

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertyswg Community Centre on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Cllr. C. Cuss (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. Harrison
Cllr. D. Harse	Cllr. L. Pulsford
Cllr. L. Dykes	Cllr D. Bradley

Apologies

Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. G. Oliver	Cllr. M. Powell
Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. J. E. Hughes

In Attendance

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023, 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. H. Williams, Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. M. Powell, Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. J. E. Hughes and Cllr. G. Oliver

Apologies for absence were received from colleagues at Gwent Police.

16 Declarations of Interest

16.01 Cllr. C. Cuss declared an interest in Minute No 22.06. Cllr. Cuss took no part in the discussion thereon.

Moved. Councillors were reminded to complete and return the declaration of interest templates circulated ahead of the Annual General Meeting of Council. The Clerk agreed to circulate again with the minutes of this meeting

Moved. Councillors were also reminded of the need to express in writing their intention or otherwise to receive the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' recommendation regarding Councillor expenses and delivery costs.

17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

18 Planning Applications

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

Planning Application. 23/0585/FULL

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. Council also wishes to ensure that a sensitive letting policy is agreed, considerate of local residents and the surrounding area; and to ensure that appropriate weighting is maintained when considering the share of social tenancy.

19 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£07,410.68**.

20 Correspondence

20.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th August 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

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Moved. Noted on file.

20.02 Gwent Valleys Evangelism

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Section 19 Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

20.03 Rhymney Valley Foodbank

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Section 19 Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

20.04 Caerphilly CBC

Email consultation regarding the proposed retention of the CCTV camera at Rhymney and Abertysswg.

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.

20.05 Penuel Baptist Church Rhymney

Grant aid application towards the running costs of community focused / wellbeing services delivered from the Church.

Moved. Payment £75.00.

20.06 Marie Curie

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Section 19 Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

20.07 MacMillan Cancer Support

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Section 19 Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

20.08 Information Commissioners Office.

Subscription invoice for 2023/24.

Moved. Payment. £40.00.

20.09 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 August 2023 from Account x0x7x0x1
Receipt of Sheet for period to 5 September 2023 from Account x0x7x0x1
Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 July 2023 from Account x6x4x9x0
Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 August 2023 from Account x6x4x9x0
Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 July 2023 from Account x0x7x1x5
Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 August 2023 from Account x0x7x1x5
Receipt of Sheet for period to 6 September 2023 from Account x0x7x1x5
Invoice. Banking period 10 May 2023 to 09 June 2023.
Invoice. Banking period 10 June 2023 to 09 July 2023.
Invoice. Banking period 10 July 2023 to 09 August 2023.
Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.
Moved. Autopayment.

20.10 Caerphilly CBC

Remittance Advice. Second Precept Payment of £18,000.00
Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

20.11 Mayor's Office, Caerphilly CBC

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Section 19 Grant Aid donation.
Moved. Noted on file.

20.12 Caerphilly CBC

Proposed provision of a Clearway traffic order on Fochriw Road near the Trecatti landfill site.
Moved. Council raises no objection to this proposal.

20.13 Rhymney Valley Foodbank

Invitation for Chair to join the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration to be held on Sunday 15th October 2023.
Moved. Clerk to offer apologies for attendance.

21 **Report of the Clerk**

21.01 **Payments and Invoices**

The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.
Moved. All payments were approved by Members.
The Clerk highlighted the cancellation and reissue of Cheque No. 004002 as the scanned copy of the cheque presented to the bank of Imperative Training was not legible.
Moved. Noted on file.

22.02 **Defibrillator Project 2023**

The Clerk confirmed receipt of items purchased, outlining that he had issued 1x Defibrillator and 1x cabinet for installation by Cllr L. Harrison.
Moved. Councillors were urged to research / consider an appropriate sixth location in Pontlottyn and the surrounding area.
Moved. Following installation, Clerk to complete reconciliation activity with colleagues at Pen Bryn Oer Community Benefit Fund.

22.03 **Armistice Day Arrangements 2023**

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. C. Cuss and Cllr. L. Dykes;
- Princetown. Cllr. C. Cuss and Cllr. L. Dykes;
- Abertysswg. Cllr. L. Gronow; and
- Pontlottyn. Councillor (to be confirmed at the November meeting of Council).

Moved. Named Councillors to attend respective service/s and lay a wreath on behalf of Council.

22.04 **Christmas Street Lighting Arrangements 2023/24**

Moved. Clerk to arrange with Lite Ltd / Centregreat Ltd that lights be illuminated daily from 1st December 2023 and until 3rd January 2024, between the hours of 16:00 and midnight.

22.05 **Santa on the Fire Engine Event 2023**

Moved. Clerk to arrange Council's annual event for Monday 4th December 2023.

Moved. Clerk to liaise with colleagues at Rhymney Fire Station to agree a four-stop model for 2023.

Moved. Clerk to develop and distribute the leaflets to local nurseries and all Primary Schools during w/c 27th November 2023.

Moved. Clerk to make necessary arrangements regarding the purchase of selection boxes for use at the event – approximately 500 units as a first estimate based on previous attendance.

20.06 **Breakfast with Santa Claus at Ael-y-bryn Community Centre**

Further to discussion, it was agreed that Council purchase 50x selection boxes in support of this event.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate purchase and distribution.

20.07 **Christmas Pantomime 2023**

Moved. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. L. Gronow on arrangements for this year's pantomime and to put necessary action and purchases in place.

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 7.05pm

_____ **Chairperson**