

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

**Monday 28 November 2022, 6.30 pm at Blackmill Youth and
Community Centre**

Dydd Llun 28 Tachwedd 2022, 6.30 pm yng Blackmill Youth and
Community Centre

MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)

Cllr David Newman (Vice Chair)

Cllr Rhys Goode

Cllr David Pound

Cllr Ray Searle

Cllr Andrea Jones

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Scott Allin – Clerk

Charlotte Llewellyn – Assistant Clerk/RFO

Ashleigh Davies – Warden (left at 7.25pm)

91 Apologies for Absence

There were the following apologies from Councillors:-

Cllr Sheryl Wasley – leave commitments

Cllr Hywel Williams – work commitments

It was also noted that Cllr Andy McKay had resigned from the Council. Cllr McKay was warmly thanked for his committed and excellent service to the community.

The new Councillors were welcomed to the Council.

92 PCSO

The PCSO sent her apologies and noted that the crime statistics would be provided as soon as possible.

It was noted that a meeting with the PCSO and her Sergeant would be arranged as soon as possible

A 'Cuppa with a Copper' event is organised for the Halo on 2 December 2022. It was noted that Blackmill Youth and Community Centre should also be used for these events.

Road Traffic Accident information has been requested again.

Resolved – Clerk to set up a meeting with Police and Cllrs Patel and Goode.

93 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.

94 Warden's report

It was noted that the Warden's activities had included the following tasks:-

- Putting up poppies in Evanstown.
- Attending a fungi walk with Bridgend Green Network at Bryngarw Country Park.
- Attending and passed a pesticides use course over two days in Treforest, paid for by Cwm Taf Nature Network.
- Forest Park and Garden donated tree slices for the Christmas Scavenger Hunt. Preparing tree slices for the Scavenger Hunt on 27 November at Washeries.
- Contacting Rob Jones from BCBC about organising a volunteer day at the Washeries for 2 December 2022 at 10am. Also reached out to Pencoed College for their Conservation students to attend the day.
- Setting up a 'Friends of Ogmere Washeries' Facebook page. Cwm Taf Nature Network (CTNN) has also offered guidance and a donation of money to the new group to get it started. Reviewing advice for non-profit group start-ups.
- Purchasing spring flowers for Evanstown, with any leftover going to other Wards.
- Sending flyers for the 27th November 22 Christmas events at the Washeries to local schools and Ogmere Valley facebook hub.

It was noted that Cllr Searle agreed to take the poppies down in Evanstown while other Councillors would liaise with the Warden about removing the other poppies with the Warden storing them in the container.

It was noted that the Scavenger Hunt was well attended and feedback had been very positive. Further work would be undertaken in the future on advertising the event in the local primary schools and it was likely there would be an Easter event too. The Warden was thanked for her excellent work in this area.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

**96 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations
(a) Draft Full Council 25 October 2022**

There was a small typo to be corrected.

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 25 October 2022 Full Council meeting.

(b) Draft Finance and General Committee 31 October 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 31 October 2022 Finance and General Committee meeting.

(c) Draft Personnel Committee 7 November 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 7 November 2022 Personnel Committee meeting.

97 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

Council Meeting

- ***PCSO attendance***

This was covered under agenda item 92 above.

- ***CTNN/Bench Survey***

It was noted that the Council has bid for 4 benches along the cycle path between Ogmores Vale and the Washeries and one on the heritage trail near the mosaic while at Aberfields the Council has bid for 10 benches to be dotted around the pathways

and 3 picnic tables near the play area. It is understood the decision on this will be in early 2023.

It was agreed that the additional £10k available for the Washeries and Aberfields sites should be used for the path around the Aberfields site as the Washeries had had significant recent investment unless the Warden could identify any urgent issues at the Washeries. It was also noted that the Aberfields path had drainage issues which should be addressed as well if possible.

Resolved – Clerk to get contractor quotes for repair/replacement of path at Aberfields site.

- *OV Awards*

It was noted that the OV Awards ceremony was held at 5-6pm prior to the main Council meeting and that it had gone smoothly with the Awards being made to the following:-

- Chantelle Harris for volunteering at food pantry Baobab Bach.
- Edwards3Js for fundraising for youth groups in the Valley.
- Baobab Bach as an organisation for the food pantries in Nantymoel and Lewistown.
- Betty Kerry for volunteering at the library at the Halo Centre.
- Ben Edgson from OV Window Cleaning for the provision of free cleaning services to community projects in the Valley.
- Beth Ryan of Ogmere Valley Suicide Association for their work in support and prevention of suicides in the Valley.

It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up and ask for feedback from the recipients of the awards.

It was also noted that another OV Awards would be run in 2023 and that the most deserving winner could be put forward for the BCBC Mayor's Award.

- *Pop-Up Posters*

It was agreed that a paper would be brought to the January 2023 Council meeting after further research of options.

- *Silver Band*

It was noted that the Silver Band Bus Tour was scheduled for Sunday 18th December 2022 but that the start time and route was still to be established

It was agreed that Community Councillors would to hand out bags of sweets to local children at each stop. A local provider had agreed to make bags of sweets for £1 per bag.

It was noted that the Silver Band was not visiting Evanstown and therefore Cllr Searle would research whether anyone would volunteer as a Santa Claus from the local community to hand out the sweets.

Resolved – To order 300 bags of sweets (75 bags per ward) at a cost of £300 to distribute to children in the 4 wards.

- ***Evanstown Noticeboards***

It was noted that enquiries had been made about a new noticeboard and moving the existing noticeboard and we were waiting for a response.

- ***Lewistown filming***

The RFO declared an interest as Chair of Lewistown TRA

It was noted that the filming of 'Steeltown Murders' in Lewistown would lead to a donation of £250 by the film producers to the Community Council. As discussed at the October Council meeting, it was agreed that when the funds were received it should be allocated to the TRA to support the energy costs of the MUGA in Lewistown with the caveat that the MUGA explained how energy costs were controlled.

It was noted that the RFO was Chair of the TRA and would provide a report on how the MUGA controlled energy prior to any transfer of funds.

Resolved – To ring fence the £250 receipt for the TRA with the caveat that the Council is content that energy costs are properly controlled at the MUGA.

- ***Ogmore Vale Bus Shelter***

The Council has confirmed with BCBC that it wanted to purchase a new shelter outside the derelict garage in Ogmore Vale and that the Warden would maintain the shelter. The next step is for BCBC to consult with nearby residents, the police, Traffic Management, bus operators, Cabinet Members and local councillors, prior to ordering the bus shelter.

It was noted that the health and safety risk identified has been passed to the BCBC Development & Building Control Team as they have powers to deal with dangerous buildings next/near to the public places/highway.

- Wyndham BGC Football

Cllr David Newman declared an interest as he coaches Wyndham BGC football Under 10's and was excluded from this item.

It was noted that following exchanges between the Clerk and Wyndham BGC, it had been confirmed that the need for FAW first aid courses at each age group was urgent and that Wyndham would in future bid to the Sport Wales and/or the Windfarm.

Resolved – To approve the grant of £180.

- Training Plan

It was noted that the Council Training Plan was now published on the OV website and that the Clerk would follow up the request for self-assessment of training needs with Councillors.

Finance & General Committee

- 2023/24 Budget

It was noted that the Council still held £30k in reserve for the potential costs of an Audit Wales report.

Resolved – To approve the revised budget for 2023/24.

- 2023/24 Precept

It was agreed that given the cost of living pressures on households, the precept should remain at £36 per household which given the level of inflation would be a real terms reduction.

Resolved – To approve the Precept at £36 per household

Personnel Committee

The Clerk and the RFO left the meeting at this point.

Resolved – To approve the revised pay rates and the Warden's new contract hours.

98 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments November 2022

The RFO explained each payment and showed the supporting evidence. It was noted that there was a late payment request from BCBC which related to election expenses of £1,000 and it was agreed that this could be added to the November 2022 payments.

It was also noted that as the RFO had not brought the fruit to the OV Awards then a slight downward adjustment should be made to her expenses.

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments as attached as appendix 1

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation October 2022

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from October 2022

(c) expenditure against the budget end of October 2022

Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to end of October 2022.

99 New Councillors and Sub Committees

It was noted that as there were now three new Councillors and that Cllr McKay had resigned, there was a need for a review of sub-committee membership. It was noted that the Clerk would send out the Terms of Reference for each Committee and ask Councillors to volunteer to join the sub committees.

Resolved – Clerk to send out sub-committee terms of reference and ask for volunteers to join sub committees.

100 To consider applications for donations and grants

There has been no new applications this month.

101 Silver Band Christmas Bus Tour

This was covered under agenda item 97 above.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

102 To receive a Report from the Clerk - Aberfields CAT

It was noted that the CAT Working Group met on 26 October 2022 and as a result the business plan had been updated with a new timeline to bring the environmental improvements forward and push the 3G development back a year. A Policy and Strategy Committee would meet in January 2023 to discuss the report further.

Resolved – Clerk to organise a Policy and Strategy Committee for January 2023

- Evanstown CAT

It was noted that the consultation was ongoing and that a briefing meeting with the consultants was planned for 14 December 2022. Feedback would be provided to the January 2023 Policy and Strategy Committee.

- Windfarm applications

The requests for further information had now been received and it was agreed a meeting of the Windfarm Review Group would be arranged in mid-December 2022.

- Lewistown football

It was noted that it was likely that the Lewistown football club would close in the New Year which would be sad news as it is a valuable community asset.

- Warmplaces initiative.

It was noted that BCBC was co-ordinating the warm spaces information to be included on the BCBC webpage. When this information is confirmed, it will be shared with Councillors to disseminate to their networks.

- Christmas Trees and Lights

It was noted that there has been some incorrect information provided by contractors on their ability to place Christmas trees on wooden lampposts. Further information is being requested from the contractors but, if necessary, there is budget available to supplement Glynllan and Evanstown with extra decorations.

It was also noted that Dunraven in Ogmores Vale did not have a tree and this was being followed up with contractors.

103 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

Possible CATs

- **Basketball Court, Park Avenue Ogmores Vale**
- **Former Nursery Site, Park Avenue, Ogmores Vale**

Cllr Pound declared an interest as Chair of Priide.

It was noted that Ogmores Priide had decided not to progress with two possible CATs at the Basketball Court and Former Nursery site in Park Avenue, Ogmores Vale. It was agreed that these were important community sites but further work needed to be undertaken regarding the capacity of the Community Council to deal with more CATs as well as whether direct grant support from BCBC, OVCC or others may be a preferred way forward.

Resolved – Cllr Pound would bring a paper outlining the issues and costs to the next Council meeting.

Other Feedback

Cllrs Patel, Jones and Lloyd noted that she had attended the Remembrance parade which was well supported.

Cllr Lloyd noted that students from Cardiff & Vale College were making benches to be sited on the cycle path as part of their work experience.

Cllr Lloyd noted that the Christmas tree at the Ogmores Vale Fire Station was not well lit and that this should be followed up with Centregreat. It was noted that the solar lights kept in the container could be used to supplement the lights if necessary.

104 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

No issues with applications.

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

- **Full Council Tuesday 31 January 2023, 6.30 pm via zoom**

Confirmed the date of 31 January 2023 as Full Council Meeting to be held via zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

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Date

Scott Allin – Clerk of the Council

Appendix 1

Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	11122	£981.12
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	21122	£511.10
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	31122	£425.92
HMRC	Tax 0722	615PB00145091	£374.20
Scott Allin	Expenses	EXP18	£121.38
Charlotte Llewellyn	Expenses	EXP19	£23.79
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	EXP20	£76.31
Ashleigh Davies	Flowers	EXP21	£57.90
Halo Leisure Centre	Donation for Craft Group	DON06	£50.00
Gilfach Goch Community Association	Gilfach Goch War Memorial	DON07	£225.00
SLCC	Membership Renewal	MEM241018-1	£186.00
Katie Davies	Wyndham Boys & Girls Football Club First Aid Courses	DON08	£180.00
DEC	Ukraine Appeal	DON09	£50.00
BCBC	Election expenses	LDLSI0738155477	£1,000

The above payments have been authorised by council members to be paid on behalf of the Ogmore Valley Community Council.

Signature: Date:

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