

# Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



## Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

**Tuesday 27 July 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom**

Dydd Mawrth 27 Gorffennaf 2021, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

### Minutes

#### In Attendance

***Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)***

***Cllr Gareth Prescott (Vice Chair)***

***Cllr Margaret Lloyd***

***Cllr Richard Shakeshaft***

***Cllr Angela Jones***

***Cllr Janet Harris***

***Cllr Vaughan Bater***

***Cllr Andrew McKay – joined at 6.45pm***

***Cllr Hywel Williams – joined at 7pm***

***Cllr Gary Rix – left at 7.40pm***

***Scott Allin – Clerk***

***Laura Williams – Assistant Clerk/RFO***

#### 56 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

Cllr Levi Brocklebank – caring commitment

Cllr Ryan Mock – work commitments

Cllr Andrew Davies – work commitments

**Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence.**

## 57 PCSO James Rowlands

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

Crime Statistics for:	May-21				Jun-21				Jul-21			
	Nantymoel	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Nantymoel	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Nantymoel	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total
Dwelling burglary	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary other	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
All other theft	1	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Damage	3	1	1	5	0	3	0	3	5	1	1	7
Violence against The person	8	7	7	22	4	11	6	21	14	9	4	27
All crime total	13	8	11	32	4	14	8	26	19	10	5	34
ASB total	1	2	4	7	3	10	2	15	1	8	1	10
Drink Driving	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

It was noted that community groups undertaking litter picking in the Valley had come across evidence of drug taking. Further information had been provided to the PCSO who would look into the issues further.

It was noted that the PCSO was unable to attend this meeting but would definitely attend the September 2021 Full Council Meeting. The PCSO was available to Council members through email and telephone.

**Resolved – Clerk to email all Councillors with PCSO’s contact details.**

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

A member of the public who had intended to ask a question of the Council is now unable to attend the Public Address due to illness. The Clerk will follow up the query which it is understood involves traffic calming measures.

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

Cllr Angela Jones noted that she worked for Taith Newydd and would withdraw from the meeting for agenda item 65.

Cllr Gareth Prescott noted that his nephew worked for First Cymru.

**60 Presentation from Paul Jones (Founder of Better Buses for Ogmore Valley)**

Paul Jones provided an excellent presentation on bus services in the Ogmore Valley and noted the following issues:-

- regular cancellation of daytime services leaving people stranded in Bridgend;
- lack of evening services compared to other areas with no journeys after 8.30pm which impacts on social and work life;
- loss of bus service 75 from Stormy Lane to Caedu. First Cymru note access issues due to parking at side of roads;
- early closure of bus station meaning unsafe environment;
- during September 2021, due to closure of High St and Bethania Row, then the 74 will divert which may set a precedent for buses in Caedu and Stormy Lane. Also larger schools buses already navigate the area;
- since 2019, BCBC provides no subsidy to bus services;
- there was a query over how Covid support funding provided by Welsh Government to BCBC has been spent.

Paul Jones noted that it would be good to get the support of Ogmore Valley Community Council to lobby First Cymru, other operators of commercial bus services in the county borough, Bridgend County Borough Council and Transport for Wales for better bus services for the Valley.

**Resolved – The issue would be discussed further by the Council at its next Policy and Strategy Committee.**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL**

**61 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations  
(a) Draft Full Council 29 June 2021**

It was noted that the Welsh should be '29 Mehefin'.

**Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting with above change.**

**62 Matters Arising from previous meeting**  
**- PCSO Update**

See agenda item 57.

### **- Public Address**

Blackmill Bravos put a large black bin on the cycle track in Pantyrawel located behind Ty Cwm Ogwr near the bench and requested that this location be considered for an official bin as part of the BCBC review.

Cllr Hywel Williams confirmed that *'BCBC will service the litter bin placed on the community route'*.

A resident from Bryncethin wants to fundraise for an accessible swing in a play park in Ogmore Vale ward, and wondered if the community council played or would play a role in facilitating this

The Clerk has contacted BCBC on this and awaits a response.

### **- Request for speed limit of 20mph**

BCBC responded to the Council by noting that The Wales Transport Strategy 2021 published by the Welsh Government identifies as one of its key priorities to *'change the default speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in built-up areas to reduce traffic related injuries and fatalities and make walking and cycling safer and more attractive'*. The Welsh 20mph Task Force Group Final Report 2020 as well as the ongoing 20mph Workforce were established to *'identify the practical actions'* needed to implement a default 20mph speed limit for residential areas.

The proposed new legislation aims to change the **default** speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in built-up areas by April 2023 without local authorities requiring a Traffic Order. BCBC is currently awaiting further information from Welsh Government as to which roads will remain at 20mph and those which should remain at 30mph.

**Resolved – Clerk to write to BCBC thanking them for their response and noting that the Council will take a close interest in progress on this important topic.**

### **- Christmas Lights**

The final plan for the Christmas lights was agreed under LG Act 1972 section 144.

### **- Halo Playscheme**

Following, Halo's presentation to last month's Council meeting, the Council agreed to support a revised option which was to provide Halo with £4,500 in support funding for a Playscheme and to also ask Halo to redesign the offer so that it aligned with the £4,500 of support and provide some activities for 11-16 year olds.

As a result, it is pleasing to report that Halo will be providing the following 'SUMMER of FUN @ Ogmore Valley Life Centre'

1. Bounce & Play (under 8s) 9-10am & 10.15-11.15am
2. Mini Play 4 Life 2.15 – 3.15 Monday , Wednesday and Friday (1 to 7yrs)

3. Balance ability 2.15 – 3.00 Tuesday and Thursday (1 to 7yrs)
4. Active 4 Life (play scheme 8 to 11yrs)
5. Access to the gym 10am-12pm Monday to Sunday (12 to 16yrs)
6. Junior HIIT Monday & Thursday 5-5.45pm (12 to 16yrs)

It was noted that the significant funding support provided by the Community Council could be more prominently advertised in marketing literature.

**Resolved – Clerk to contact Halo regarding the more prominent advertising of OVCC funding support for the scheme.**

**(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation**

**Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 as circulated.**

**(c) expenditure against the budget end of June 2021**

**Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to 30 June 2021.**

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

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

**65 To consider applications for donations and grants  
(i) Letter from Taith Newydd**

*Cllr Angela Jones withdrew from the meeting for this agenda item.*

It was noted that Taith Newydd was a Low Secure Unit supporting the mental health needs of patients from throughout the Bridgend area including the Ogmere Valley. The request was for a donation to the list of items generated by the service users which included plants, bird tables and benches.

**Resolved to Approve the Award of Grant Aid in the amount of £50 to Taith Newydd under s 137 Local Government Act 1972.**

**66 Remembrance Wreaths and Poppies**

It was agreed to purchase the following:-

- 4 wreaths at £100
  - 20 extra poppies per ward i.e. 80 \*£3.50 = £280
  - 4 packs of cables = £40
- TOTAL = £420**

**Resolved to Approve £420 on the remembrance items listed above.**

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE**

### **67 Operation London Bridge**

This document outlined the guidance provided for the Council to consider when HM Queen Elizabeth II passes away. The Council will look at its response in areas such as websites, events, and dress code.

**Resolved to consider this in detail at the next Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting**

### **68 To receive a Report from the Clerk**

The Clerk noted the following:-

- training on the Website was planned for the Clerk and RFO 4<sup>th</sup> August 21;
- RFO and Clerk reviewing new accounting system on 2 August 2021
- a map of the Washeries site has been loaded onto the website and is also being printed;
- new picnic area plus new benches have been installed around the Washeries site and on the Community Path;
- application for the Warden post are being assessed at present;
- Councillors' updated details will be loaded on the website.

### **69 To receive Reports from Members of the Council**

Members noted the following:-

- Cllr Margaret Lloyd noted that the Silver Band was having difficulty in hiring an open top bus for a concert in August 2021 but were continuing to look at options. There had also been issues with no refuse collection and grass cutting from BCBC in Sunnyside Ogmore Vale.
- Cllr Andrew McKay noted that himself and Cllr Hywel Williams had been liaising with V2C over addressing flooding issues in the Blackmill Ward. There had also been issues regarding the cycling path, parking and fly tipping which were being followed up. There may also be a requirement for new bins in Lewistown. Finally, repairs had been made to the Blackmill Sheep Sales Bridge.
- Cllr Angela Jones noted that the Headship of Calon y Cymoedd Welsh Language school had changed and that it would be good to draft a letter of thanks to the outgoing Head

**Resolved – Clerk to draft a letter on behalf of the Council.**

**70 To consider any Planning Applications and issues**

It was noted that the LDP Consultation period had now closed.

**71 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:**

- Full Council Tuesday 28 September 2021, 6.30 pm via Zoom

It was agreed that the September 2021 Full Council Meeting would continue on Zoom as the turnout was better than face to face meetings. It was agreed to bring back the paper on an upgraded Zoom account to the September 2021 Full Council Meeting.

Confirmed the date of 28th September 2021 as Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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**Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel**

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**Date**

*Scott Allin –*  
**Clerk of the Council**