

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. G. Oliver	Cllr. L. Pulsford
Cllr D. Bradley	Cllr. L. Gronow
Cllr. J. E Hughes	

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Anka Sadzik	Gwent Police

31 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th November 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. J. E. Hughes, Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. G. Oliver, Cllr L. Pulsford and Cllr. D. Bradley.

32 Declarations of Interest

32.01 Cllr. M. Powell declared an interest in Planning.
Cllr. M. Powell was present although took part in the discussion.

33 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

34 Planning Applications

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

34.01 P.23/0838/RET

Proposal. Retain and complete the enhancement and redesign of portacabin canteen to a takeaway facility.

Location. Land at former Station House, Merthyr Road, Rhymney Bridge (Llechryd).

Moved. Council to highlight the continued rhythm of retrospective applications at the location and to request that Caerphilly CBC invest in education / upskilling of land owners / residents, so to avoid future poor practice on new developments.

34.02 P.23/0821/CON

Proposal. Part demolish, and part restore existing buildings and re-develop the site for a mixed-use scheme comprising residential use (Class C3) and a Childrens Home (Class C2)

Location. Land at Buchan Building and Whitbread Enterprise Centre, Rhymney Walk, Rhymney, NP22 5DY.

Moved. Council raised no objections to the proposal.

34.03 P.23/0866/RET

Proposal. Retain and complete the part demolition of the existing dwelling to create new detached dwelling.

Location. Ty Coch Farm, Bryn Carno, Rhymney, Tredegar.

Moved. Council raised no objections to the proposal.

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

35.01 **December 2023.** The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£00,793.14**

35.02 **January 2024.** The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£07,755.47**

36 **Correspondence**

36.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th December 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

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Moved. Noted on file.

36.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 November 2023 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 9 November 2023 from Account x0x7x1x5

Receipt of Sheet for period to 8 December 2023 from Account x0x7x0x1

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Invoice. Banking period 10 October 2023 to 09 November 2023.

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Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Autopayment.

36.03 Lite Lighting and Illuminations

Invoice Payment 3 of 3 for Year 2 or 5.

Moved. Payment £846.48

36.04 Centregreat Limited

Invoice for installation, removal and storage of Christmas Lighting.

Moved. Payment £4,680.00

36.05 Town & Committee Council Liaison Committee

Invoice for subscription 2023/24.

Moved. Payment £100.00

36.06 Clerk Correspondence

Invoice for provision of Telephone and Broadband (Quarter to 24 December 2023)

Moved. Payment £112.49

36.07 Clerk Correspondence

Invoice for travel associated with Armistice, Christmas & Defibrillator Arrangements (to December 2023)

Moved. Payment £40.05

36.08 The Fire Fighters Charity

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

Moved. Noted on file

36.09 Ysgol Y Lawnt

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

Moved. Noted on file

36.10 Welsh Government.

Notification of the appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972. The limit per elector for 2024/25 having been set at £10.81.

36.11 Caerphilly CBC

Notification of the Community Cleansing Team working in the area during w/c 29 January 2024.

Moved. Clerk to write to notify of the following areas of potential focus:

- Skatepark, Rhymney
- Red Ash Hill, adjacent to the Lord Nelson, Hill Road
- The Tennis Courts, the Lawn, Rhymney
- Lady Tyler (clearance of culvert)
- Area adjacent to the Royal Hotel, Rhymney

36.12 Mynydd Bedwellte Wind Farm

Email from the consultation team, questioning whether Council / Councillors wished to engage in a consultation workshop, aimed at updating on the Scheme.

Moved. Clerk to invite to a future meeting of Council (March 2024).

36.13 GAVO

Email from Mr. Geraint Jones (Participatory Budgeting Officer), questioning whether Council / Councillors wished to engage in a consultation workshop.

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37 **Report of the Clerk**

37.01 **Payments and Invoices**

The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. All payments were approved by Members.

37.02 **Defibrillator Project 2023/24**

Further to discussion, it was acknowledged that further efforts were needed to secure a suitable sixth location.

Moved. Cllr. L. Harrison was authorised to research / progress on Council's behalf.

38 Gwent Police

PCSO Anka Sadzik provided Council with a written and verbal update on policing across the Community Council area. PCSO Anka Sadzik highlighted a number of topical issues / incidents and reported against key crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for the Community Council area. PCSO Anka Sadzik then took questions / comments from Councillors.

Cllr. Cuss thanked PCSO Anka Sadzik for attending the meeting.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th March 2024 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6pm
- Community AGM Thursday 9th May 2024 at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm

_____ **Chairperson**