

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 6pm.

Present

Cllr. M. L. Thomas (Chairperson)	Cllr. M. Powell
Cllr. D. Harse	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. L. Harrison
Cllr. L. Pulsford	Cllr. C. Cuss
Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. L. Dykes

Apologies

Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr D. Bradley	

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Angharad Davies	Cadno Communications
Kathryn Harries	RWE Pen March Wind Farm
Jenny Cowley	RWE Pen March Wind Farm

23 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022, previously circulated to Members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. M.L. Thomas.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. H. Williams, and Cllr. D. Bradley.

24 Declarations of Interest

24.01 Cllr. M. Powell declared an interest in all items for planning. Cllr. Powell stayed in the meeting room, but did not contribute to the discussion.

24.02 Cllr. C. Cuss declared an interest in Minute No. 24.03. Ael-y-bryn Community Centre. Breakfast with Santa Claus. Cllr. Cuss stayed in the meeting room, outlined the proposal, but did not contribute to the discussion.

25 Matters Arising

25.01 Minute No. 20.05.2022/23. Code of Conduct Training

The Clerk confirmed that further to an initial session organised for October 20th 2022, that he was awaiting additional dates and the provision of an online recorded version of the session.

Moved. Clerk to report when further information is received.

25.02 Minute No. 21.05.2022/23. Santa on a Fire Engine

The Clerk confirmed that no building work had started at Rhymney Station and therefore the second of four stops would be held there, as in previous years.

Moved. Clerk to produce the leaflets / posters associated with the promotion of the event and to circulate as appropriate.

25.03 Minute No. 21.07.2022/23. Breakfast with Santa Claus at Ael-y-bryn Community Centre.

Further to discussion, it was agreed that Council make a £50.00 donation towards the purchase of selection boxes.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate the payment.

25.04 Minute No. 22/2022/23. Rhymney Valley Food Bank.

Further to discussion, it was agreed that Council make a £1,000.00 donation towards the purchase of food stocks.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate the payment.

26 **Planning Applications**

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

Planning Application. 22/0748/Full

Site Area. 648m

Location. Land adjacent to Sycamores, Abertysswg Road, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5AE.

Proposal. Erect detached dwelling at Land adjacent to Sycamores, Abertysswg Road, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5AE.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 22/0878/RM

Site Area. 9256m

Location. Edwards and Ross Pallets, Old Highways Depot, Pontlottyn Link Road, Pontlottyn, Bargoed, CF81 9QZ.

Proposal. Seek approval of the reserved matters in respect of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of planning consent 19/0679/NCC (vary conditions 5 (layout), 6 (Drainage), 13 (Noise Barrier), 14 (Coal) of planning consent 16/0642/OUT (Erection of residential development (indicative 25 dwellings) and associated infrastructure)) and discharge condition 05 at Edwards and Ross Pallets, Old Highways Depot, Pontlottyn Link Road, Pontlottyn, Bargoed, CF81 9QZ.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Notification of Planning Appeal

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 174 Appeal Against An Enforcement Notice.

Location. Land at Former Station House, Rhymney, NP22 5QG.

Inspectorate Reference: APP/K6920/C/20/3248769 & APP/K6920/A/20/3248767

Local Planning Authority Reference: ENF/19/0069 and 19/0536/RET

Appellants Name: Mr. Ronald Jones

Breach: Without planning permission, the unauthorised material change in the use of the land to a gypsy site.

Moved. Noted on file.

Moved. Clerk to write to add supportive comments backing the initial decision to request the decommissioning of the site. The Clerk to also highlight the continued development of the site without permission.

27 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

September 2022. The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£09,807.53**.

28 Correspondence

28.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th October 2022.

Moved. Noted on file.

28.02 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th November 2022.

Moved. Noted on file.

28.03 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet for period to 8 September 2022 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 October 2022 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 8 November 2022 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 September 2022 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 October 2022 from Account x6x4x9x0

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Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 September 2022 from Account x0x7x1x5

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Invoice. Banking period 10 August 2022 to 09 September 2022.

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Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Autopayment.

28.04 Western Power Distribution

Temporary Unmetered Connection for festive period 2022/23.

Moved. Clerk to forward the necessary paperwork to colleagues at Centregreat for completion to support Council's unlimited supply for 2022/23

28.05 Print Evolution

Invoice for Pantomime Printing 2022/23 – Tickets and Posters.

Moved. Payment £38.27.

28.06 Clerk presented invoice for sundries.

Poppy Lamppost Cable Ties purchased from Screwfix Merthyr Tydfil

Moved. Payment. £29.08.

28.07 Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

Invoice for subscription in 2022/23.

Moved. Payment. £100.00.

- 28.08 Clerk presented invoice for sundries.
Santa Suit, glasses and wig / beard set purchased via Benberts Ltd
Moved. Payment. £197.52.
- 28.09 Caerphilly CBC
Surveillance Camera at Rhymney / Abertysswg – Perm116.
Mandatory consultation to support annual Privacy Impact Assessment.
Moved. Following discussion, it was agreed the Clerk write to confirm that Council wishes to retain their presence as a deterrent and support in the address of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 28.10 Rhymney Cancer Self Help Group
Grant aid application for funding towards print costs for the production of an annual calendar.
Moved. Payment £100.00.
- 28.11 Pontlottyn Allotment Association
Grant aid application towards the continued provision of allotment facilities in Pontlottyn.
Moved. Payment £75.00.
- 28.12 Penuel Baptist Church Rhymney
Grant aid application towards the running costs of community focused / wellbeing services delivered from the Church.
Moved. Payment £75.00.
- 29 **Report of the Clerk**
- 29.01 **Payments and Invoices**
The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.
Moved. All payments were approved by Members.
- 29.02 **Armistice Day Arrangements 2022**
The Clerk confirmed arrangements were now in place with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC regarding various road closures associated with the Rhymney and Abertysswg Services. The Clerk also confirmed the purchase of four wreaths, via the Royal British Legion.
Moved. Payment. £110.00.
Moved. Clerk distributed wreaths to Members as follows:
 - Rhymney. Cllr. M. L. Thomas;
 - Princetown. Cllr. L. Dykes;
 - Abertysswg. Cllr. L. Gronow; and
 - Pontlottyn. Cllr. G. Oliver.Moved. Named Councillors to attend respective service/s and lay a wreath on behalf of Council.
- 30 **Pen March Wind Farm**
The development of national significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016
Consultation before applying for planning permission notice under Article 8 nd 9(2).

Proposed development at Pen March Wind Farm (PEDW Ref No: DNS/3253147).

Angharad Davies CADNO (Comms & Engagement), Kathryn Harries and Jenny Cowley RWE attended Council for a third 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), highlighting a series of consultation events being held throughout the community during November 2022 (information circulated to Councillors), and urging Council to also respond to the consultation which ends on December 15th 2022.

Angharad Davies CADNO (Comms & Engagement), Kathryn Harries and Jenny Cowley RWE then answered a number of technical and non-technical questions from Councillors. Within these responses a number of issues were highlighted on behalf of local residents, chiefly associated with the historical and ecological significance of the area. Standard responses were provided, highlighting that due diligence would be applied as appropriate.

Moved. Clerk to gather Council's collective opinion at the December meeting of Council, responding as appropriate.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 12th January 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 9th February 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 9th March 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 13th April 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council (AGM) Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.10pm

_____ **Chairperson**