

Ogmore Valley Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 30 March 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom

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Minutes

In Attendance

Cllr Lee-Anne Hill (Chair)

Cllr Dhanisha Patel

Cllr Andrew Davies

Cllr Gareth Prescott

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Cllr Ryan Mock

Cllr Janet Harris – joined meeting late – work commitments

Cllr Andrew McKay - joined meeting late – University commitments

Cllr Richard Shakeshaft – joined meeting late – work commitments

Scott Allin – Clerk

Laura Williams – RFO and Assistant Clerk

Gareth Kiddie – Gareth Kiddie Associates (for items up to 433)

Mark Blackmore – BCBCReach (for items up to 433)

430 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

- Cllr Hywel Williams – work commitments
- Cllr Angela Jones – work commitments

It was noted that Cllr David Williams had resigned as he was unable to commit to attending virtual meetings regularly. Cllr David Williams had noted that he was still interested in volunteering on certain projects if he was available.

Resolved – The Chair accepted the resignation of Cllr David Williams.

431 PCSO James Rowlands

Apologies were received from the PCSO and he had been unable to send his report which would be sent to Councillors later in the week.

It was noted that that the PCSO had been working on an off-road vehicle operation for the last two weekends in the Ogmore and neighbouring valleys. Two bikes had been seized and 12 section 59 warnings issued which means that if the vehicle is seen again off-road it will also be seized.

It was also noted that there has been a report of illegal and anti-social activity in Evanstown which has been reported to the police. Councillors were reminded to remind residents to notify the police via 101 of any incidents.

Resolved – Clerk to forward crime statistics when received.

432 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.

433 Ogmore Community Council 5 Year Strategy and SMART Action Plan

Gareth Kiddie presented his final report and thanked the Councillors and the Community for their input into the project. There had been 597 responses to the community survey as well as 26 consultations with external stakeholder groups which was an impressive cross section of the community.

The report was divided into three parts:-

- Part 1 – Research Results
- Part 2 – Final Report
- Part 3 – Appendices

The Final Report identified 5 strategic strands after analysing the survey results. These are outlined below:-

- **Recognition** – e.g. volunteer awards.

- **Information** – improved website including one stop shop for community information and links to social media.
- **Communication** – bringing together all organisations in the Valley.
- **Celebration and Commemoration** – e.g. Christmas lights, Silver Band
- **Facilitation** – supporting health and wellbeing.

The report was welcomed by Councillors and it was noted that the recommendations built on the 'direction of travel' the Council was already engaged in. However, the Strategy ensured that the Council could make its future decisions again

Resolved

To examine recommendations in detail, including the resourcing implications, at the Policy and Strategy Committee

To share the report on the Council's Facebook page and Website and request feedback.

To identify 'quick wins' from the report which the Council could action.

434 Ogmore Washeries Options Appraisal

The report had recently been sent to Councillors for comment prior to its finalisation. It was noted that the options included ring fencing an element of the precept to ensure the area was maintained by a warden as previous experience indicated that maintenance has been an ongoing issue. The importance of a warden to prevent fly tipping and maintain the area was stressed. It was also noted that the bridge has been closed by BCBC's Highways department due to concerns over safety and that options for funding its repair/replacement were being examined.

There is a meeting scheduled for 1 April 2022 with Mark Blackmore of BCBC and OV History Society regarding the heritage trail.

Resolved - to examine recommendations in detail, including the resourcing implications, at the Policy and Strategy Committee

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

No declarations of interest

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

436 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Full Council 23 February 2021

Approved

(b) Personnel Committee minutes 16 March 2021

Approved

437 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- **Revaluation of Assets** – to be undertaken in Summer 2021.
- **'Planka' Review** – Councillors to send comments to Clerk who will forward to consultant.
- **Audit Wales draft report** – response sent to Audit Wales.
- **Computers for Children etc** – requested further information regarding spend in the Ogmore Valley.
- **Storage Facilities** – since the agreement at the last meeting to purchase a second-hand container to be used to store tools etc, there has been issues with the world wide supply of containers that was making sourcing a second-hand container very difficult.

Resolved – To purchase a new container at a price of between £3,500 to £4,000.

- **Christmas Lights** – a meeting with contractor was planned for 1 April 2021 and a pan would be brought back to Council at a later meeting.

- **Community Recognition** – Gareth Kiddie report had noted need to recognise community volunteers. It was also noted that landmark birthdays etc could also be recognised.

Resolved – To develop a Council policy on Community Recognition.

438 Finances (a) formal approval of payments March 2021

Approved including £13,926 to be paid to contractor for work on Blackmill Youth and Community Centre.

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation

Approved

(c) expenditure against the budget end of February 2021

Approved

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

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

440 To consider applications for donations and grants

None

441 Councillor Vacancy – Notice

It was noted that there was a 'Notice of Vacancy' currently published for Evanstown Ward and if there is no request for an election from 10 electors by 4pm on 31 March 2021, then the co-opting process will start.

A similar process will be started soon for a replacement in the Blackmill Ward.

It was noted that there was a County Borough By-election on 6th May in Nantymoel Electoral Division.

443 Blackmill – Request for Installation of Key Clamp Fencing

The Council has received a quote from BCBC to undertake this work at a cost of £1,228.00 (+VAT). This is based on a length of "key clamp fencing at the back of the footway.

It was noted that there may be some match funding from BCBC via its Town and Community Fund which should also be explored.

Resolved – To approve the spend of £1,288 plus VAT as well as examining whether BCBC would make a contribution.

444 Washeries – proposal from Cllr Lloyd to Upgrade Picnic Area

The proposal to upgrade the picnic area at the Washeries site with new picnic tables, benches, bins, a fire pit, stone planters, improved pathway and a memorial plaque was discussed. It was noted that this would be in line with the recommendations of the Washeries Report as previously discussed at agenda item 434.

It was noted that BCBC were completing their work at the Washeries and that the final stage would include some further work on new benches and potentially some other items which would upgrade the area. Therefore, to avoid duplication, the Clerk would check with BCBC regarding the final stage of the project to see what was included while any items that were not included would be discussed at the next Policy and Strategy Committee.

Resolved – Clerk to confirm with BCBC whether benches are included in final stage of their work.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

445 Blackmill Resident – correspondence

- **Boiler in HALO Life Centre** – It was noted that the boiler had not been working satisfactorily. The Community Council does not have responsibility for the Centre but it could potentially request funding from the Windfarm.

- **Bridges – Washeries and Sheep Sales** – The Community Council would continue to encourage BCBC to find the funding for repair/replacement of both these important local bridges.

- **Swing Parks** – The Clerk had spoken to BCBC regarding funding for this park and others within the valley. BCBC has an annual fund to repair/refurbish parks and would ensure that the various play areas in the Ogmere Valley were assessed for need against the other priorities.

- **Allotments** – It was understood that the old allotment site in Ogmere Vale opposite Cemetery Road was privately owned and therefore the Community Council had no powers.

446 Old Parish Road

A resident has raised concerns regarding cars speeding and other potential motoring offences as well as other antisocial behaviour in the area.

BCBC and the Police have been contacted.

The Police note that excessive speed and other offences should be reported by phoning 101 and reporting it the Neighbourhood Policing Team or via Gosafe Camera Partnership which allows residents to log their complaints.

BCBC has noted that the Traffic Management team have undertaken an interrogation of personal injury road traffic collisions for Old Parish Road over the last 3 years and there have been no incidents along the entire length of the road.

The Community Council will continue to monitor the area and encourage residents to report and incidents.

447 To consider matters in relation to Blackmill Youth & Community Centre

The work to lower the ceiling, replace doors and windows and access have been complete and the Management Committee has expressed its pleasure with the improvements.

The Committee will look to re-open the Centre when the Covid rules allow and will then review the Energy Report and the lease proposal.

448 Recruitment and staffing

No issues to report.

449 To receive a Report from the Clerk (a) Windfarm update

It was noted that the first tranche of payments of around K£30 had been paid and the second tranche would be paid in March 21.

It was noted that there were unspent funds available to the Evanstown Community Centre and that the Council had approached BCBC regarding future plans for the Centre. BCBC would share a paper outlining the costs of repairing the Centre and possible options for its future as soon as possible.

(b) Tikspac options

It was noted that the Council could:-

- buy a station - they design and include the artwork/our logo, provide the station and the fixing clips for £199 each. Bags would be extra;
- rent a station - if there were 10 or more stations at a cost of £3,000 for the year including bags;
- free via corporate sponsorship from companies who are fulfilling their social responsibility.

Resolved – To approach local businesses to assess potential for sponsorship.

450 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

It was noted that many of the Daffodils planted this year had not been as colourful as hoped.

It was noted that the Food Pantry was for use by all the community with no restrictions. All residents should be encouraged to use it.

451 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

Noted

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

Approved

The meeting closed at 9pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Lee- Anne Hill

Date

Scott Allin
Clerk of the Council