

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver

In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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01 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th March 2018, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. J. E. Hughes.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Oliver.

02 Declarations of Interest

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

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

Cllr. J. Bevan and Cllr. G. Oliver left the meeting while planning was discussed.

03 Matters Arising

03.01 Minute Number 49.02, 54.01, 64.01, 72.01, 82.01 and 91.01. Gavo and Caerphilly Youth Service. ASBO Project

The Clerk confirmed receipt of an email report from Mr. Stephen Tiley (Deputy Chief Executive at GAVO), in which he detailed 178-young people had attended in total over the 30th and 31st October 2017.

Moved. Noted on file.

03.02 Minute Number 91.02. Closure of Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary Schools
Moved. The Clerk to liaise with Mrs. T. Plant of Caerphilly CBC to secure the names and address of retired workers to receive a letter of thanks from the Community Council.

03.03 Minute Number 85.08 and 91.03. Review of Community & Town Councils in Wales

The Clerk reported receipt of a written report from Cllr. L. James.

Moved. Noted on file.

03.04 Purchase of Community Council Scarves / Ties

The Clerk confirmed the banking of the £30.00 received at the March 2018 meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to report in the accounts file.

04 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were provided from Gwent Police.

05 Planning Applications

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

Case Ref. 18/0192/TPO

Site Area: 13m² Location: 39 Carno Street Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5EE
(UPRN 000043000613)

Proposal: Carry out tree works on ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 79/15/CCBC

Applicant: Mrs J E N Evans 39 Carno Street Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5EE

Agent: Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217 wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Twyn Carno Map Ref: 310880 (E) 208484 (N)

Community Council: Rhymney Community Council

Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

06 Correspondence

06.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th April 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 21 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 04 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 02 from Account x0x7x1x5

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

06.03 Dawn Bowden AM for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Notification of surgery dates for April 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.04 Caerphilly CBC.

Sites of former Pontlottyn and Former Abertysswg Primary Schools

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from Brodie Thomson-Payne of Caerphilly CBC advising that following the closure of the above schools, the sites have been passed to Property Services and as the County Borough have not identified an alternative internal operational requirement they are currently marketing the sites and inviting best and final offers.

Moved. Local County Borough Councillors to advocate that any sale of property and / or associated land be considered in the round, with particular reference to the future purpose of use.

06.05 Caerphilly CBC.

Lower Rhymney Community Centre

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from Brodie Thomson-Payne of Caerphilly CBC advising the above building has closed and will be declared surplus by the holding service. As such, the County Borough are circulating internally to determine if there is an alternative operational requirement. If no use is identified, the County Borough will consider the disposal options and will place an advertisement in a local newspaper to invite expressions of interest and also place the availability on the County Borough website.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.06 One Voice Wales

Response to the Community and Town Council Review

Moved. Noted on file.

06.07 Caerphilly CBC

Invoice for Web Hosting & Maintenance 2017-18.

Moved. Payment.

06.08 Print Evolution.

Invoice for A3/4 Poster Printing – Dog Show May 2018.

Moved. Payment.

06.09 Print Evolution.

Invoice for Printing – Invitations for Chairpersons Event May 2018.

Moved. Payment.

06.10 Disability Can Do Organisation

Thank You Card.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.11 Post Office – Rhymney NP22 5LP

Notification the Post Office are proposing to re-open the above Post Office branch in a new location – NISA, 61 High Street, Rhymney, NP22 5LP and that a new agent has been appointed and will now operate the branch from this new location.

Moved. Noted on file.

06.12 DVLA Operation Upper Rhymney Valley

Notification of the above-mentioned operation and associated outcomes which included:

- 3 vehicles seized for no tax
- 1 traffic offence reported
- 1 driving whilst using a mobile phone issued
- 1 HORT/1 issued
- 20 vehicles clamped throughout the Upper Rhymney Valley area
- 70 electronic tickets to be issued by DVLA
- 2 Fixed Penalty Notices for parking offences.

Moved. Noted on file.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£03.254.14**

08 Report of the Clerk

The Clerk updated Council on the following developments:

- Preparation for the Annual General Meeting of Council, including the change of date to Friday 4th May 2018.
- Preparation for the Dog Show to be held on Saturday 26th May 2018.
- Preparation for the GDPR General Data Protection Regulations on 25th May 2018, including staff training and current indecision and conflicting advice on the role of the Clerk as a Data Protection Officer; and
- Preparation for the Chairperson's Annual Event scheduled for Friday 18th May 2018.

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

Moved. Noted on file.

09 Christmas Lighting 2018-2021

This item was deferred for discussion at the June meeting of Council.

10. Summer Scheme 2018

Moved. Clerk to liaise with Mr. Sean Davies and Mr. Dale Lewis of Caerphilly CBC to develop a 4-week, 3 centre scheme to commence in late July and run throughout August 2018. Cost approx. £6,500.00.

Moved. Clerk to update at the June meeting of Council.

11. Bro Cymru. Presentation from Mr. David Llewellyn

Caerphilly CBC and Blaenau Gwent CBC are looking into the feasibility of developing a walking / cycling route (possibly horse-riding too) from the Upper Rhymney Valley following primarily the route of the former Halls Trefil Tramroad (along with the Bryn Oer Tramroad) to link with the Brinore Tramroad that links Trefil to Talybont on Usk. Essentially, the corridor will run between Butetown via Tafarnaubach / Parc Bryn Bach up towards Trefil along the former Hall's Trefil Tramroad to connect with the Brinore trail over to Talybont-on-Usk (see map).

Bro Cymru were appointed to identify and research possible routes to try to deliver a fully-mapped trail (with associated marketing materials) that will be an attraction for local communities and visitors. Bro Cymru are keen to understand how the trail might be best interpreted, what artefacts or other material might exist to support and augment that, and how the trail should link to heritage and other attractions in the area through a "corridor and spokes" approach. Bro Cymru are also keen to understand how the trail might support local communities and how best they could be involved with it.

Moved. Councillors were asked to complete and return the attached template.

Moved. Clerk to collate Councillor responses and to provide a single return to Mr. David Llewellyn.

Cllr. J. E. Hughes thanked Mr. David Llewellyn for his report and for attending the meeting.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council / AGM Friday 4th May 2018 at 6.30pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

_____ **Chairperson**