

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm.

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### Present

Cllr. D. Harse (Chairperson)	Cllr. L. James
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. J. Bevan
Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. M. L. Thomas
Cllr. G. Oliver	Cllr D. Bradley
Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams

### Apologies

Cllr. D. Morris	Cllr. P. Oliver
Cllr. L. Dykes	

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
Inspector A. O'Keefe	Gwent Police

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### 70 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. D. Harse.

Cllr. D. Harse chaired the meeting owing to Cllr. J. E. Hughes' late attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Oliver, Cllr. L. Dykes and Cllr. D. Morris.

Cllr. G. Oliver verbally apologised to Council and to the Chair of Council for her absence in recent weeks.

### 71 Declarations of Interest

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

### 72 Matters Arising

72.01 Minute Number 49.02, 54.01 and 64.01. Gavo and Caerphilly Youth Service. ASBO Project

The Clerk advised Council that he still to receive an update from Bethan Moss of Gavo.

Moved. Clerk to report at the February meeting of Council.

### 72.02 Grant Aid Applications

The Clerk confirmed that he was yet to receive written applications from:

- Rhymney Ladies Flower Guild;
- Rhymney Day Centre;
- Pontlloftyn OAP Association; and
- Beulah Baptist Chapel

Moved. Clerk to report at the February meeting of Council.

### 73 **Planning Applications**

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

Case Ref. 17/1008/ADV Site Area: 147m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Family Shopper 35 High Street Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5LP (UPRN 000043017378)

Proposal: Retain 1 No. internally illuminated top sign and 1 No. internally illuminated logo panel

Applicant: Cardtronics UK Ltd PO BOX 476 Hatfield AL10 1DT

Agent: New Wave Installations Miss K Robinson Hope Street Rotherham S60 1LH

Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 [rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: Moriah Map Ref: 311368 (E) 207678 (N)

Community Council: Rhymney Community Council

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

Case Ref. 17/1007/RET Site Area: 147m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Family Shopper 35 High Street Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5LP (UPRN 000043017378)

Proposal: Retain ATM Applicant: Cardtronics UK Ltd PO BOX 476 Hatfield AL10 1DT

Agent: New Wave Installations Miss K Robinson Hope Street Rotherham S60 1LH Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 [rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: Moriah Map Ref: 311368 (E) 207678 (N)

Community Council: Rhymney Community Council

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

Councillors are encouraged to view associated documentation / drawings on the portal available via <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk>

### 74 **Correspondence**

#### 74.01 Lloyds Bank

Invoice Number 243089723

Moved. Payment and file.

#### 74.02 Gerald Jones MP

Notification of Surgery Dates for January 2018

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Ael-y-bryn Community Centre (12:30-13:30);
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Rhymney Integrated Health and Social Care Centre (17:00 – 17:30); and
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 The Farmers Arms Old Brewery Lane, Rhymney (15:00 – 16:30).

Moved. Noted on file.

#### 74.03 SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks)

Clerks Magazine – January 2018 edition.

Moved. Noted on file.

74.04 HMRC

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

Moved. Noted on file.

74.05 BT

Quarter 3 Telephone & Broadband

Moved. Payment £89.98 (at 75%)

74.06 Caerphilly CBC

Public Passenger Transport Information. Changes to bus services - February 2018

Notification of changes to route 2 following comments from passengers. From 5 February 2018, there will be minor revisions to the timetable to improve reliability.

The 0611 & 0711 journeys from Pontllytyn to Bargoed will operate 10 minutes earlier to offer a better connection with route 50 departing at Bargoed at 0640 & 0740.

Moved. Noted on file.

74.07 Caerphilly CBC

Notification the 5-man Community Cleansing Team will operate across the Community Council area during w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Moved. Clerk to respond to request a focus on all rear lanes across the Community Council area.

75 **Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments**

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£02,214.27**

76 **Gwent Police**

Inspector O'Keefe provided Council with a brief update of developments throughout the Community Council area, focusing on the outputs of a number of warrants executed earlier that day and earlier in the week. Inspector O'Keefe then made reference to a positive first meeting with the newly / recently formed Rhymney Action Group, stressing the importance of intelligence in policing. Cllr. G. Oliver requested similar investment be made with Pontllytyn Residents Association, a request Inspector O'Keefe was happy to pursue. Inspector O'Keefe also updated on the transfer of car parking responsibilities to the Local Authority via Decriminalisation of Parking legislation. The Clerk advised Council of the infrastructural spend required and the varied models being considered by Caerphilly CBC.

Inspector O'Keefe then provided Council with December's statistics and updated Council that Sergeant Carl Morgan had been successful in securing a new role, the consequence being that his role would be backfilled in the coming weeks / months. Statistics were as follows:

- Moriah Ward. Crime = 33;
- Twyn Carno Ward. Crime = 21; and
- Pontllytyn Ward. Crime = 11.

(All predominantly minor crimes / criminal damage).

Inspector O'Keefe then took questions and areas for further investigation from Councillors.

Cllr. D. Harse thanked Inspector O'Keefe for his report and for attending the meeting.

#### 77 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk updated Council that he had already made preparations to review and renew Council's Christmas Street Lighting contract, the previous 3-year contract with Festive Street Lighting having drawn to a finish over the 2017/8 Christmas / New Year period.

Moved. Clerk to prepare a paper based on received quotations and to agenda for discussion at the March / April meeting of Council.

#### 78 **Quarter 3 2017/18. Financial Report (Expenditure)**

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 3 of 2017/18 (October to December 17). Within his report, the Clerk advised Council of the following expenditure values, most of which are in line with profiled expenditure agreed within Council's agreed budget for 2017/18.

Expenditure Heading	Budget	Quarter 3 Expenditure	Percentage of Budget	Variance with Budget (Explanation)
Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£12,500.00	£09,661.92	77.29%	On budget.
Chairperson's Allowance	£00,400.00	£00,400.00	100.00%	On budget.
Telephone & Broadband	£00,300.00	£00,094.99	31.66%	Under budget. (Potential efficiency of £100.00).
Room Hire	£00,300.00	£01,550.00	516.66%	Over budget by £1,250.00.
Insurance & Subscription	£00,600.00	£00,618.42	103.07%	Over budget by £18.42.
Stationery & Postage	£00,750.00	£00,458.78	61.17%	On budget.
Website	£00,600.00	£00,600.00	100.00%	On budget.
Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00	£04,035.00	80.70%	On budget.
Dog Showx2	£00,800.00	£00,609.98	76.25%	Under budget (Efficiency of £190.02 Plus £360.00 (Income)).
Christmas Lighting	£09,000.00	£04,547.57	50.53%	On budget.
Christmas Event	£01,200.00	£01,538.73	128.22%	Over Budget by £338.73.
Audit	£00,600.00	£00,420.05	70.00%	Under Budget. (Efficiency of £179.95).
Election 2017	£00,000.00	£00,365.90	N/A	Over Budget by £365.90.
Summer Scheme	£06,500.00	£06,500.00	100.00%	On budget.

De-fib Project Potential	£04,000.00	£00,000.00	0.00%	Under budget as not committed
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79 **Community Council Funding 2018/19 & Community Council Precept 2018/19**

Following discussion, it was agreed that Council would freeze the Community Council precept at £35,000.00 for 2018/19.

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

The Clerk also brought Council's attention to the potential to secure additional funding for complimentary / youth distraction type activities via sources such as the Big Lottery, The High Sheriffs Fund for Gwent, and / or the Wind Turbine Community Benefit Fund at Bryn Oer.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for discussion at the March meeting of Council when clarity on the process for the Community Benefit Fund has been received.

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

- Community Council Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm
- Community Council / AGM Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm

**Meeting Closed at 7.55pm.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson