

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. G. Oliver	Cllr. L. Pulsford
Cllr D. Bradley	

In Attendance

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

23 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th September 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. G. Oliver, Cllr L. Pulsford and Cllr. D. Bradley.

24 Declarations of Interest

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

24.02 Cllr. C. Cuss declared an interest in Minute No. 28.07.
Cllr. C. Cuss was present although took part in the discussion.

25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

26 Planning Applications

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

26.01 P.23/0554/DNS

Proposal. Construct and operate a wind farm, battery energy storage systems and associated infrastructure – Development of National Significance.

Location. Land at Grid Reference 308961 210054, Rhymney Common Road, Pantywaun.

Moved. Council raised no objections to the proposal.

26.02 P.23/074HH

Proposal. Adapt the front access of the property to provide wheelchair access and reconstruct steps to front of property, allowing incline platform, wheelchair stair lift to access front door.

Location. 38 Westville, Abertyswg, Rhymney, NP22 5BB.

Moved. Council raised no objections to the proposal.

27 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£07,507.28**.

28 Correspondence

28.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th October 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

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Moved. Noted on file.

28.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 October 2023 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 October 2023 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet for period to 10 October 2023 from Account x0x7x1x5

Invoice. Banking period 10 August 2023 to 09 September 2023.

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Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

Moved. Autopayment.

28.03 Print Evolution

Invoice for Santa Leaflets and Pantomime Printing 2023/24 – Tickets and Posters.

Moved. Payment £154.21.

28.04 Caerphilly CBC

Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24

Moved. Noted of file.

28.05 Caerphilly CBC

Consultation on the relocation of Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary Schools.

Moved. Council is broadly supportive of this proposed development to create a sustainable Net Zero Carbon school building and shared facilities. Council did however highlight the potential to absorb / relocate the Flying Start Provision developed at Penydre, Rhymney, affording for stringer continuity.

28.06 Wales Air Ambulance

Application / letter for funding support.

Moved. £100.00

28.07 Ael y Bryn Community Centre

Application / letter for funding support.

Moved. £100.00

28.08 Rhymney Silurian Male Choir
Application / letter for funding support.
Moved. £75.00

28.09 Rhymney Heritage Group
Application / letter for funding support.
Moved. £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 2023**

The Clerk confirmed arrangements were now in place with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC regarding various road closures associated with the Rhymney and Abertyswg Services. The Clerk also confirmed the purchase of four wreaths, via the Royal British Legion.

Moved. Payment. £110.00.

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

29.03 **Half Year Income / Expenditure Report 2023/24**

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed written and verbal report of the financial income received and expenditure incurred during Quarter 1&2 of 2023/24, highlighting variance / progress against the previously agreed budget headings.

Council acknowledged two amendments to the budget:

- Defib Electricity. £100.00 to £125.00 in recognition of the fifth defibrillator having been installed.
- Defib Project. Budget increased from £2,000.00 to £4,000.00.

Moved. Noted on file.

30 **Gwent Police**

PCSO Anka Sadzik and Kris Munian provided Council with a written and verbal update on policing across the Community Council area. PCSO Anka Sadzik and Kris Munian 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 and Kris Munian then took questions / comments from Councillors.

Cllr. Cuss thanked PCSO Anka Sadzik and Kris Munian for attending the meeting.

Moved. Following discussion, it was requested that the Clerk write to colleagues at Caerphilly CBC to articulate Council's ongoing concerns regarding illegal parking and associated parking enforcement.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 11th January 2024 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 8th February 2024 at 6pm

- Community Council
- Community Council
- Community AGM

Thursday 14th March 2024 at 6pm

Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6pm

Thursday 9th May 2024 at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.10pm

_____ **Chairperson**