

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 6pm.

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### Present

Cllr. M. Powell (Chairperson)  
Cllr. D. Harse

Cllr. C. Cuss  
Cllr. L. Pulsford

### Apologies

Cllr. Z. Williams  
Cllr. D. Bradley  
Cllr. J. E. Hughes

Cllr. L. Gronow  
Cllr. L. Harrison  
Cllr. L. Dykes

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams  
PC. Leon Jenkins

Clerk to the Council  
Gwent Police

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### 09 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, previously circulated to Members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. M. Powell.

The minutes of Council's Annual General Meeting, previously circulated to Members were accepted for accuracy only.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L. Dykes, Cllr. L. Gronow Cllr. Z. Williams, Cllr. L. Harrison, Cllr. J.E. Hughes and Cllr. D. Bradley.

### 10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. M. Powell declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

### 11 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the April minutes.  
There were no matters arising from the AGM minutes.

Cllr. Cuss and Cllr. Harse offered a brief verbal update to Council, articulating the success and positive community sentiment received following the recent VE80 events and celebrations.

### 12 Planning Applications

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

#### Planning Ref: 25/0390/HH

Location: 21 Manest Street, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5NH

Proposal: Remove section of rear boundary wall to create access for offroad parking and EV charging point

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal, although acknowledged the potential difficulties with the proposed development.

**Planning Ref: 22/0878/RM**

Location: Edward and Ross Pallets, Old Highways Depot, Pontlottyn Link Road.

Proposal: Seek approval of the reserved matters in respect of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of planning consent 19/0679/NCC. (Vary conditions 5 (layout), 6 (drainage), 13 (noise barrier), 14 (coal) of planning consent 16/0642/OUT. (Erection of residential development (indicative 25 dwellings) and associated infrastructure)) and discharge condition 05 at Edward and Ross Pallets, Old Highways Depot, Pontlottyn Link Road.

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal.

**Planning Ref: 25/0185/COU**

Location: Rhymney Function Suite, Maerdy Industrial Estate (South), Rhymney, Tredegar.

Proposal: Change of use from B8 Storage to D2 Gym and Fitness Centre at Rhymney Function Suite, Maerdy Industrial Estate (South), Rhymney, Tredegar.

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal.

**Planning Ref: 25/0364/FULL**

Location: Oaklands, 13 Fochriw Road, Pontlottyn, Bargoed.

Proposal: Erect first floor extension and erect two storey front porch at Oaklands, 13 Fochriw Road, Pontlottyn, Bargoed.

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal.

**Planning Ref: 25/0427/COU**

Location: Flat A, 11 High Street, Rhymney Tredegar.

Proposal: Change of use from two flats to a single dwelling (C3) at 11 High Street, Rhymney Tredegar.

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal.

**Planning Ref: 24/0691/LA**

Location: War Memorial Park, High Street East, Rhymney.

Proposal: Construct new drainage infrastructure and implementation of additional landscape planting and landscape management.

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal.

12.01 Notification of end of representation period.

Application by: Convatec Limited

Site: Land to the East of Gelli Gaer Common and Northeast of Bryn Pylllog Tips.

Proposed Development. Construction of three wind turbines with a combined capacity of 15MW and approximately 5MW of ground mounted solar PV, plus associated infrastructure.

12.02 Notification of Pre-Application Period.

Application by: EDP Renewable Energy

Site: Mynydd Bedwellte Wind Farm

Proposed Development. Construction of nine onshore wind turbines plus associated infrastructure.

Events to be held at:

- Abertysswg Working Men's Club, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 between 1830-2030.
- St Davids Community Centre, Rhymney, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 between 1600-1900.

Moved. Councillors were urged to attend to learn more about the development.

### 13 **Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments**

13.01 The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£10,816.24**.

### 14 **Correspondence**

14.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Moved. Noted on file.

14.02 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Moved. Noted on file.

14.03 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Moved. Noted on file.

14.04 Grant Aid Application

Request for financial support from the 'Eisteddfod y Cymoedd'.

Moved. Award £100.00

Moved. Clerk to prepare paperwork / payment for approval at the September meeting of Council.

14.05 Grant Aid Application

Request for financial support from 'Gwent Valley Evangelism'.

Moved. Award £100.00

Moved. Clerk to prepare paperwork / payment for approval at the September meeting of Council.

14.06 Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

Confirmation of changes to boundaries and linked Councillor numbers, relevant to the next local Government Elections scheduled to take place in May 2027.

Proposal. Rhymney. To combine the community wards of St David's and Moriah. This involves the combination of two adjacent community wards to form a new community ward names St David's and Moriah. The number of Community Councillors to be reduced from 15 to 14.

Moved. Noted on file.

14.07 **Caerphilly CBC. Parking Services**

Consultation on proposed traffic order changes relevant to resident parking and following recent consultation with residents through a long-established task & finish group.

Moved. Not objections to the outline proposals were received, with Cllr. Cuss and Cllr. Harse committing to knock doors in the impacted areas to assess feeling and subsequently represent opinion in their roles as County Borough Members.

15 **Report of the Clerk**

15.01 **Payments and Invoices**

The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. All payments were approved by Members.

15.02 **Summer Scheme 2025**

The Clerk confirmed that all plans were in place for the commencement of Council's Summer Scheme's for late July / August 2025 and urging Councillors to attend to monitor attendance and seek feedback.

Moved. Clerk to complete an application for retrospective grant aid support in recognition of Council's enlarged commitments this summer.

16 **Gwent Police**

PC. Leon Jenkins provided Council with a brief verbal update of policing activities and associated priorities for Gwent Police relevant to the Community Council area. PC. Jenkins then took questions from Councillors, most of which focused on the anti-social impacts of vehicle speed on the High Street in Rhymney and the dangers associated with the increasing use of e-bikes. Cllr. M. Powell thanked PC Jenkins for his attendance at the meeting.

**Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events**

- Community Council Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6pm

**Meeting closed at 7pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chairperson**