

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

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

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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08 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2023, previously circulated to Members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. C. Cuss.

Minutes from the May Annual General Meeting of Council held on Thursday 25th May 2023 were confirmed for accuracy.

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

Apologies for absence were received from colleagues at Gwent Police.

The Clerk reported a letter of resignation from Cllr. Malcolm Thomas, Mr. Thomas highlighting that and owing to ill-health, he was no longer able to fulfil his role as Community Councillor.

Moved. Clerk to write to thank Mr. Thomas for his significant term of office.

09 Declarations of Interest

09.01 Cllr. C. Cuss declared an interest in minute item 13.04 Gwent Valley Evangelism - application for funding. Cllr. Cuss' interest is chiefly by association, the Foodback operating via Ael-y-bryn Community Centre.

Cllr. C. Cuss took no part in the discussion, nor had any influence in the decision of Council.

Moved. Councillors were reminded to complete and return the declaration of interest templates circulated ahead of the Annual General Meeting of Council.

Moved. Councillors were also reminded of the need to express in writing their intention not to receive the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' recommendation regarding Councillor expenses and delivery costs.

10 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

11 **Planning Applications**

The Clerk confirmed that no application for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

11.01 **Schedule 1b – Publicity and consultation before applying for Planning Permission Notice Under Articles 2C and 2D – Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (Wales) Order 2012.**

Notification that Linc Cymru Housing Association and Caerphilly County Borough Council are bringing forward plans for Land at Buchan Building and the Whitebread Enterprise Centre, Rhymney Terrace, Rhymney.

Moved. Council is broadly supportive of the development although wish to highlight the loss of the local gym facility and request that consideration be given to its relocation.

11.02 Caerphilly CBC. Planning Department

Notification of a revised approach to the distribution of new planning applications, supporting swifter cascade for local consideration.

Moved. Noted on file.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£09,318.06**.

13 **Correspondence**

13.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th May 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th June 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th July 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

13.02 Caerphilly CBC

Making a Path Order. 21/PPO/005 RHYM/RBW11.

Moved. Noted on file.

13.03 Convatec Green Manufacturing Hub – Proposal for Rhymney

The Clerk highlighted the salient points of the proposal, following his participation at a community engagement webinar held earlier in the summer.

Moved. Council is broadly supportive of the proposal, the potential for continued employment in the area, coupled with the development / use of green technologies to power the manufacturing process

Moved. Noted on file.

- 13.04 Gwent Valleys Evangelism
Application for funding to assist the provision of a foodbank at Ael-y-bryn, Rhymney.
Moved. Council to contribute £150.00 in recognition of running costs.
Moved. Cllr. C. Cuss declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.
- 13.05 Rhymney Valley Foodbank
Application for funding to assist the provision of a foodbank throughout the Community Council area
Moved. Council to contribute £500.00 in recognition of running costs.
- 13.06 Caerphilly CBC
Email consultation regarding the proposed retention of the CCTV camera at Pontlottyn – PERM170.
Moved. Council agreed to support the retention of the camera, highlighting its use both in the detect or crime, and as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour.
- 13.07 Caerphilly CBC
Caerphilly CBC Speed Limits Traffic Order Regulations 2023 (Proposed)
Moved. Noted on file.
- 13.08 National Grid
Calculation and certificate relevant to the provision of an unlimited meter supply in support of festive street lighting in the period December 2022 and January 2023.
Moved. Agreed. Noted on file.
- 13.09 Caerphilly CBC and Gwent Police
Proposal to develop a joint statement the on the address of off-road bikes.
Moved. Council to support the statement when published. Council to also express that further work / consideration be given to the inclusion of the illegal use of e-bike on pavements.
- 14 **Report of the Clerk**
- 14.01 **Payments and Invoices**
The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.
Moved. All payments were approved by Members.
- 14.02 **Summer Scheme 2023**
The Clerk advised Council that all arrangements were in place for this years Summer Scheme, and circulated materials relevant to its promotion.
Moved. Noted on file.
- 14.03 **Defibrillator Project 2023**
The Clerk confirmed that further to earlier success in securing funding support via the Pen Bryn Oer Community Benefit Fund, he had placed an order for materials relevant to the replacement of existing defibrillator pads, plus the creation of two additional defibrillator locations – one in Abertysswg and the

other (tbc) in Pontlottyn. The Clerk produced an invoice for this purchase and payment was approved by Council.

14.04 Gwent Police / Caerphilly CBC. Parking Enforcement Nisa – Rhymney High Street.

A number of Councillors raised continued issues with illegal parking outside of the Nisa Store on Rhymney High Street.

Moved. Clerk to request support from parking / highways enforcement at Caerphilly CBC.

14.05 Request to resolve disabled toilet access at Rhymney Cemetery – Caerphilly CBC, SR17663.

The Clerk reported a request to resolve issues relating to disable facilities at Rhymney Cemetery. The Clerk advised that he had been in liaison with relevant colleagues at Caerphilly CBC and raised a Service Request for its resolution.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 9th November 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th December 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 11th January 2024 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 8th February 2024 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th March 2024 at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm

_____ **Chairperson**