

## DARRAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Parc Cwm Darran Visitor's Centre, Deri, of the above Community Council on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.00pm.

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### Present

Cllr. R. Chapman (In the Chair)	Cllr. D. Hardacre
Cllr. G. Matthews	Cllr. K. O'Hagan
Cllr. D. Nicholas	Cllr. H. Holifield
Cllr. P. Roberts	Cllr. P. Thomas
Cllr. A. Vincent	

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Angharad Morgan of Gwent Police.

### In Attendance

Mr. G. O. Williams	Clerk
Mrs. Gina Jones	GAVO

Two resident members of the constituency area were also in attendance.

Mr. Tyrone Powell (one of the two residents in attendance) requested permission to speak on all matters of the meeting. This request was subsequently approved by the Chair of Council, Cllr. R. Chapman.

### 29 Minutes and Apologies

No Councillor apologies were received.

The following accuracy amendments were noted to the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

29.01 Cllr. A. Vincent should have been included as present.  
Moved. Clerk to amend record as appropriate.

29.02 Minute No. 19.7 2018-19

Cllr. K. O'Hagan requested additional narrative detail beyond 'grounds of suitability' be included within the first paragraph. Cllr. K. O'Hagan reaffirmed to Council that in his opinion he had been affronted on two previous occasions by Cllr. R. Chapman (January 2018), hence his prior motion of no-confidence.

A non-productive discussion ensued which involved various exchanges relevant to alleged Councillor behaviours. The Clerk drew the meeting to order, advising that such behaviours and exchanges were not appropriate and that ALL Councillors should revisit their purpose for being. The Clerk advised Councillors to refamiliarise themselves with the Good Councillor Guide, Council's Local Resolution Policy and Caerphilly CBC's Code of Conduct. The Clerk went on to advise that recent protracted and, in many cases superfluous discussions, were restricting Council in its ability to act professionally and deliver necessary community focused outcomes.

Moved. Council agreed to surrender the October meeting of Council in favour of a learning event aimed at improved etiquette / behaviours to be designed and delivered by the Clerk and Caerphilly CBC Monitoring Officer.

29.03 Minute No. 25 2018-19

Report of Cllr D. Hardacre County Borough Councillor.

- Paths 122, 127 and 154 Require clearing should have read
- Paths 122, 127 and 154 have been cleared.

Moved. Noted on file.

30 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

31 **Matters Arising**

31.01 Minute No. 06.9 and 19.5\_2018/19

Armistice Day Arrangements\_Fochriw.

Cllr. R. Chapman and Cllr. D. Hardacre confirmed they would be assisting Mr. P. Price in organisational arrangements.

Moved. Noted.

31.02 Minute No. 10 and 19.6\_2018/19

Report of Cllr. D. Hardacre County Borough Councillor.

Cllr. D. Hardacre confirmed that a name was now known regarding the dumped material at Cefn Brithdwr and that this matter was with Caerphilly CBC's Legal Department.

31.03 Agenda Item. Report of Cllr. D. Hardacre County Borough Councillor.

Cllr. P. Roberts proposed the report of Cllr. D. Hardacre County Borough Councillor be removed as a standing agenda item, with only urgent County Borough matters to be agendaed as appropriate.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. A. Vincent.

The proposal was subsequently put to a vote.

Cllr. D. Hardacre abstained from participation in the vote.

The motion was carried 7 votes for / 1 vote against.

31.04 Agenda Item. Sheep Trespass.

Cllr. A. Vincent proposed Sheep Trespass be removed as a standing agenda item.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Nicholas.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. H. Holifield whereby the matter be agendaed / discussed annually in advance of spring / lambing season.

The proposal was subsequently put to a vote.

The motion was universally accepted.

31.05 Minutes of the Community Council.

It was proposed and seconded that future minutes of the Community Council read solely as an action / output record, not a rolling narrative of discussion.

The motion was carried 8 votes for / 1 vote against.

Moved. Clerk to introduce from the September meeting of Council.

32 **Gwent Police**

Apologies for absence were provided from Gwent Police

33 **Planning Applications**

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

Case Ref. 18/0479/FULL

Site Area: 150m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Land At Grid Ref 310277 205434 Guest Street Fochriw

Proposal: Erect single storey extension to create function room and community hall including change of use of land for the extension

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal.

34 **Correspondence**

34.1 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

34.2 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

Notification of changes the Commission has updated to its Data Protection and Privacy Policy following the introduction of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on 25 May 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

34.3 Caerphilly CBC

Update on progress regarding the decriminalisation of parking and transfer of associated responsibilities from Gwent Police to Caerphilly CBC.

Moved. Noted on file.

34.4 Information Commissioners Office

Invoice for annual subscription fee.

Moved. Payment.

34.5 Fochriw & Pentwyn Residents Association

Letter and detailed report from Mr. E. Blanche articulating concern with the approach taken / policy used in decision making associated with speed control measures.

Moved. Clerk to write to Mrs. T. Swarbrick of Caerphilly CBC in support of Mr. Blanche' earlier correspondence and to request further consideration be given to the finding and potential for future studies, to include to potential for amendment to current policy where appropriate.

34.6 Fochriw & Pentwyn Residents Association

Letter and report from Mr. E. Blanche articulating concern regarding road user visibility at the junction at Glyn Terrace, Fochriw.

Moved. Clerk to write to Mrs. T. Swarbrick of Caerphilly CBC in support of Mr. Blanche' correspondence and to request further consideration be given to speed control / visibility measures at this junction.

34.7 **Section 137 Grant Aid 2018-19**

The following applications were noted as received.

- Darran Valley 55 Club;
- Deri Short Mat Bowls Club; and
- Deri Regeneration Group.

Moved. For consideration at the September meeting of Council.

35 **Approval of Community Council Cheques**

The attached list of Community Council cheques was approved by members and amounted to **£00,950.38**.

36 **Wind Turbine Community Benefit Fund. Mrs. Gina Jones GAVO**

Mrs. Gina Jones provided Council with a verbal overview of the grant management services offered by GAVO, circulating a sample form used with other schemes. Mrs. Gina Jones then answered questions from Councillors. The Clerk explained that owing to a lack of formal agreed with both asset management companies, Council should operate a retrospective scheme, always utilising funds received in the previous financial year. The Clerk also advised that long-term / year-on-year funding could not be considered for the same reason.

Moved. Council agreed to utilise funding received in 2016-18 (£7,097.50) for its initial scheme with GAVO for 2018-19.

Moved. It was agreed that ALL Council / Councillors would sit and act as the decision-making body for applications. Quorate rules apply.

Moved. Clerk to circulate materials for editorial review and agreement at the September meeting of Council.

Cllr. R. Chapman thanked Mrs. Gina Jones for her report and for attending the meeting.

37 **Car Parking at Fochriw Football Ground**

Cllr. D. Hardacre outlined the potential lease of a small portion of land at Fochriw directly below Fochriw Football Club. Cllr. D. Hardacre advised Council he was already in early discussion with colleagues at Caerphilly CBC and the land owner regarding this proposal which would impact positively on match day parking problems.

Cllr. D. Nicholas highlighted parking problems in Fochriw extended beyond matchdays, relaying his experience of passing through the village at the time children were leaving Fochriw Primary School.

Moved. Cllr. P. Roberts to raise this matter at Fochriw Primary's next Governing Body meeting.

Moved. Cllr. D. Hardacre to report progress at the September meeting of Council.

**Date of Next and Future Meetings**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.

**Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm.**

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