council. Quarter 1 Expenditure Report

Expenditure					
Type	Lower Estimate	Upper Estimate	Actual	Percentage of Budget	Explanation
Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,500.00	<b>£15,500.00</b>	£03,959.06	25.54%	On profile
Chairperson Allowance	£00,500.00	<b>£00,500.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet paid (Q3)
Councillor Expenses (15 @ £1,500.00)	£02,250.00	<b>£02,250.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet paid (Q2)
Summer Scheme	£00,000.00	<b>£06,500.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet paid (Q2)* *£1500 Additional Agreed at AGM
Telephone & Broadband	£00,400.00	<b>£00,400.00</b>	£00,092.23	23.06%	On profile

BT Meet Me Virtual Meeting	£00,000.00	<b>£00,550.00</b>	£00,338.50	61.55%	More than half the budget spent, reverting to face2face
Room Hire & Storage	£00,300.00	<b>£00,300.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q4)
Insurance	£00,575.00	<b>£00,575.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q4)
Postage	£00,200.00	<b>£00,200.00</b>	£00,038.81	19.41%	On profile
Stationery	£00,250.00	<b>£00,250.00</b>	£00,032.86	13.14%	On profile
SLCC Membership	£00,166.00	<b>£00,166.00</b>	£00,166.00	100.00%	On profile
ICO Membership	£00,040.00	<b>£00,040.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q2)
Website	£00,240.00	<b>£00,240.00</b>	£00,240.00	100.00%	On profile
Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00	<b>£05,000.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet paid
Dog Show	£00,000.00	<b>£00,000.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	No plans in 2021/22
Halloween Events	£00,100.00	<b>£00,100.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet paid (Q3)
Christmas Events	£01,500.00	<b>£02,500.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet paid (Q3)
Christmas Lighting	£09,000.00	<b>£09,000.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q3)
Christmas Electricity	£00,100.00	<b>£00,150.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q3)
Audit	£00,500.00	<b>£00,500.00</b>	£00,200.00	40.00%	Internal Audit Paid External Audit Q3
Poppy Replacement (100)	£00,300.00	<b>£00,300.00</b>	£00,300.00	100.00%	On profile
RBL Wreaths	£00,075.00	<b>£00,100.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q3)
Defib Electricity (4x £25.00)	£00,100.00	<b>£00,100.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced (Q3)
Bank Charges	£00,170.00	<b>£00,170.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced
Memorial Stone		<b>£02,500.00</b>	£00,000.00	0.00%	Not yet invoiced *£500 contribution from Abertysswg CC

#### 24.01 Payments and Invoices

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

#### 24.02 Covid Memorial Stone

Cllr Cuss updated Council on progress made since the last meeting. The Clerk advised Council that and as requested, he had provided a copy of Council's logo (photo image) for use on the memorial stone.

Moved. Clerk to write to the First Minister's office to request his attendance to unveil the memorial stone (at a date to be confirmed in the autumn), in recognition of his leadership throughout the pandemic. Confirmation or otherwise required to inform the wording / inscription to be included on the plaque. The Clerk to advise when known, allowing for the stone / plaque to be completed.

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

#### 24.03 **Community Council Summer Scheme 2021**

The Clerk updated Council on the latest regarding arrangements with Council's Summer Scheme/s, circulating draft leaflets/posters for consideration by Councillors. The Clerk summarised the schemes as follows:

##### **Sport Caerphilly Scheme**

A four-week scheme operating across three locations (Ael y Bryn Community Centre, Abertysswg Community Centre and Pontllynn Boys and Girls Club. The scheme to also include two sessions supported by Skateboard Academy UK on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Cost. £4,000.00.

##### **Aneurin Leisure (Parc Bryn Bach)**

A two hundred placement outdoor / outward bound experience day, commencing on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through until August 30<sup>th</sup>, with an average of 12 participations attending per day. The provision has been split proportionately across all four Schools – Idris Davies (62), Ysgol Y Lawnt (50), Upper Rhymney (49) and Bryn Awel (29). Further to conversation, 10 positions were set aside to support / assist interest from home-schooled children. Councillors were asked to promote as appropriate, highlighting the Clerk as the relevant point of contact to secure a place and to coordinate consent. The Clerk advised that he continued to work with all four schools on the majority of placements and would operate a text reminder system to maximise attendance.

Cost. £6,000.00. (£2,000.00 to be funded via the Pen Bryn Oer Community Benefit Fund).

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

- Community Council Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7pm

**Meeting Closed at 8pm.**

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**Chairperson**