

Ogmore Valley Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 26 October 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom
Dydd Mawrth 26 Hydref 2021, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)

Cllr Gareth Prescott (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Cllr Vaughan Bater

Cllr Ryan Mock

Cllr Andrew McKay – joined at 6.40pm

Scott Allin – Clerk

Laura Williams – Assistant Clerk/RFO

James Rowland – PCSO (Items 89 and 90)

89 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

Cllr Angela Jones – work commitments

Cllr Richard Shakeshaft – family commitments

Cllr Gary Rix – work commitments

Cllr Andrew Davies – work commitments

Ashleigh Davies – Warden

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence.

Cllr Andrew McKay joined the meeting at 6.40pm

90 PCSO James Rowlands

The crime statistics for 3 months to October 2021 are outlined below:-

Crime Statistics for:	Aug-21				Sep-21				Oct-21			
	Nantymoel	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Nantymoel	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Nantymoel	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total
Dwelling burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Theft from vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other theft	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Damage	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	5	3	1	0	4
Violence against The person	1	5	2	8	2	3	2	7	8	2	1	11
All crime total	1	5	3	9	3	7	4	14	14	5	1	20
ASB total	1	2	0	3	1	3	2	6	5	3	0	8
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

The following issues were noted:-

- no further reports of anti-social behaviour in Blackmill;
- anti-social behaviour in Llewellyn Street, Ogmore Vale has lessened but there are still indications of drug taking;
- attempted burglary of a garage in Ogmore Vale under investigation;
- some dispute between neighbours.

It was noted that there was a report of some anti-social behaviour in the car park at the Washeries in Ogmore Vale in the evenings. The PCSO would undertake occasional spot checks in the area.

It was noted that any complaints could be kept confidential but that members of the community should report all issues.

The PCSO noted that he was going to start a drop-in session in the Mem in Nantmoel every other Thursday to meet the community face to face. Further details would be shared with Councillors through the Clerk.

The PCSO had been working with the Local Community Co-ordinators on increasing awareness of mental health issues and where support could be found. Cllr Bater offered his services as someone with a professional knowledge in this area.

It was noted that the Clerk had contacted the PCSO for Evanstown and it was confirmed that the crime statistics being provide excluded Evanstown as the were

reported under Gilfach Goch for policing purposes. In future meetings, the Evanstown crime statistics would be separately reported.

The PCSO requested that any organised events associated with Halloween and/or Bonfire Night should be reported to him so that appropriate policing could be put in place. He had also met with shopkeepers to request that sales of eggs, flour etc should be restricted to adults in the period leading up to Halloween.

Cllr McKay noted in his role as Project Co-ordinator of Bad Bikes, that he would welcome the PCSO visiting one of his events. He agreed to send further details to the PCSO.

The PCSO noted that his main upcoming priorities were:-

- resolving neighbour disputes;
- increasing mental health awareness and working closely with other services;
- engaging with the public.

Resolved – to note the PCSO’s report.

91 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.

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

No interests to declare.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

**93 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations
(a) Draft Full Council 28 September 2021**

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting.

**94 Matters Arising from previous Council meeting:-
- Committee Membership**

The position on the Appeals Committee does not need to be confirmed until there is an Appeal so it was agreed to leave this opening as a ‘To Be Confirmed’.

It was noted that the Community Council replacement representative on Abercerdin Primary School in Evanstown needed to be appointed.

Resolved – Clerk to request volunteers from Evanstown Councillors.

- Halo Playscheme update

It was noted that Halo had thanked the Community Council for funding the Summer of Fun 2021 Active for Life playscheme. The funding had helped to run the activities for free in the Summer and October Half terms. It was noted that in total there were 1,846 children's visits to the scheme to take part in the Active 4 Life Playscheme (8-12yrs), Bounce & Play (0-8yrs) & Junior Gym (12-16yrs). There were also a number of other services/clubs/people that attended to pass on their knowledge including:-

- Ogmore Vale Fire Service;
- PCSO James Rowland;
- Dance & Cheer
- Ogmore Valley Life Centre gymnastics

It was requested that more information be requested on how Halo calculated the 1,846 children visits as this seems high.

Resolved – Clerk to request more information from Halo regarding the calculation of the children's visits.

- Ogmore Valley Awards

Councillors were reminded that one nomination had been received so far and that the closing date was 30th November 2021.

- Ogmore Valley Providers' Forum

A meeting with Halo had indicated an appropriate date for this Forum of March 2022. It would be aimed at local providers of services so that the community could see what was available. Further discussion on timing would be required but initial reaction was that a week day afternoon/early evening would be preferable.

It was also noted that the Forum would be firstly aimed at local providers of facilities and support to the Ogmore Valley rather than national providers.

- Winter Festival

A preliminary date for the Silver Band bus tour has been set as 19 December 2021 and the tour will cover the whole community council area including Evanstown. Details including a Santa Claus and the provision of biscuits/chocolates to be delegated to a meeting of Policy and Strategy Committee.

Resolved – To delegate the details of the bus tour to the Policy and Strategy Committee.

- Zoom

The unlimited Zoom connection had been purchased at a special offer price of £7.19 per month for a year. It was noted that the Council would continue to use Zoom in some form but that the return of face-to-face meetings would be put on the agenda for the November 2021 Council meeting.

Resolved – To discuss face-to-face Council meeting at the November Council meeting.

- Halo Library

The Clerk met with Halo regarding resourcing of the library area. It was indicated that while more staff resource would always be welcome, that in the current environment this was unlikely to be approved, and that they would look at using their current resources more effectively in the meantime.

- Washeries Bridge

The Clerk has been liaising with BCBC on this and has agreed that a statement along the following lines can be used:-

The County Council is continuing to look at funding sources and these are looking promising. However, even after funding is obtained, there will be a significant delay until an engineering solution can be agreed.

- Ogmore Vale Playpark

The Clerk has contacted BCBC Parks Department regarding refurbishing the tennis court area adjacent to the Ogmore Vale Playpark but has yet to have a reply.

95 Finances

(a) formal approval of payments October 2021

It was noted that the Warden's permanent place of employment as outlined in her contract was Aberfields in Nantymoel. Therefore, in line with HMRC guidance, mileage expenses between home and Aberfields cannot be claimed but anything that exceeds that amount can be claimed. The Clerk would contact Cllr Bater to discuss the HMRC rules further.

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments as attached as appendix

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from 1 September to 30 September 2021 as circulated.

(c) expenditure against the budget end of September 2021

Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to 30 September 2021

96 To consider correspondence (no decisions to be made on this item)

It was noted that a separate report outlining Welsh Government consultation that had an impact on local authorities should be continued.

97 To consider applications for donations and grants

None this month.

98 Mental Health Support

It was noted that the Local Community Co-ordinator was increasing awareness and support for Mental Health in the Valley through:-

- Free suicide prevention training through the charity Mind.
- Champions – looking for people to come forward as champions to be the point of contact to speak to people about what the Valley wants and would benefit from having and let people know what has been arranged and is happening.
- Steering group members – to help steer this work forward.
- Mental Health awareness sessions

Cllr Bater noted his willingness to support the Local Community Co-ordinator as he had a background in mental health.

Resolved – To request the Local Community Co-ordinator to discuss further at the November 2021 Council Meeting.

99 Solar Panel Fairy Lights for Planted Christmas Trees

It was noted that 6 rootball Christmas trees (1 in Nantymoel, 1 Ogmore Vale, 1 in Pantyrawel and 3 in Evanstown) were not big enough to dress this year and that a solution would be to purchase solar panel fairy lights. Three quotes had been found and it was agreed that 10 sets of Solar Centre lights at £29.99 be purchased for the 6 rootball trees and 4 others for a tree at Ogmore Builders Yard donated by an

Ogmore Valley Priide volunteer with the others being used in Evanstown and as spares to replace any faulty lights.

Resolved – To purchase 10 sets of solar panel fairy lights from the Solar Centre at £29.99 each.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

100 Windfarm Applications

It was noted that the first meeting of the Windfarm Advisory Committee had met on 14 October 2021 and reviewed each of the proposals against a three-tier support process:

A - Fully support.

B - In principle support but with further information requested.

C - Don't support and/or insufficient information.

Decisions on the percentage of funding to be supported would be made later following analysis of the further information requested.

101 To receive a Report from the Clerk

(i) Recognition of former councillors

It was noted that Cllrs Lee-Anne Hill and Janet Harris had recently left the Community Council and that to recognise their long and exemplary service a bouquet of flowers not exceeding £20 would be purchased for each of them.

Resolved – To purchase two bouquets at a maximum cost of £20 each.

(ii) Audit Wales Report

It was noted that there had been some recent Audit Wales reports into Community Council's that provided some interesting lessons for the operation of Community Councils.

It was noted that the Council is still awaiting a response from Audit Wales to its previous audits. The Clerk has chased for a reply and will chase again following this meeting.

Resolved – The Clerk to chase Audit Wales for a response to previous audits.

(iii) Matthew Rowlands - Chair Bridgend Youth Matters

I was noted that Matthew Rowlands as Chair of Bridgend Youth Matters had offered to speak to the Council in relation to ASB issues and actions the Council could take

to help. Following a vote, it was agreed by a majority that Matthew Rowlands would be invited to the January 2022 Council meeting rather than the next Council meeting.

Resolved – To invite Chair of Bridgend Youth Matters to January 2022 Council meeting.

(iv) Remembrance events and poppy laying

It was noted that the following Councillors would lay wreaths for remembrance day on Sunday 14 November 2021:-

- Blackmill – Cllr Hywel Williams
- Evanstown – Cllr Vaughan Bater
- Ogmores Vale – Cllr Gareth Prescott
- Nantymoel – To be confirmed

It was noted that Cllr Dhanisha Patel as Chair of the Community Council would lay a wreath where a ward volunteer was not available to do so.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Nantymoel councillors to request volunteer to lay wreath.

102 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

Cllr Bater has raised the following issues to consider from Evanstown:

- reinstatement of a lollipop person on Coronation Road;
- reinstatement of a skip at the end of the lane in Coronation Road;
- parking bays in Adare street;
- dog waste bins.

It was noted that the issues above had been identified through Cllr Bater via Facebook as issues and that these were all BCBC responsibilities in the first instance.

Resolved – Clerk to contact BCBC and notify Borough Councillor of the issues.

103 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

(i) ENF/367/21/ACK Complaint: Alleged unauthorised building at rear of property Location: 4 Railway Terrace, Ogmores Vale, Bridgend CF32 7EA

A local resident has raised concern that the above development does not have appropriate planning permission and BCBC are undertaking an investigation.

(ii) P/21/653/FUL - Proposed workshop/storage building - Bayliss Recovery Ltd - Plot 13, Saville Road - Ogmores Vale – update

Further information on the on activities and operational hours of the proposed workshop have been provided:-

The steel clad building will measure 10m wide and 20m metres long with an eaves height of 6m and a maximum roof height of 6.882m. It will be used for the maintenance and inspection of the company's current fleet of site operational vehicles and plant. The only equipment to be installed in the building will be either a vehicle inspection pit or alternatively HGV mobile column lifts together with a floor mounted brake test facility. Other than that, just small hand tools will be used.

- 104 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 30 November 2021, 6.30 pm via Zoom**

Confirmed the date of 30 November 2021 as Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

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Date

Scott Allin -
Clerk of the Council