

Ogmore Valley Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 23 February 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom
Dydd Mawrth 23 Chwefror 2021, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance

Cllr Lee-Anne Hill (Chair)

Cllr Dhanisha Patel

Cllr Andrew Davies

Cllr Gareth Prescott

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Cllr Richard Shakeshaft

Cllr Ryan Mock

Cllr Janet Harris

Cllr Andrew McKay – joined meeting late - University commitments

Cllr Angela Jones – joined meeting late – work commitments

Cllr Hywel Williams – joined meeting late – work commitments

Scott Allin – Clerk

Laura Williams – RFO and Assistant Clerk

Suryiah Evans – Ncompasstraining (for items up to 411)

Sandra Lopes – BCBCReach (for items up to 411)

Mark Blackmore – BCBCReach (for items up to 411)

407 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following that they would be delayed and miss the start of the meeting:-

- Cllr Andrew McKay
- Cllr Angela Jones
- Cllr Hywel Williams

408 PCSO James Rowland

Apologies were received from the PCSO but he had prepared a report for the Council which was discussed.

The increase in incidents was noted in both Ogmores Vale (32 to 57) and Blackmill (18 to 25) since the equivalent period last year although it was good to see the incidents fall in Nantymoel (51 to 49). The main reason for the increased calls was Covid rules non-compliance and multiple links to same incident.

It was noted that it would be useful to see a time series of incidents so that the trajectory of incidents could be monitored by ward.

409 Public Address (an opportunity for members of the public to bring any issues to the attention of the council) TEN MINUTES SESSION ONLY

No members of the public were present.

410 Ogmores Community Council 5 Year Strategy and SMART Action Plan – update

Sickness meant there has been a delay in collecting all the information and the final report would now be discussed at the March Full Council meeting.

The Working Group had met recently and Gareth Kiddie had identified 5 strategic strands after analysing the survey results. These are outlined below:-

- **Recognition** – e.g. volunteer awards.
- **Information** – improved website including one stop shop for community information and links to social media
- **Communication** – bringing together all organisations in the Valley
- **Celebration** – e.g. Christmas lights, Silver Band
- **Facilitation**
 - Improving community facilities
 - Supporting neighbourhood initiative e.g. Bravos/Priide

- Food projects
- Training and job opportunities
- Celebrating local heritage
- Energy efficiency

411 Ogmore Washeries Options Appraisal

Suryiah Evans presented the draft report which included four options for the future management of the Washeries site. The report would be finalised and sent to Councillors for comment prior to its finalisation. It was noted that the options included ring fencing an element of the precept to ensure the area was maintained by a warden as previous experience indicated that maintenance has been an ongoing issue. There is a meeting scheduled for 26 February 2021 with Mark Blackmore of BCBC and the Community Council to examine ongoing maintenance of the area.

The importance of a warden to prevent fly tipping and maintain the area was stressed. It was also noted that the bridge has been closed by BCBC's Highways department due to concerns over safety and that options for funding its repair/replacement were being examined.

Resolved – Clerk to distribute draft report to Councillors for comment.

412 Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct & Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

It was noted that the 'Declarations of Interest' on the OVCC website had been updated for Cllr Patel and Cllr Lloyd.

Cllr Hywel Williams noted that he was Cllr David Williams' brother and was a former member of the Young Farmers.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

413 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Full Council 26 January 2021

Approved

(b) Finance Committee minutes 9 February 2021

It was noted that the Finance Committee meeting on 9 February 2020 had not been quorate and therefore the papers had been brought to full Council for approval. The Finance Committee has reviewed papers without any significant comment.

(i) Financial Regulations

It was noted that there is a typo in 1.47 and some square brackets need to be removed.

Approved

(ii) Risk Assessment

Approved

(iii) Asset Register

It was noted that there were other assets e.g. bus shelters that may be the property of OVCC. However, it was explained that without evidence of ownership that these assets would not be included on the Asset Register and due to depreciation may have no financial residual value.

It was noted that following the abolition of UDC's that most assets came under the ownership of BCBC.

Resolved – To approve with the caveat that the assets on the register should be revalued.

Councillors with any documentary evidence of other assets that are owned by OVCC should let the Clerk or RFO know.

414 Matters Arising from previous meeting

Sara Green (JustSolutions) has forwarded some prompts for Councillors to complete in order to inform the work that is being undertaken on developing The Planka. It was agreed that it would be preferable to get emailed responses rather than hold another meeting.

Resolved – Clerk to forward 'prompts' from the Consultants (Just Solutions) to all Councillors for comments

415 Draft Audit Wales report

It was noted that a confidential draft had recently been received from the Audit Wales. The contents of the draft report were discussed for accuracy and an agreed response at the last Finance & General Committee meeting dated 9 February 2021.

It was also noted that the timetable for a response to the report had been extended until end of March 2021.

Resolved – To approve the response drafted at the Finance and General Committee meeting dated 9 February.

416 Finances

(a) formal approval of payments February 2021

Approved

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation

Approved

(c) expenditure against the budget end of January 2021

Approved

417 To consider Correspondence (no decisions to be made on this item)

No correspondence that requires consideration that is not otherwise on the agenda.

418 To consider applications for donations and grants

(a) Computers for Children and Older Community

It was noted that the Porthcawl Covid 19 Strategy Group has requested a donation of £2,000 from the Community Council to donate upgraded computers to Bridgend Borough Council area. However, it was not clear how many computers would be supplied to the Ogmore Valley area and how need was going to be established.

Resolved – Clerk to request further information from the Group to establish the number of computers to be distributed in Ogmore Valley and how need would be established.

(b) Wales Young Farmers

It was noted that the Young Farmers run various events throughout Glamorgan and their last event in May 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic was due to be held in Glynogwr.

Resolved – To donate £50 to the Wales Young Farmers

419 Storage Facilities

It was agreed that rather than spending around £100 per month on renting a storage container that it would be cost effective to purchase a second-hand container that could be used to store tools and deliveries for the Council as well as other Community group. The payback period would be around 28 months. It was also noted that containers had a resale value if they were ever not needed in the future

It was noted that the permission of BCBC would be required to place the container on The Planka.

Resolved – To purchase a second-hand container for £2,640 from Ward Containers and place it on the Planka with the permission of BCBC.

420 Christmas Lights – update

A paper outlining feedback to date from Councillors and the Community on the 2020 Christmas lights was discussed at the January 2021 Full Council meeting. Councillors were reminded that written feedback on the plans would be welcomed. It was agreed that the initial plans and feedback for 2021 would be shared with Councillors

Resolved – Clerk and RFO to share 2021 plans and feedback with Councillors.

421 Flowers for Cllr Geunor Evans

It was noted that Councillor Geunor Evans had served the Council and her community for many years and it was proposed that this should be recognised by sending some flowers up to the value of £20 as a thanks you. Following further discussion, it was noted that the council needed a policy on recognition for community service whether councillors or members of the public to ensure consistency of treatment. The new Strategy as discussed under 40 above had identified 'Recognition' as a major strand that would be developed in the coming months.

Resolved

To approve the purchase of flowers for former Cllr Geunor Evans as a recognition of her service.

To establish a 'Community Recognition' scheme in the Summer 2021.

422 Advisory Group proposals on Pant-y-Wal Wind Farm Funding (a) Update on current year

It was noted that the first tranche of payments of around K£30 would be distributed in the coming month followed by the remainder of the grants.

(b) Previous grant to Ogmor Men's Shed

It was noted the remaining 2020 Windfarm grant to the Men's Shed would be repaid and held by the Community Council until a revised bid was received by the Men's Shed in conjunction with the Hen's Shed and Welfare Hall.

(b) Evanstown spend

It was noted that Evanstown receives a separate grant of K£60 per annum from Pennant Walters. The Community Council does not get involved in recommending which applications to Evanstown organisations should be supported. However, as funding to the Community Centre as well as the Community Association schemes had stalled the Clerk was meeting with Cllr Ryan Mock and Cllr Hywel Williams on 5 March 2021 to discuss how the Council could help in restarting these schemes.

423 Councillor Casual Vacancies

Cllr Hywel Williams declared an interest as Cllr David Williams was his brother.

The advice from One Voice Wales and BCBC is the following process should be followed when there are Casual Vacancies-

- declare the vacancies at a Council meeting;
- report the vacancies to the Elections Officer at BCBC who will advertise the posts and see if there is a requirement for a byelection;
- if no-one comes forward then there can be co-option;
- OVCC then advertises the post on its website to see who is available

It was noted that the Council had accepted the resignation of Cllr Geunor Evans. The position of Cllr David Williams was also discussed as he had been unable to attend

meetings for more than 6 months. The difficulties of attending virtual meeting during lockdown was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cllr David Williams one final time to see whether he intended to attend any future meetings.

Resolved

Clerk to write to Cllr David Williams and report back at the March Full Council meeting.

Clerk to write to BCBC to clarify timetable for replacement of casual vacancies.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

424 To consider matters in relation to Blackmill Youth & Community Centre

This item was deferred until March 2021

425 Recruitment and staffing (a) Appointment of RFO/Assistant Clerk

This item was deferred until March 2021

426 To receive a Report from the Clerk (a) Recognition of Community Service

This item was discussed under 410

(b) Bridgend Town Centre regeneration

It was noted that the BCBC main website has links to the Bridgend Master Plan which was an exciting project with development and regeneration of the Town Centre.

- (c) Active Travel Barriers**
- (d) Road closed sign at Buartha Junction.**
- (e) Blackmill railings on corner of junction**
- (f) Cycle track signage**

These items were deferred until March 2021

It was noted that BCBC were providing training on the Code of Conduct which was free and should be attended by councillors if possible. The date of the training was 30 March 2021.

427 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

This item was deferred until March 2021

**428 To consider any Planning Applications and issues
(a) Upper Ogmores Valley Windfarm**

The Community Council had been invited to a Planning Inspectorate Hearing on this application when it can make its case further for some sort of Community Fund if the development goes ahead.

(b) Barratt South Wales Location: Land East Cwm Felin & South Craig Terrace / Ebenezer Terrace Blackmill CF32 8RS Proposal : Erection of 22 dwellings, car parking, landscaping and associated works (Amended Plans)

Noted

**429 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Meeting Tuesday 30 March 2021, 6.30 pm via Zoom.**

Approved

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Lee- Anne Hill

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Date

Scott Allin

Clerk of the Council