

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 28 September 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom

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MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Gareth Prescott (Chair)

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Cllr Richard Shakeshaft

Cllr Angela Jones

Cllr Janet Harris

Cllr Vaughan Bater

Cllr Ryan Mock

Cllr Andrew McKay – left at 7.40pm

Cllr Hywel Williams – left at 7.40pm

Scott Allin – Clerk

Laura Williams – Assistant Clerk/RFO

Ashleigh Davies – Warden

James Rowland – PCSO (Items 72 and 73)

72 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair) – family commitments

Cllr Andrew Davies – work commitments

Cllr Gary Rix – holiday commitments

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence and for Cllr Prescott as Vice Chair to Chair the meeting in Cllr Patel's absence

73 PCSO James Rowlands

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

Crime Statistics for:	Jul-21				Aug-21				Sep-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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Damage	5	1	1	7	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	5
Violence against The person	14	9	4	27	1	5	2	8	2	3	2	7
All crime total	19	10	5	34	1	5	3	9	3	7	4	14
ASB total	1	8	1	10	1	2	0	3	1	3	2	6
Drink Driving	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

It was noted that the following issues were being addressed:-

- anti-social behaviour in Blackmill;
- off road biking in conjunction with NRW;
- anti-social behaviour in Llewlllyn Street, Ogmore Vale.

The PCSO reiterated that issues should be reported to 101 or in more urgent cases 999.

The lack of statistics for Evanstown was discussed and the PCSO agreed to check whether the statistics are recorded as part of Blackmill ward or Gilfach Goch.

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.

Cllr Williams declared an interest and noted that he would be operating a 'Pumpkin Pick' over autumn half term week.

Ashleigh Davies the newly appointed part time Warden for the Ogmore Valley CC was welcomed by the Chair and introduced to the PCSO.

Resolved – PCSO to report back regarding inclusion of Evanstown crime statistics.

74 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.

75 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.

76 Resignation of Councillor Lee-Anne Hill

It was noted that Cllr Lee-Anne Hill had resigned from the Council after many years of dedicated and exemplary service to the Council and residents of the Ogmores Valley.

It was also noted that Cllr Harris has tendered her resignation. Cllr Harris noted that she would continue to volunteer on an ad hoc basis but that work commitments meant that it was not possible to continue as a councillor. Cllr Harris was thanked for her dedicated service.

Resolved – The Chair accepted the resignations of Cllr Lee-Anne Hill and Cllr Janet Harris

77 Committee Membership Review

Following the resignations of Cllr Hill and Cllr Harris, it was agreed that Cllr Vaughan Bater would replace Cllr Hill on the Policy & Strategy Committee and Cllr Angela Jones would replace Cllr Hill on the Personnel Committee.

The position on the Appeals Committee would be confirmed at a later date.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

**78 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations
(a) Draft Full Council 27 July 2021**

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting.

(b) Draft Policy & Strategy Committee 17 August 2021

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

(c) Draft Personnel Committee 7 September 2021

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Personnel Committee.

79 Matters Arising from previous Council and Policy & Strategy Committee meeting:-

Council

- Public Address

The member of public who sent apologies to the July 2021 Council meeting has been contacted but no reply has been received.

- Better Buses for Ogmore Valley

This issue will be discussed at the next Policy & Strategy Committee meeting.

- Request for speed limit of 20mph

It was noted that the Clerk has contacted BCBC and would follow up on this matter in the coming years.

- Halo Playscheme

It was noted that the Clerk has contacted Halo who had agreed to display the support provided by Ogmore Valley CC on its website and to put a post of Facebook thanking the Council.

Policy & Strategy

- Ogmore Valley Awards

Resolved – To launch the Scheme in October 2021

- Ogmore Valley Providers Forum

It was noted that the Clerk had discussed the possibility of a Providers Forum with the Community Co-ordinator and contacted Halo regarding accommodation for March/February 2022. The details will be reviewed by Policy & Strategy Committee.

- Winter Festival

It was noted that Cllr Lloyd would contact the Silver Band regarding a Christmas Bus Tour. The details of the tour including sourcing presents and a Father Christmas would be agreed by the Policy and Strategy Committee.

Resolved - To develop a Winter Festival Day including the Silver Band Tour and a Father Christmas.

- Washeries – Handover

BCBC had recently been granted K£580 for a Nature Network project to improve and regenerate local green spaces in partnership with local communities. The Washeries and Aberfields are both included in the list of green spaces to be supported. The Community Council will work with BCBC on this project.

Personnel

- Warden appointment and contract

It was noted that the new Warden started on 20 September 2021 and had signed her contract.

- RFO Training

It was noted that the FILCA course is still in development but the launch date is yet to be finalised. The Clerk is provided with 2 extra hours per week for a 20 hour per week contract to undertake CiLCA. It was agreed that AAT training is important to the Council as it looks at potential Community Asset Transfers and that the RFO support should be in proportion to the Clerk support at 1 hour per week.

80 Finances

(a) formal approval of payments September 2021

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 August to 31 August 2021 as circulated.

(c) expenditure against the budget end of August 2021

Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to 31 August 2021

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

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

**82 To consider applications for donations and grants
(i) Ogmore Valley History Society - £300 for Joint Book Launch**

It was noted that Ogmore Valley History Society had requested £300 to fund a joint book launch and open day with Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club in December 2021. The grant would fund a small finger buffet and OV Male Voice Choir, OV Ladies Choir and the OV Silver Band.

Resolved to Approve the Award of Grant Aid in the amount of £300 to Ogmore Valley History Society under s 137 Local Government Act 1972.

83 Zoom

The Council examined the option of paying for Zoom in November 2020 and resolved that it would not upgrade Zoom. However, with the ongoing pandemic and the perceived continued need to use of Zoom into the future it was agreed to upgrade to 'Pro'. This would prevent Councillors and the public having to relog-in to Zoom every 40 minutes which was both disruptive and unprofessional.

Resolved - To upgrade to Pro Zoom at a cost of £119.90 per annum.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

Cllrs Andrew McKay and Hywel Williams – left at 7.40pm

84 Windfarm Applications

An initial review of the applications for Windfarm support indicate that the bids total over K£175. It was agreed that a separate meeting of a Council Advisory Group to just review Windfarm applications would be held in mid-October 2021.

**85 To receive a Report from the Clerk
(i) Working Groups – Aberfields and Evanstown CC**

It was noted that two working groups with the following membership have been established to examine the possibility of the Community Asset Transfer from BCBC to the OVCC of a) Evanstown CC and b) Aberfields.

Evanstown CC	Aberfields
Cllr Dhanisha Patel	Cllr Dhanisha Patel
Cllr Hywel Williams	Cllr Hywel Williams

Cllr Andrew McKay	Cllr Andrew Davies
Cllr Ryan Mock	Cllr Richard Shakeshaft
Cllr Vaughan Bater	
Cllr Matthew Barnes	

It was noted that Natalie Sargant and Ryan Jones from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust have been appointed by BCBC to prepare a business plan for Evanstown CC and Aberfields respectively.

(ii) Warden appointment

It was noted that the new Warden was meeting members of the community and local representative groups. The Warden will make a list of tasks that require completion and welcomes feedback from Councillors on issues in their areas.

(iii) Angling for Youngsters

The Council will review whether it can link with individuals or angling associations to provide advice to younger people of angling as a hobby.

(iv) BCBC Budget Consultation

BCBC's budget consultation is asking people to consider a longer-term vision for the county borough. The consultation ends on 14 November 21 and can be found on the BCBC website.

86 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

It was noted that the resources available at the Halo Centre to service the library are very limited leading to long waits to check out books if Halo staff are setting up sports equipment. It was agreed that the issue would be raised with BCBC.

Resolved – Clerk to speak to Halo and raise resources issue at the Halo with BCBC as appropriate.

Members of the local community have raised the issue of the replacement of the condemned bridge in the Washeries again. It was noted that the last update on the bridge was that BCBC were looking at methods of funding a replacement.

Resolved – Clerk to check current position with BCBC and put an update on OVCC Facebook page.

It was noted that Ogmores Playpark is due to be refurbished by BCBC and that it would be good for the community if this could include the tennis courts adjacent to the park.

Resolved – Clerk to check with BCBC extent of Ogmores Playpark refurbishment.

87 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

The planning application from Bayliss Recovery Ltd at 'Plot 13 Saville Road Ogmores Vale CF32 7AX was noted and further details regarding the activity that is proposed at the workshop/storage building be requested as there have been previous complaints from the community.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Planning at BCBC regarding further information on the activities proposed in the workshop.

**88 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 26 October 2021, 6.30 pm via Zoom**

Confirmed the date of 26 October 2021 as Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Gareth Prescott

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Date

Scott Allin -
Clerk of the Council

Appendix

Payments to be approved – 26th October 2021

Payment Ref	Details	Amount
615PB001450912107	HMRC (estimated)	£378.56
021021	RFO and Assistant Clerk Pay (gross pay)	£504.00
011021	Clerk Pay (gross pay)	£1,380.00
031021	Warden Pay (gross pay)	£820.00
DON03	Ogmore Valley Local History Society	£300.00
16464	Website hosting and support	£432.00
EXP08	Warden expenses	£42.12
EXP09	Clerk expenses (including reimbursement of zoom £7.19 and stationery £7.85)	£111.34
EXP10	RFO expenses	£29.21

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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