

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm.

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### Present

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

### Apologies

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

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
PC Terry George Ward Manager	Gwent Police

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### 89 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 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, Cllr. D. Morris, and Cllr. L. Dykes.

The Clerk advised Council this was Cllr. D. Morris' sixth consecutive absence, an absence caused by recent ill-health.

Moved. Clerk to write to Cllr. D. Morris to seek clarity on whether he wishes for a health-related exemption to be considered / applied.

Moved. Clerk to report outcome of this exchange at the next meeting of Council and to agenda thereafter for resolution.

Cllr. J. Bevan, Cllr. L. James and Cllr. G. Oliver purchased Council Scarfs.

Moved. Clerk to bank the £30.00 receipted.

### 90 Declarations of Interest

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

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

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

### 91 Matters Arising

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

The Clerk advised that he had established contact and was awaiting the promised report.

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

91.02 Closure of Abertysswg and Pontllytyn Primary Schools

Cllr. G. Oliver highlighted to Council that further to the above-mentioned School closures and subsequent merger with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School, a number of longstanding members of staff had recently finished working for the Local Authority.

Moved. Cllr. G. Oliver to supply the Clerk with a list of Names / Addresses / Employment Context.

Moved. Clerk to prepare a letter of thanks from the Community Council in recognition of their individual and collective efforts and endeavour over the years.

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

Cllr. L. James provided Council with a brief update following her attendance at the above-mentioned workshop. Cllr. L. James agreed to provide the Clerk with a written report summarising the main points of discussion.

Cllr. J. E. Hughes thanked Cllr. L. James for her report and for attending the workshop.

92 **Gwent Police**

PC. Terry George (Ward Manager for Bargoed) providing Council with a brief update of developments throughout the Community Council area.

PC George then provided Council with February's statistics. Crime statistics were as follows:

- 37 Moriah Ward.
- 12 Twyn Carno Ward.
- 12 Pontlottyn Ward.

PC George did not provide Council with statistics relevant to anti-social behaviour. PC George agreed to liaise with local Ward Manager PC Paul Broad to further breakdown statistics across the ward of Moriah.

PC. George then took questions and areas for further investigation from Councillors. Cllr. J. Bevan thanked colleagues from Gwent Police for their endeavour and support during the recent period of inclement weather. Cllr. M. L. Thomas thanked colleagues for the swift response to the issue of Quad Bikes in the Tan-y-bryn area of Rhymney.

Cllr. J. E. Hughes thanked PC. George for his report and for attending the meeting.

93 **Planning Applications**

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

Case Ref. 17/1035/FULL

Location: Convatec Ltd, Unit 1 – 2 Heads of the Valley Industrial Estate, Rhymney, NP22 5RL

Applicant: Convatec Ltd, Unit 1 – 2 Heads of the Valley Industrial Estate, Rhymney, NP22 5RL

Proposal. Replace existing process vent ductwork with new, to include filter and carbon absorber to facilitate the installation of the Regenerative Thermal Oxidiser (RTO)

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

Case Ref. 18/0154/FULL

Location: Land at Grid Ref 312805 205758 Warns Terrace, North Lane, Abertysswg.

Applicant: Mrs. H. Hudd, Wauntysswg Farm, Tredegar, NP22 5BQ

Proposal. Construct three dwellings at Land at Grid Ref 312805 205758 Warns Terrace, North Lane, Abertysswg.

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>

## 94 **Correspondence**

### 94.01 HMRC

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

Moved. Noted on file.

### 94.02 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 20 from Account x6x4x9x0

Receipt of Sheet No. 03 from Account x0x7x0x1

Receipt of Sheet No. 01 from Account x0x7x1x5

Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

### 94.3 HMRC

Guidance on finished the old tax year 2017 to 2018.

Moved. Clerk to action as appropriate.

### 94.4 Caerphilly CBC

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Subject: Decriminalisation of Parking – Stage 1 report.

The Clerk summarised for Council the likely associated timescale for the transfer of this work and responsibility, highlighting the implications of April and October applications to Welsh Government and the quoted overall timeline of between 15 and 24 months.

Moved. Noted on file.

### 94.5 General Data Protection Reform

The Clerk advised Council that he was in ongoing dialogue with colleagues at the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), One Voice Wales and Caerphilly CBC regarding the associated implications of this change which take effect from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The Clerk also advised that he was to attend / undergo associated training on this subject on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and would prepare and report recommendations at the Annual General Meeting of Council scheduled for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Council

- 94.6 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney  
Notification of surgery dates for March and April 2018.  
Moved. Noted on file.
- 94.7 Dawn Bowden AM for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney  
Notification of surgery dates for March 2018.  
Moved. Noted on file.
- 94.8 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2018  
In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Clerk reported receipt of the above-mentioned report which will have effect for the financial year 2018 / 2019. A copy of the report can be found here: <http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/publication-reports/58592459/?skip=1&lang=en>  
The Clerk summarised the changes to the draft report received in October 2017, the key change being the grouping of Town and Community Councils based on income and the associated impact on Determination 44 and 45 of the report.  
Moved. Clerk to agenda for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of Council.
- 94.9 The Royal British Legion  
Invoice for 4x Wreaths - £95.00.  
Moved. Payment.
- 94.10 HMRC  
Balance payment for PAYE / NI to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - £266.41.  
Moved. Payment.
- 94.11 One Voice Wales  
Letter from Mr. Lyn Cadwallader offering none member Councils a 50% discount in the first year of any newly agreed membership.  
Moved. Noted on file.
- 94.12 Caerphilly CBC  
Letter from Mr. Carl Nesling Assistant Community Safety Officer regarding the annual review of the surveillance camera located at Pontlottyn.  
The Surveillance Camera Commissioner has put a responsibility on Local Authorities to justify any deployment of surveillance cameras via a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). Such assessments are now required before deploying any new cameras and for assessing the continuing need for existing cameras. PIA's consider whether there is a justified need for the deployment of cameras, for example serious, frequent antisocial behaviour. It also considers the impact on those subjected to the surveillance, whether such actions are proportionate to the problem they aim to address and if other less intrusive measures have been considered. Within his narrative, Mr. Nesling made reference to the following statistics relevant the Pontlottyn camera in the period 01/02/2017 to 31/01/2018:
- 2095 targeted CCTV patrols carried out by Operators;

- 17 incidents monitored by CCTV not requiring police attendance;
- 14 police request for assistance for live incidents; and
- 09 police requests to view retrospective CCTV footage after incident has already occurred.

Following discussion, Council agreed to support the continuation of this facility chiefly as a deterrent measure. Cllr. G. Oliver reiterated that Council was desperate to retain the camera as a means of deterrent and detection.

94.13 Bro Cymru

Letter from Mr. David Llewellyn of Bro Cymru seeking Councils support in the proposed development of a walking and cycling trial between Butetown and Trefil, linking the Brinore Trial to Talybont and Usk. The proposal would enhance tourism in the Rhymney and Tredegar areas (and wider) and also improve the amenity for the local community.

Moved. Clerk to invite Mr. David Llewellyn to present for 15minutes at the April meeting of Council.

94.14 National Grid

Copy of publicity materials relevant to the imminent refurbishment of overhead power lines between Walham and Cilfynydd.

Moved. Clerk to publish on the Community Council website.

94.15 Keep Wales Tidy

Town and Community Council Funding Brochure through Section 137 Grant Aid.

Moved. Clerk to research and report options to Council at the June meeting of Council.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£01,650.20**.

96 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk acknowledged a clash between the County Borough and Community Council Annual General Meetings – both scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moved. Clerk to reschedule to avoid this clash.

**Moved. Council's Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm.**

The Clerk confirmed that he would be making arrangements to clear and securing dispose of obsolete Council materials currently stored at the OAP Centre in Abertyswg over the next six to eight weeks.

97 **External Funding 2018/19**

The Clerk advised Council that this discussion was best deferred until the end-of-year financial position was better known.

Moved. Clerk to consider inclusion at the June / July meeting of Council.

98 **Silent Soldier Campaign November 2018**

Following discussion, it was agreed Council would pursue the sponsorship of one 'Silent Soldier' for positioning adjacent to the War Memorial in Rhymney. Moved. Clerk to liaise with Lynne Woodyatt to arrange purchase and positioning.

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

- 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 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm**
- Chairpersons Function Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from 7pm

**Meeting Closed at 8.05pm.**

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