

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Cllr. C. Cuss (Chairperson)	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. L. Harrison	Cllr. M. Powell
Cllr. L. Dykes	Cllr. D. Harse

Apologies

Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr D. Bradley	Cllr. L. Gronow
Cllr. M. L. Thomas	Cllr. J. E. Hughes
Cllr. L. Pulsford	

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Inspector L. Thompson	Gwent Police
Ward Manager. I. Jenkins	Gwent Police

39 Minutes / Apologies

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. H. Williams, Cllr. M.L. Thomas, Cllr. D. Bradley, Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. J. E. Hughes and Cllr. L Pulsford.

40 Declarations of Interest

40.01 There were no declarations of interest.

41 Matters Arising

41.01 Minute No. 36.08/2022-23. New Tredegar Chargers Girls Rugby

Application for Grant Aid 2022-23.

Further to discussion with the Team Manager of the Chargers, the Clerk confirmed player membership from the wider Community Council area.

Moved. Council agreed to make a £100.00 donation.

41.02 Pen Bryn Oer. Grant Reclaim

The Clerk confirmed that previously secured grant from the Pen Bryn Oer Scheme and in support the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations (totalling £2,000.00) was scheduled to be paid to Council on January 13th.

Moved. Noted in the finance file,

42 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application. 22/1016/FULL

Site Area. 3034m

Location. Maerdy House, Wellington Way, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5PZ

Proposal. Erect 5x two-bedroom bungalows and conduct associated road and boundary alterations at Maerdy House, Wellington Way, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5PZ.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 22/1039/CLPU

Site Area. 298m

Location. 39 Carno Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5EE.

Proposal. Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rear dormer extension at 39 Carno Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5EE.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

43 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£03,982.17**

44 Correspondence

44.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th January 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

44.02 Gwent Police

Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team Policing and ASBO report for the period December 2022.

Moved. Noted on file.

44.03 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 December 2022 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 December 2022 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 December 2022 from Account x0x7x1x5

Invoices. For banking 10th October 2022 to 9th November 2022

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Autopayment.

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Receipt of Sheet for period to 09 January 2023 from Account x0x7x1x5

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Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

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44.04 Rhymney Cancer Self Help Group

Thank you letter following Council's recent Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file

- 44.05 The Fire Fighters Charity
Thank you letter following Council's recent Grant Aid donation.
Moved. Noted on file
- 44.06 Ysgol Y Lawnt
Thank you letter following Council's recent Grant Aid donation.
Moved. Noted on file
- 44.07 Marie Curie
Grant aid application towards to general running costs of the charity.
Moved. Payment £50.00.
- 44.08 Yes Cymru
Request for Grant Funding
Moved. Council declined the application for funding, suggesting the matter of feasibility or political argument sat with the political group / movement, a conversation with colleagues at the Senedd more appropriate.
- 44.09 UK Army
Invitation to Army Engagement Event to be held at Lewis School, Bargoed, CF81 8LJ on 8th February 2023.
Moved. Cllr. M. Powell to attend to represent Council.
- 44.10 Grasshopper
Request for Councillor information ahead of running a Community Consultation in the Rhymney area in the new future.
Moved. Noted on file the Clerk having already responded with relevant information.
- 45 **Report of the Clerk**
- 45.01 Payments and Invoices
The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.
Moved. All payments were approved by Members.
- 45.02 Quarter 3. Income and Expenditure Report.
The Clerk provided Council with a detailed written and verbal report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 3 of 2022/23, highlighting variance / progress against the previously agreed budget headings.
Moved. Noted on file.
- 45.03 Community Council Precept 2023/24.
Following discussion, it was agreed that Council would increase the Community Council Precept by £1,000.00 to £36,000.00 for 2023/24.
Moved. Clerk to notify Mrs. N. Roberts, Interim Head of Corporate Finance as appropriate.
- 45.04 School Governor Vacancies.
The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy at Idris Davies 3-18 School had since been filled, leaving only the vacancy at Upper Rhymney Primary School.

In the absence of an obvious candidate, many Councillors already School Governors, with others representing other areas, the discussion was deferred, pending the return and consideration of Councillors absent from the meeting.

The Clerk also reported the further use of the Community Council Defibrillators, the latest at Pen-y-dre, Rhymney.

Moved. Clerk to research the cost of replacement pads, a combination of expiry dates and use.

Moved. Clerk to agenda wider conversation on the placement of additional defibrillators throughout the Community Council area.

46 **Gwent Police**

Inspector Lysha Thompson provided Council with a verbal update on policing across the Community Council area, including progress made in the recruitment and deployment of a fully resourced team across North Caerphilly. Inspector Thompson highlighted a number of topical issues / incidents and reported against key crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for the Community Council area. Inspector Thompson then took questions / comments from Councillors, before reiterating her and Gwent Police's renewed commitment to attendance at Community Council meetings, insight and intelligence pivotal to the success of policing.

Cllr. Cuss thanked Inspector Thompson and Ward Manager Jenkins for attending the meeting.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- 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
- Community Council Thursday 8th June 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council (AGM) Thursday 13th July 2023 at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.20pm

_____ **Chairperson**