

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

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

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
PCSO V. Williams	Gwent Police
PCSO S. Coomer	Gwent Police

39 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024, 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. Dykes, Cllr. G. Oliver, Cllr L. Pulsford and Cllr. D. Bradley.

40 Declarations of Interest

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

41 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

42 Planning Applications

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

43 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

43.01 The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£05,873.64**

44 Correspondence

44.01 HMRC
Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th February 2024.
Moved. Noted on file.

44.02 Email from Carl Nesling, Caerphilly CBC

Query status and need to retain surveillance camera at Station Road Abertysswg.

Moved. Clerk to write to advise that Council wish to retain the camera as a continued deterrent of crime and anti-social behaviour.

44.03 **Caerphilly CBC**

Invoice for Summer Scheme 2023.

Moved. Payment. £4,900.00

44.04 **Pontlottyn Card Craft**

Application for Grant Aid Section 19 support 2023/24.

Moved. Payment. £100.00

44.05 **Caerphilly CBC**

Consultation on the Twisted Chimney

Moved. Council is supportive of retention providing monies for renewal and upkeep can be sourced via granting provisions i.e. levelling up funds. Council is also eager to ensure that site safety is of utmost importance in the period of renovation.

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 & Expenditure Report**

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed written and verbal report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 3 of 2023/24, highlighting variance / progress against the previously agreed budget headings.

Moved. Noted on file.

45.03 **Community Council Precept 2024/25**

Following discussion, it was agreed that Council would increase the Community Council Precept by £1,000.00 to £37,000.00 for 2024/25.

Moved. Clerk to notify Mrs. N. Roberts, Interim Head of Corporate Finance as appropriate.

45.04 **Council Draft Budget 2024/25**

The Clerk shared with Council a draft copy of Council's Expenditure Budget for 2024/25. Following discussion, it was agreed that Council work within these values.

Income		Expenditure	
		Type	Budget Estimate
Approx. C/F 31/03/2024	£25,000.00	Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£14,500.00
Precept	£37,000.00	Chairperson Allowance	£00,500.00
Approx. VAT refund 2023-24	£02,500.00	Councillor Expenses (15 @ £156.00)	£02,340.00

		Defib Electricity (6x £25.00)	£00,150.00
		Summer Scheme	£07,000.00
		Telephone & Broadband	£00,400.00
		Room Hire & Storage	£00,600.00
		Insurance	£00,600.00
		Postage	£00,200.00
		Stationery	£00,250.00
		SLCC Membership	£00,166.00
		ICO Membership	£00,040.00
		Website	£00,240.00
		Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00
		Halloween Events	£00,100.00
		Town & Community Council Membership	£00,100.00
		Christmas Events	£02,500.00
		Christmas Lighting	£09,000.00
		Christmas Electricity	£00,750.00
		Audit	£00,500.00
		RBL Wreaths	£00,120.00
Total	£64,500.00	Total	£45,056.00
Projected Balance Year ending 31.03.2024			£19,444.00

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Gwent Police

PCSO Williams and Coomer provided Council with a written and verbal update on policing across the Community Council area. PCSO Williams and Coomer highlighted a number of topical issues / incidents and reported against key crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for the Community Council area. PCSO Williams and Coomer then took questions / comments from Councillors, albeit acknowledging they were not familiar with the area. Cllr. Cuss thanked PCSO Williams and Coomer for attending the meeting.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

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

Meeting Closed at 6.50pm

_____ **Chairperson**