

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7pm.

Present

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

Absent

Cllr. J. Bevan	Cllr. A. Davies
Cllr. D. Bradley	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. L. Gronow	

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Angharad Davies	CADNO
Jenny Cowley	RWE

47 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th December 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. D. Bradley, Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. A. Davies and Cllr. L. Gronow.

Apologies for absence were also received from colleagues at Gwent Police.

48 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

49 Matters Arising

49.01 Minute No. 42.03. Surveillance Cameras at Abertysswg

The Clerk advised that he was yet to receive a response to Council's correspondence, urging the reinstatement of cameras following recent anti-social behaviour and associated criminal damage.

49.02 Minute No 46.02. Santa on the Fire Engine Event 2021

Cllr. C. Cuss brought to Council's attention a Twitter post from another Community Councillor, Cllr. A. Davies, in which it suggested Welsh Labour Councillors were using the event to canvass local residents.

The Clerk reminded Council, that this event was an event organised by the Community Council, not a political party, and that attendance to support the running of the event was welcomed, bordering necessary given turnout in recent years.

49.03 Community Council, Sponsored Panto 2021

The Clerk advised Council that owing to recent Covid restrictions, the Pantomime planned for over the Christmas period had been cancelled. The Clerk advised he had been in liaison with the Leader of Council and had made arrangements for the selection boxes purchased for this event to be distributed to local charities, good causes and the local Children's Wards at neighbouring hospitals. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter of thanks from colleagues at Prince Charles Hospital for Council's recent donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

50 **Planning Applications**

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

Planning Application. 21/1208/FULL

Site Area. 287m

Location. Osborne Villa, Southend Terrace, Pontllynn, Bargoed, CF81 9RL

Proposal. Erect first floor rear extension with alterations at Osborne Villa, Southend Terrace, Pontllynn, Bargoed, CF81 9RL

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 21/0736/OUT

Site Area. 1260m

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

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

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 21/1054/FULL

Site Area. 523m

Location. Golygfa'r-cwm School Lane, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LX.

Proposal. Convert loft, construct dormer and erect side extension at Golygfa'r-cwm School Lane, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5LX.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£02,259.47**.

52 **Correspondence**

52.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th January 2022 (Clerk).

Moved. Noted on file.

52.02 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th January 2022 (Councillor Allowance).

Moved. Noted on file.

52.03 The Fire Fighters Charity

Letter of thanks following Council's recent donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

52.04 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 December 2021 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 December 2021 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 December 2021 from Account x0x7x1x5

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

52.05 Upper Rhymney Primary School

Letter of thanks following Council's recent donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

52.06 Pen Bryn Oer Wind Farm

Leaflet highlighting application dates and deadlines for 2022, which included the following dates:

○ 9 March 2022 (decisions will be made by the end of May); and

○ 31 August 2022 (decisions will be made by mid-November).

Moved. Clerk to circulate a copy of the leaflet with the minutes from the meeting.

Moved. Clerk to post the leaflet on Council's website for future reference.

52.07 Caerphilly CBC

Welsh Government Consultation Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Community and Town Councils Statutory Guidance

The Clerk summarised to Councillors the component parts of the guidance relevant to the Community Council, and advised Council these would be incrementally introduced in the period to Autumn 2022.

53 Report of the Clerk

53.01 Payments and Invoices

The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. All payments were approved by Members.

53.02 Queen's Platinum Jubilee / June 2022

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed this item be deferred for discussion at the February meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to circulate materials to support decision making.

53.03 Use of Welsh at Council Meetings / Council Documentation and Correspondence

The Clerk updated Council on the Welsh language position at all Town and Community Councils across the Caerphilly CBC area, including the infrastructure available at Caerphilly CBC (translation services) to be able to support. The Clerk also advised on advice received regarding the necessity to ensure accuracy in translation, guiding Council away from non-standard services for translation, be that digital or local lay-person capability. The Clerk also highlighted the need to consider the financial and time implications of any

move to a totally bi-lingual offering, something that Council would need to budget for coming years.

Council agreed that it would do everything possible within the currently non-budgeted position to offer services in the medium of Welsh. This included the bi-lingual production of flyers, leaflets and posters.

54 **Cadno. Update on the RWE Wind Farm Proposal**

Angharad Davies CADNO (Comms & Engagement) and Jenny Cowley RWE attended Council for a second time, updating on progress with their planning to develop an application / proposal for a wind turbine farm on common land to the east of Rhymney Common Road (between Rhymney Bridge and Asda Superstore, Dowlais Top).

Their update including information on the two planning applications likely to be submitted; one to Wales Government / /Caerphilly CBC on the proposal, the other to develop on common land. It also included detail on the extensive public consultation to be held later this year, a combination of leaflet distribution, online and in-person events.

Angharad Davies CADNO (Comms & Engagement) and Jenny Cowley RWE then took questions from Councillors regarding the approach taken for community benefit fund and the fair-share approach, mindful of cross-border impacts for a lesser number of turbines with Merthyr CBC.

Angharad Davies CADNO (Comms & Engagement) and Jenny Cowley RWE committed to keep Council abreast of developments and to return later in the year to discuss further. The Chairperson on Council, Cllr. H. Williams thanked the Angharad Davies and Jenny Cowley for attending and presenting to Council.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 10th February 2022 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th April 2022 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7pm (AGM)
- Community Council Thursday 9th June 2022 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

_____ **Chairperson**

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHEQUES

Date of Meeting

Thursday 13th January 2022

Minute Number

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Cheque No.	Nature of Payment / Payee	Amount
3899	Salary / Mr. G. O. Williams (December)	£00,643.57
3900	Broadband & Telephone / Mr. G. O. Williams	£00,092.77
3901	Tax & NI (Q3) / HMRC	£01,523.13
		£02,259.47