

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6pm.

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### Present

Cllr. D. Harse (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. James
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. J. Bevan
Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. G. Oliver

### Apologies

Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. H. Williams
Cllr. M. L. Thomas	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. L. Dykes	

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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### 63 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. D. Harse.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. H. Williams, Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. M. L. Thomas and Cllr. L. Dykes.

### 64 Declarations of Interest

64.01 Cllr. J. Bevan declared an interest in Agenda Item – Planning.

64.02 Cllr. G. Oliver declared an interest in Agenda Item – Planning.

### 65 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 66 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were received from Gwent Police.

### 67 Planning Applications

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

#### Case Ref: 18/1001/TPO

Location: Terrace House, 9 The Terrace, Rhymney, NP22 5XJ

Proposal: Crown reduce by 25% beech trees T4 and T5 to prevent branches from contacting building roof and guttering at Terrace House, 9 The Terrace, Rhymney, NP22 5XJ

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

#### Case Ref: 18/0967/TCA

Location: 119 High Street, Rhymney, NP22 5NG

Proposal: Carry out relevant tree works including fell all sycamore ash and conifer on the property, fell horse chestnut due to proximity and damage to mains power lines and telephone lines and all trees too close to boundary walls causing risk / damage to passers-by at 119 High Street, Rhymney, NP22 5NG

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

**Case Ref: 18/0972/FULL**

Location: 40 Hill Street, Rhymney, NP22 5JH

Proposal: Raise roof to form level with fascia line and internal alterations at 40 Hill Street, Rhymney, NP22 5JH.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

**Case Ref: 18/0949/FULL**

Location: 52 Dan-y-Graig, Pontlottyn, Bargoed, CF81 9RT

Proposal: Erect single storey front extension at 52 Dan-y-Graig, Pontlottyn, Bargoed, CF81 9RT.

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

**Case Ref: 18/0904/COU**

Location: Victoria House, Victoria Road, Rhymney, NP22 5NU

Proposal: Change use of part of building to A3 café/takeaway at Victoria House, Victoria Road, Rhymney, NP22 5NU

Moved. Clerk to gather further information and to report at the January meeting of Council.

**68 Correspondence**

**68.01 HMRC**

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

Moved. Noted on file.

**68.02 Print Evolution**

Invoice for production of Santa Leaflets and Posters.

Moved. Payment.

**68.03 Wales Audit Office**

Invoice for Audit of Accounts 2017/18.

Moved. Payment.

**68.04 Rhymney Cancer Self-Help Group – Helping Hands**

Letter of thanks following Councils recent grant donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

**68.05 Idris Davies School 3-18**

Letter of thanks following Councils recent grant donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

**68.06 Lloyds Bank**

Receipt of Sheet No. 28 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 12 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 10 from Account x0x7x1x5  
Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

68.07 Caerphilly CBC

Minutes and papers relevant to the Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee to be held at the Council Chambers, Ty Penallta, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

68.08 Footprints Mother & Toddler Group

Letter requesting grant aid / financial support.

Moved. Award of £100.00.

Moved. Clerk to prepare paperwork in readiness for the January meeting of Council.

68.09 Pontlottyn Allotment Association

Letter requesting grant aid / financial support.

Moved. Award of £75.00.

Moved. Clerk to prepare paperwork in readiness for the January meeting of Council.

68.10 Welsh Government

Notification of the appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972. The limit per elector for 2019-20 having been set at £8.12.

Moved. Noted on file.

68.11 Grantscape

Copy of minutes and awards made at the Pen Bryn Oer Wind Turbine Community Benefit Fund Advisory Group Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

Cllr. J. Bevan questioned whether organisations were able to apply to multiple funds, including Councils Section 19 and 137 funds to complete projects, highlighting the potential for 'over-funding'.

The Clerk advised Council's grant application asks explicitly about the receipt or application to other funds, completion of this section of the form being an essential aspect of requests to the Community Council. Following discussion, it was agreed the Clerk look to strengthen this area, thus ensuring Council's donations are put to the use intended.

68.12 Mayors Office

Electronic Christmas Card and Christmas Greetings from the Mayor of Caerphilly CBC.

Moved. Noted on file.

68.13 Caerphilly CBC

Draft Proposals for 2019/20. Notification of period of widespread public consultation concluding on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

68.14 One Voice Wales obo Wales Government  
Survey on the use of Welsh Language by Town & Community Councils.  
Moved. Clerk to complete on behalf of Council.

69 **Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments**  
The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£03,596.27**.

70 **Report of the Clerk**  
The Clerk updated Council on the following developments

#### **Armistice and Christmas Arrangements**

The Clerk updated Council on recent Council organised events i.e. Armistice Day arrangements, Christmas Panto and the Santa on a Fire Engine, all of which had either been a total success or were progressing well.

Cllr. D. Harse advised Council that he had attended Christmas Concerts at all Schools across the Community Council area and presented a cheque donation toward their Christmas arrangements.

Cllr. J. E. Hughes congratulated the Clerk on his arrangements and thanked the Chair for his investment in attending concerts / prize-giving ceremonies etc. thus raising the profile of the Community Council.

#### **Community Councillor Vacancies**

The Clerk confirmed further no applications had been received for Council's co-opted vacancies.

Moved. Clerk to continue to agenda monthly until all vacancies are filled.

#### **Caerphilly CBC. Draft Proposals for 2019/20**

Moved. Cllr. J. Bevan requested the Clerk to copy correspondence agreed under Minute 058.2018/19 articulating Council's concerns such a settlement would have on service delivery to Mr. Robert Hartshorn and Cllr. D. Poole (Cc. Cllr. J. Bevan and Cllr. D. Harse).

#### **Council Printer**

The Clerk advised Council that Council's printer was no longer working, was outside of warranty, with advice received suggesting replacement rather than repair would be more appropriate. The Clerk advised Council that further to liaison with the Chair of Council, he had already proceeded to purchase a replacement.

Moved. Payment.

Moved. Clerk to make appropriate amendments to Council's Asset Register.

#### **Payments and Invoices**

The Clerk also read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. Noted on file.

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

- Community Council Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm

- Community Council

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm

The Chair of Council Cllr. D. Harse closed the meeting wishing members a happy and enjoyable festive period.

**Meeting Closed at 6.50pm.**

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