

DARRAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Parc Cwm Darran Visitor's Centre, Deri, of the above Community Council on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 6.30 pm.

Present

Cllr. C. R. Roberts (In the Chair)	Cllr. G. Matthews
Cllr. D. Hardacre	Cllr. P. Duggan
Cllr. H. Hollifield	

Apologies

Cllr. W. Hughes	Cllr. R. Chapman
Cllr. T. Powell	Cllr. P. Thomas

In Attendance

Mr. G. O. Williams	Clerk
PCSO Mahoney	Gwent Police
PCSO Lewis	Gwent Police

01 Minutes and Apologies

The minutes of the last meeting of Council held on Thursday 2nd March 2017, previously circulated to members, were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. C. R. Roberts.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. T. Powell, Cllr. R. Chapman, Cllr. P. Thomas and Cllr. W. Hughes.

02 Declarations of Interest

02.1 No declarations of interest received.

03 Matters Arising

03.1 Minute No. 48.03, 61.02 82.01 95.01 and 108.1 Cwm Rhymini Practice_Deri Surgery
The Clerk reported that he was yet to receive a response from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.
Clerk reported that apologies for attendance were received from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.
Moved. Clerk to invite to the June meeting of Council.

04 Gwent Police

PCSO Lewis and PCSO Mahoney attended for recently appointed Inspector Neesam and provided Council with a brief update of developments throughout the Community Council area. Two matters of interest were highlighted by Council; the continuation of youth / drug related anti-social behaviour in Fochriw; and illegal parking adjacent to the rugby club in Deri.
Moved. PCSO Lewis and PCSO Mahoney agreed to take forward these matters and to report at the next meeting of Council.

05 **Planning Applications**

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

06 **Approval of Community Council Cheques**

The attached list of Community Council cheques was approved by members and amounted to **£2,358.49**

07 **Report by Mr. P. Lewis Senior Ranger, Parc Cwm Darran**

Mr. Peter Lewis provided Council with a written update.
Moved. Noted on file.

08 **Report of Cllr. D. Hardacre County Borough Councillor**

Cllr. D. Hardacre provided Council with a written and verbal update of developments within the Darran Valley and invited questions both on his report and / or other subjects. Cllr. Hardacre then answered questions from Councillors. Within his report, Cllr. Hardacre updated Council on:

Deri and Groesfaen.

- Speed control tapes at the entrance to New Road have been re-positioned as the initial set of data was unstable.
- Speed control into the village from the North are high even with the flashing control. As a result, data has been forwarded to the Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership (Go Safe) who are the responsible body for speed safety cameras with a request for a speed camera to be sited in the area.
- The sewerage problems at the Community Centre have been completed and the site cleared.
- Council is still to appoint an Officer to take responsibility for the environmental projects for the village.

Fochriw & Pentwyn.

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- Improvements to the Community Centre have been delayed owing to consideration to additional ground works.
- Amber Blanche has raised over £800.00 for a memorial bench in memory of Gage Murphy.
- Dumping of rubbish on the Common Road between Pentwyn & Bargoed. A meeting between Cllr Hardacre, Mr. Phil Griffiths & the Commoners Association is to be established to discuss possible solutions to the problem.

Moved. Noted on file.

Cllr. C. R. Roberts thanked Cllr. D. Hardacre for his report.

Date of Next and Future Meetings

Thursday 1st June 2017 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.

Thursday 6th July 2017 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.

Thursday 7th September 2017 - Parc Cwm Darran Visitors Centre, 6.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm.

_____ **Chairperson**

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHEQUES

Date of Meeting

Thursday 6th April 2017

Minute Number

07

Cheque No.	Nature of Payment / Payee	Amount
001776	Salary / Mr. G. O. Williams	£0,222.50
001777	Out of Office / Mr. G. O. Williams	£0,125.00
001778	Telephone / Mr. G. O. Williams	£0,097.85
001779	Quarter4 Tax & NI / Post Office Counter	£0,445.00
001780	Audit / Wales Audit Office	£0,245.85
001781	Insurance 2017-18 / Zurich	£0,433.17
001782	Room Hire / Caerphilly CBC	£0,181.50
001783	Web Hosting / Caerphilly CBC	£0,600.00
001784	Christmas Unlimited Supply / Swalec	£0,007.62
Total		£2,358.49