

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm.

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### Present

Cllr. H. Williams (Chairperson)	Cllr. C. Cuss
Cllr. M. L. Thomas	Cllr. J. E. Hughes
Cllr. M. Powell	Cllr. D. Harse
Cllr. G. Oliver	Cllr. S. Rees
Cllr. A. Davies	

### Absent

Cllr. A. Power	Cllr. J. Bevan
Cllr. D. Bradley	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. L. Dykes	Cllr. L. Gronow

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
PCSO Chris Manion	Gwent Police
PCSO Jaswant Singh	Gwent Police

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### 25 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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. A. Power, Cllr. D. Bradley, Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. L. Dykes, and Cllr. L. Gronow.

### 26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 27 Matters Arising

#### 27.01 Summer Scheme 2021

The Clerk advised Council that as a consequence of additional funding having been provided to Caerphilly CBC from the Welsh Assembly Government, that Council were no longer required to make payment on the scheme delivered by Sport Caerphilly – a net saving to Council of £4,000.00

Moved. Clerk to cancel cheque no 003868 approved for payment at the July meeting of Council.

### 28 Planning Applications

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

#### Planning Application. 21/0783/FULL

Site Area. 319m

Location. 2 Rhymney Walk, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5BL

Proposal. Convert garage to habitable room and internal alterations at 2 Rhymney Walk, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5BL.  
Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0746/FULL**

Site Area. 538m

Location. Plots 11&12 Former Maerdy Car Sales, Maerdy House, Wellington Way, Rhymney.

Proposal. Erect a pair of detached 3-bedroom dormer bungalows at Plots 11&12 Former Maerdy Car Sales, Maerdy House, Wellington Way, Rhymney.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0736/OUT**

Site Area. 1260m

Location. Land at Heads of the Valley Industrial Estate, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5RL.

Proposal. Erect 10 small industrial units set out in 2 blocks of 5 and seek approval of access, appearance, layout and scale, at land at Heads of the Valley Industrial Estate, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5RL.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0723/FULL**

Site Area. 243m

Location. 8 Waterloo Terrace, Pontllynn, Bargoed, CF81 9RG.

Proposal. Erect detached garage to the rear of the property at 8 Waterloo Terrace, Pontllynn, Bargoed, CF81 9RG.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

**Planning Application. 21/0686/COU**

Site Area. 165m

Location. Nisa Local 61 High Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LP

Proposal. Change the use of the first floor from commercial to 1 No. 2 bed and 1 No. 1 bed flats and external alterations at Nisa Local 61 High Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LP.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£08,191.38**.

**30 Correspondence**

**30.01 HMRC**

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

Moved. Noted on file.

**30.02 HMRC**

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

Moved. Noted on file.

**30.03 Lloyds Bank**

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 July 2021 from Account x6x4x9x0  
Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 August 2021 from Account x6x4x9x0  
Receipt of Sheet for period to 05 July 2021 from Account x0x7x0x1  
Receipt of Sheet for period to 06 August 2021 from Account x0x7x0x1  
Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 July 2021 from Account x0x7x1x5  
Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 August 2021 from Account x0x7x1x5  
Invoice. 344714608  
Invoice. 347304202  
Invoice. 350294972  
Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.  
Moved. Autopayment

30.04 Festive Lighting Company

Invoice for Christmas Lighting – Year four hire.

Moved. Payment. £4,232.09.

30.05 Penuel Baptist Church, Rhymney

Application (via Council Grant Application Form) for Section 19 / 137 Grant Aid funding.

Moved. Payment. £75.00.

30.06 Upper Rhymney Valley Walking Football Group

Application (via Council Grant Application Form) for Section 19 / 137 Grant Aid funding.

Moved. Payment. £75.00.

30.07 Caerphilly CBC

Employment Land Review. Caerphilly County Borough Council has commissioned BE Group to undertake an Employment Land Review for the County Borough. This forms part of an updated evidence base for the Replacement Local Development Plan. It will include a comprehensive study of the need and demand for office, manufacturing and warehouse space across the whole of Caerphilly. As part of the study BE Group is consulting with key stakeholders and in this respect, they are seeking the views of your Town/Community Council regarding supply and demand/need for employment sites and premises in your area.

Moved. Councillors to consider areas for potential development against this background context.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for collated thoughts and response at the October meeting of Council.

30.08 Caerphilly CBC

Statutory Consultation for the inclusion of Taxi EV chargers and Bay markings in CCBC's Off-Street Parking Places Order.

Moved. Clerk to write to Caerphilly CBC to request that consideration be given to the provision of charging facilities north of Bargoed, to include the potential for deployment in the community area of Rhymney.

Moved. Clerk to report at the next / future meeting of Council.

30.09 Caerphilly CBC

#### Active Travel Network Map Statutory Consultation

The Clerk described to Council the purpose of this consultation and urged Councillors to access / update as local residents, bring thoughts back to Council at the October meeting to respond as a collective.

Moved. Clerk to circulate details of this consultation for access and consideration.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for collated thoughts and response at the October meeting of Council.

#### 30.10 Dawn Bowden. Welsh Labour Member of the Senedd

Notification that recent issues with Animal Trespass across the wider community area has been escalated for consideration and address (Case Ref. DB2454).

Moved. Noted on file.

#### 30.11 Caerphilly CBC

Remittance Advice notifying the receipt of the second precept payment of £17,500.00

Moved. Noted on file.

#### 30.12 Aneurin Bevan UHB

Rhymney Wellbeing Activities and Walks

Request from Dr, David Llewellyn to attend / address Council on progress made during the pandemic and plans for the future.

Moved. Clerk to invite Dr. Llewellyn to attend the October meeting of Council.

#### 30.13 Caerphilly CBC

Notification of amendment to various bus services. Impact to services in the community area, detailed as follows:

Service 3. The 0758 journey from Pontlottyn that previously only operated on school days will no longer operate.

Service 4A & 4C. Revision to timetable, some services withdrawn but new ones added.

Moved. Noted on file.

#### 31 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk highlighted to Council a number of recent and future planned activities. The Clerk highlighted a number of essential / important actions required by Councillors. These included and should be completed ahead of the next meeting of Council:

- The need for all members to have signed and returned their 'declaration of acceptance of office' documentation, shared twice previous to this meeting;
- The need for all members to have completed and returned their 'personal interests stencils', shared twice previous to this meeting;

- The need for members wishing to receive the £150.00 members expenses allowance for 2021/22, to supply relevant personal information to allow for tax to be taken at source and subsequent payment to be made. Information required to make payment, includes Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

The Clerk then reported on the following ad-hoc actions and issues:

**31.01 Payments and Invoices**

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

**31.02 Armistice Day Arrangements 2021**

Moved. Clerk to coordinate the purchase of four wreaths.  
Moved. Clerk to coordinate the installation of Council's 100x Lamppost Poppies approximately 10 days prior to Armistice weekend.  
Moved. Clerk to coordinate associated road closures.

**31.03 Christmas Street Lighting Arrangements 2021/22**

Moved. Clerk to arrange with Centregreat Ltd that lights be illuminated daily from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022, between the hours of 16:00 and Midnight.

**31.04 Covid Memorial Stone**

Cllr. C. Cuss and the Clerk updated Council that and further to correspondence having been sent to the First Minister's Office, that no response had been received.

It was agreed that Council should look to proceed regardless, prompting completion of works through September, and arranging a smaller, predominantly Community Councillor gathering as soon as complete.

Moved. Clerk to work with Cllr. Cuss to arrange the completion of works and to liaise with Councillors over the coming weeks regarding a late September / early October gathering, or to report at the next meeting of Council.

**31.05 Community Council Summer Scheme 2021**

The Clerk provided Council with a verbal update of events throughout late July and August, and highlighted a number of potential considerations to support planning in future years.

Moved. Noted on file.

**31.06 Cllr. S. Rees. Safe Route to School (Mclaren Cottages to Idris Davies 3-18 School)**

Cllr. S. Rees provided Council with a chronology of actions and interventions with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC to address the issue of pathway flooding, perhaps best described as an established and now permanent pond.

Cllr. S. Rees highlighted to Councillors his frustration following a combination of mis-advice and poor orientation / collaboration between departments at Caerphilly CBC.

Cllr. S. Rees advised that owing to his perseverance, this issue was now being addressed, although he was concerned that others with a lower

resilience would not have achieved a similar outcome and this concerned him, in terms of the service delivered to the wider community. A conversation ensued which described routes to notifying issues and the deployment / leverage of relevant Councillors where escalation was necessary.

32 **Gwent Police**

Colleagues from Gwent Police attended for the further time in many months and introduced themselves as newly appointed PCSOs covering the area, although their attendance lacked detail on a policing update.

Moved. Clerk to write to highlight what is expected from attending Officers, to include the necessity to report crime / anti-social behaviour by ward areas. The Clerk was also asked to provide a future meeting list to support continuity of attendance.

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

- 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
- Community Council Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm

**Meeting Closed at 8.45pm.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chairperson**