

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Abertysswg Community Centre of the above Community Council on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. P. Oliver	Cllr. L. Gronow
Cllr. G. Oliver	

In Attendance

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th September 2018, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. D. Harse.

Cllr. J. Bevan requested the minutes reflect the acceptance of £150.00 under the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Determination 47.

Moved. This was accepted by Council.

Moved. Cllr. E. James confirmed she had written to the Clerk to formally accept this payment.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. P. Oliver and Cllr. G. Oliver.

47 Declarations of Interest

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

48 Matters Arising

48.01 Minute No. 41.10 Lloyds Bank_Group Public Affairs

Cllr. D. Bradley provided Council with a verbal update following attendance of a public meeting held earlier in the month. Within her report, Cllr. D. Bradley updated Council on the mobile banking approach to be offered three days per week.

Moved. Clerk to write to Lloyds Bank to enquire about the future use of the property and the potential for gifting it for use by the Community / Community Council.

49 Gwent Police

Apologies for absence were belatedly received from Gwent Police.

50 Planning Applications

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

Case Ref. 18/0728/NOTD

Location: 1-9 River Road, Pontllytyn, Bargoed, CF81 9PN

Proposal: Demolish block of nine flats

Ward: Pontllytyn

Community Council: Rhymney Community Council

Moved. Council raise no objections to the proposal

The Clerk also reported receipt of two additional pieces of correspondence relevant to planning, both from the Planning Inspectorate:

Case Ref. Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd, Wauntysswg Farm, Abertysswg, Rhymney, NP22 5BQ

Notification of suspension of proceedings relevant to the above-mentioned application.

Moved. Noted on file.

Case ref. Miller Argent (South Wales) Limited

Site Address: Land West and South West of Rhymney, North and West of Pontllytyn and Fochriw, Caerphilly, CF48 4AE.

Notification of appeal application having been closed owing to the lack of supply of additional information relevant to the Environment Statement (ES)

Moved. Noted on file.

51 **Correspondence**

51.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th October 2018.

Moved. Noted on file.

51.02 Wales Audit Office – End of Year Audit

Completion and Certification of the Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2018.

The Clerk advised Council that the external auditor's report stated that on the basis of their review, the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Auditor General for Wales' requirements and no matters of concern have been highlighted.

Cllr. Harse put on file Council's thanks for the hard work and efforts of both the Clerk and internal Auditor, Mrs. J. Richards.

Moved. Clerk to write to thank Mrs. J. Richards for her continued support.

Moved. Noted on file.

Moved. Clerk to conclude associated activities, including the completion of the publication of conclusion of audit, satisfaction survey and notification of audit timescale for 2019/20.

51.03 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Draft Annual Report 2019/20

The Clerk summarised Section 13 of the report which makes particular reference to Community and Town Councils. The Clerk focussed on:

Determination 37: Community and Town Councils must make a payment to each of their members of £150.00 per year for costs and expenses; and
Determination 39: Community and Town Councils in Groups B – D (Rhymney being in Group B) are authorised to make an annual payment of £500.00 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150.00 payment highlighted in Determination 37.

Moved. Clerk to review early in the new year for final recommendations and subsequent impact on financial planning and precept discussions planned for February 2019.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for AGM May 2019 to ensure Council adopt determinations as necessary.

51.04 Caerphilly CBC.

Notification of the Autumn / Winter Weed Control programme scheduled to commence Monday 29th October 2018.

Moved. Councillors to provide areas for focus to the Clerk.

Moved. Clerk to collate and respond Mr. R. Hartshorn highlighting the areas of focus prioritised by Council.

51.05 Western Power Distribution.

Certificate of Unmetered Supply.

Moved. Clerk to forward to Centregreat Ltd for completion / return as appropriate.

51.06 Town & Community Council Liaison

Notification of meeting dates for 2019, as follows:

Town and Community Council Meeting

- Wednesday 6th February at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 11th June at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 16th October at 6.30pm

Community Council Liaison Sub- Committee

- Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm pre-meeting for 7pm
- Wednesday 10th July - 6.30pm pre-meeting for 7pm
- Wednesday 13th November - 6.30pm pre-meeting for 7pm

Moved. Noted on file.

51.07 Caerphilly CBC

Winter Service Plan 2018/19

Moved. Noted on file.

Moved. Clerk to include a copy link on the Community Council website.

51.08 Caerphilly CBC

Update on the WHQS Environmental Improvements Programme being developed by Mrs Anna Lewis, Caerphilly CBC at Prospect Place, Rhymney.

Moved. Noted on file.

Moved. Clerk to provide an electronic copy to Cllr. D. Harse and Cllr. J. Bevan.

51.09 Abertysswg Aces

Letter of thanks from Mr. Malcolm Harrison (Club Secretary).
Moved. Noted on file.

51.10 Footprints Mother and Toddler Group

Letter requesting Section19/137 Grant Aid Support
Moved. Clerk to forward a copy of the Council's application form.
Moved. Clerk to agenda for discussion at the November meeting of Council.

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

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£03,827.92.**

53 **Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk updated Council on the following developments

Community Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk confirmed no applications and / or electorate interest had been received in Council's casual and co-opted vacancies. The Clerk outlined that it was now within Council's gift to fill all vacancies through co-option and that Councillors should be encouraged to work within the wider community to identify suitable candidates.

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

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

Moved. Noted on file.

54 **Quarter 2 2018/19. Financial Report (Expenditure)**

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 2 of 2018/19 (July to September 18). Within his report, the Clerk advised Council of expenditure values, all of which are in line with profiled expenditure agreed within Council's agreed budget for 2018/19.

Moved. Noted on file.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 7.50pm.

_____ **Chairperson**