

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 29 June 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom

Dydd Mawrth 29 Mehefin 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 Levi Brocklebank

Cllr Ryan Mock – joined at 7.10pm

Cllr Andrew McKay – joined at 7.30pm

Cllr Janet Harris – joined 8.35pm

Cllr Angela Jones – left at 8.50pm

Scott Allin – Clerk

Laura Williams – Assistant Clerk/RFO

38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

- Cllr Andrew Davies – work commitments
- Cllr Gary Rix – work commitments

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence.

39 PCSO James Rowlands

The crime statistics for May and June 2021 are outlined below:-

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

It was noted that community groups undertaking litter picking in the Valley had come across evidence of drug taking. The Clerk would raise the issues with the PCSO and organise a separate meeting to share information.

It was noted that the PCSO had been unable to make a number of recent Council meetings due to holidays and shift patterns. The Council agreed that it was important that the PCSO was able to regularly attend the Meetings so that Councillors could bring matters directly to his attention.

Resolved – Clerk to request PCSO to attend future meeting more regularly.

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

Della Hughes joined the meeting at 6.40pm and raised the following issues:-

- Blackmill Bravos put a large black bin on the cycle track in Pantyrwel located behind Ty Cwm Ogwr near the bench. They have been monitoring and

emptying the bin regularly and since it has been there, there has been a lot less litter in that area. Cllr Hywel Williams has been contacted about whether this location could be considered for an official bin as part of the BCBC review.

- 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

It was agreed that the Community Council would follow the queries up with BCBC and report back to Ms Hughes.

Resolved – The Clerk to contact BCBC regarding the queries.

**41 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.

42 Interview of Prospective Co-opted Councillor

The Council interviewed a prospective community member to be co-opted as a Councillor and following a short interview it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Vaughan Bater to Evanstown Ward.

Resolved – To co-opt Vaughan Bater to Evanstown Ward. Clerk to confirm details with Vaughan Bater.

Cllr Ryan Mock joined the meeting at 7.10pm.

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

This item is being deferred until July 2021 Council Meeting as Paul Jones was unable to attend the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

**44 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations
(a) Draft Full Council 25 May 2021**

It was noted that Cllr Andrew Davies attended the meeting and his name should be added to the minutes.

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of the 25 May 2021 with the addition of Cllr Davies's name.

45 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- Councillors' appointments

All three new Councillors have now accepted the appointments and signed the Declarations of Acceptance. Further information regarding addresses, declarations of interest and telephone numbers is being updated. It was noted that the Councillors' home address was not a mandatory requirement as long as there are contact details.

- Christmas Lights

It was noted that the revised plans for Christmas lights would be shared with Councillors and that ward meetings to finalise the plans would be organised as follows:-

- 6 July at 6.30pm for Ogmore Vale and 7pm for Evanstown
- 13 July at 6.30pm for Nantymoel and 7pm for Blackmill

Councillor Andrew McKay joined the meeting

- Request for speed limit of 20mph

Member noted the response from BCBC for a 20mph speed limit in Blackmill and that the response was difficult to reconcile with Welsh Government strategy which appeared to support an increase in 20mph zones for both safety and environmental issues. It was also noted that enforcement of the current 30mph limits could be more stringent and the response did not cover the wider Ogmore Valley which was asked to be considered at the last meeting

Resolved – Clerk to respond to BCBC requesting greater levels of enforcement, a response regarding the B roads and requesting BCBC to review Welsh Government strategy against their response.

46 Finances

(a) formal approval of payments June 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 1st May to 31st May 2021 as circulated.

(c) expenditure against the budget end of May 2021

Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to 31 May 2021.

47 To approve Annual Return – 2020/21

It was noted that there were four papers to be approved as part of the Annual Return for 2020/21. Following its approval, the Annual Return and supporting papers will be made available to the public to exercise their rights under Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

(i) Annual Return 2020/21

Resolved to approve the Annual Return 2020/21 as circulated. The Council thanked the Clerk and RFO for the work that had gone into the documents for item 47.

(ii) Explanation of Variances

It was requested that a short paper be provided to the Council outlining the grants in aid made to local community groups in support of important projects. This list could be published on the Council's website.

Resolved to approve the Explanation of Variances as circulated.

(iii) Internal Audit report

It was noted that most of the recommendations are relatively straightforward to implement and involve tidying up some areas of compliance to ensure that the exact letter of the rules are followed. It is very useful to see have a detailed analysis of the internal control environment although some of the recommendations are for the Council 'to consider' e.g. a replacement accounting system. An Action Plan detailing progress against the recommendations will be brought back to the Council in Autumn 2021.

Resolved to approve the Internal Audit report as circulated and to receive an update of progress on recommendations in Autumn 2021.

(iv) Draft Response to Internal Audit Report

Resolved to approve Draft Response to the Internal Audit Report as circulated.

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

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

49 To consider applications for donations and grants

(i) Silver Band – 8th, 15th or 22nd August 2021 (TBA) Summer Concert Bus Tour (50% of total costs) = £300

It was noted that supporting this bus tour project would provide a feel-good factor to the Valley after a difficult period during the pandemic and would build on the successful Christmas tour.

Resolved to Approve the Award of Grant Aid in the amount of £300 to the Ogmore Valley Silver Band under s 145 Local Government Act 1972.

50 To agree funding of Halo Playscheme

The meeting was joined by Scott Hancock and Karl Paterson from Halo at 8pm for this agenda item

Scott Hancock presented two Playscheme options that were being put forward as a request for Council support:-

Option 1 - Summer Holidays (6 weeks) and October Half term at a cost of £5,242.50;
or

Option 2 - Summer holiday (4 weeks) and October Half term at a cost of £3,667.00.

It was noted that the Playschemes would cater for the 8-11 year groups but that opportunities for 11-16 year olds were more limited.

Scott Hancock and Karl Paterson were thanked for their attendance by the Council and left the meeting.

The proposals were discussed in more detail by the Council and a majority of Councillors agreed to support a revised option which was to provide Halo with £4,500 in support funding for a Playscheme and to ask Halo to redesign the offer so that it aligned with the £4,500 of support. It was also noted that, if possible, some activities for 11-16 year olds should be included.

It was noted that there was no provision in Evanstown due to a lack of suitable buildings as well as the closure of Little Fingers Kidz Club and no alternative community group in that area coming forward wanting to address this need.

Resolved – Clerk to liaise with Halo regarding establishing what £4,500 support would provide and potentially including some activities for older age groups.

Cllr Janet Harris joined the meeting at 8.35pm.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

51 Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan Statutory Public Consultation: 1st June 2021 to 27th July 2021

It was noted that the consultation period was open until 27th July 2021 and the key proposals for the Ogmore Valley are:-

- Ogmore Valley is not identified as an area that will accommodate significant growth.
- Chance to create sustainable communities linked to wider opportunities.
- Opportunities for co-operative housing, self-build and custom build alongside other forms of development.
- Promotion of tourism hubs in the Ogmore Valley.
- Improved walking and cycling routes.
- Improved public transport and improvements to the local highway network.

52 To receive a Report from the Clerk (i) Draft Strategic Plan and Budget

It was noted that Ogmore Vale RFC had recently had their changing rooms condemned and would be looking for Community Council support in various funding bids.

I was also noted that a spreadsheet was being designed to allocate spend across the strategic objective of the Council and that a Finance Committee meeting would be organised to discuss the proposal in more detail.

Cllr Angela Jones left the meeting at 8.50pm.

53 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

The Chair noted that she had attended a ground breaking ceremony for the building of a new Welsh Medium Primary School in Blackmill.

It was noted that the flytipping incident in Lewistown was being taken to a prosecution and that Blackmill community councillors were liaising with BCBC regarding flood risks and possible mitigation.

It was noted that further information on what being a Priide trustee involved including a role description had been requested from Cllr Hill.

**54 To consider any Planning Applications and issues
(i) Update on Upper Ogmore Wind Turbines**

It was noted that the Clerk had attended a Planning hearing for the Upper Ogmore Wind Turbine proposed development which has been designated as a Development of National Significance. Issues such as restricting noise levels were discussed while it had also been noted that, if approval is given, then a Community Support Fund should be provided to the Ogmore Valley.

The Clerk would keep the Council informed of developments.

**55 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 27 July 2021, 6.30 pm via Zoom.**

Confirmed

The meeting closed at 9pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

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Date

Scott Allin -
Clerk of the Council

Appendix

Payments to be approved – 29th June 2021.

Payment Ref	Details	Amount
DON01	Lewistown and Pantyrwel TRA Flowerbeds	£179.00
615PB001450912102	HMRC	£255.02
020521	RFO and Assistant Clerk Gross Salary	£528.00
010521	Clerk Gross Salary	£1,320.00
1HAOQTR1	Home as Office Clerk 1 st Quarter	£54.00
2HAOQTR2	Home as Office RFO 1 st Quarter	£27.00
EXP03	Clerk Expenses - Travel	£46.80
EXP04	RFO Expenses - Travel and padlocks for container reimbursement	£68.95
DON02	Gilfach Goch War Memorial Trust	£200.00
INT AUD OGMORE	Internal Audit Invoice – Auditing Solutions Ltd	£552.00