

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 25 October 2022, 6.30 pm via Zoom
Dydd Mawrth 25 Hydref 2022, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)
Cllr David Newman (Vice Chair)
Cllr Hywel Williams (left at 8pm)
Cllr Rhys Goode (left at 8.30pm)
Cllr Andrew McKay
Cllr Andrea Jones
Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Scott Allin – Clerk
Charlotte Llewellyn – Assistant Clerk/RFO
Ashleigh Davies - Warden

73 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies from Councillors

74 PCSO – Holly Edwards

The PCSO sent her apologies as there had been a last-minute incident at the station which prevented her from attending. The following crime statistics for Aug-Oct 2022 were provided:-

Crime Statistics for:	Aug-22					Sep-22					Oct-22				
	Nanty'l	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n
Dwelling burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Burglary other	0	0	0	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	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other theft	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	4	2	0	0	1	1	3
Damage	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	4	0	1	1	2	4	0
Violence against The person	5	5	3	13	9	6	4	5	15	8	5	3	3	11	7
All crime total	7	5	5	17	12	11	6	7	24	11	7	4	6	17	11
ASB total	3	2	0	5	0	2	1	1	4	5	2	1	0	3	2
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Councillors expressed their frustration that the attendance of PCSO's at Council meetings was very poor. It was also noted that Road Traffic Accident information was not yet being provided. It was agreed that a separate meeting with the PCSO together with Cllrs Patel and Goode and the Clerk to be arranged to discuss PCSO engagement with the Community Council.

Resolved – Clerk to arrange meeting with PCSO and selected councillors.

75 Interviews with Prospective Councillors.

Interviews were held for co-option to Ogmore Valley Community Council and there was unanimous agreement that the following co-options should be approved:-

David Pound – Ogmore Vale Ward

Ray Searle – Evanstown Ward

Sheryl Wasley – Evanstown Ward

76 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.

77 Warden's report

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

- Preparation for scavenger Hunt projects for Halloween and Christmas
- Reviewing legislation and started a 12-month plan for Washeries to achieve Green Flag Award.
- Liaising with Cwm Taff Nature Network (CTNN) for Aberfields and Washeries.
- Felling trees at the Washeries.
- Strimming wildflower areas at Aberfields and Washeries.

- Attended the Plant Swap at the MEM, Nantymoel.
- Attended Strimmer and Brush cutter re-cap course and a Woodchipper course.
- Attended a Fungi Day talk at Kenfig Nature Reserve.
- Will spray weeds along Lewistown when weather better.
- Purchased a Hi Viz vest with OVCC Warden on the front and back for clear representation for the Community Council while out working
- Flyers and preparation for the Tanio Halloween Arts and Crafts event at Washeries on 29 October 2022 funded by CTNN.

It was noted that the Warden will be putting up the lamppost poppies in Evanstown asap while Cllr McKay and Blackmill BRAVOS will be putting up poppies in Blackmill, Pany Yr Awal and Lewistown.

78 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

79 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 25 July 2022

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

(b) Draft Finance and General Committee 6 September 2022

It was noted that further details regarding previous donations and grants had been included in the Donations and Grants Policy.

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 6 September 2022 Finance & General Committee meeting.

(c) Draft Full Council 27 September 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 27 September 2022 Full Council meeting.

80 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

Council Meeting

- CTNN

It was noted that Lowri Owen from CTNN was unable to make this meeting but discussion with the Clerk has resulted in the Council bidding for 5 new benches in

the Washeries and 10 new benches and 3 picnic tables for Aberfields from CTNN funds.

It was also noted that there is £5k available for Aberfields and £5k for the Washeries for paths and grounds maintenance. It was noted that the Washeries has received significant recent investment while the path at Aberfields requires attention and that unless Councillors could identify other pressing needs at the Washeries then the funding could be used for the path. It was noted that the Washeries Bridge still required attention although the costs would exceed the £10k available from CTNN.

- ***Bench Survey***

It was noted that the bench survey was nearing completion and a separate meeting would be held once it was known how many benches CTNN would fund. A contractor has been approached regarding quotes although, depending on costs, it would be sensible to use the same contractors CTNN are using to procure benches

- ***OV Awards***

It was noted that the Assistant Clerk had contacted each award winner and confirmed that they were available for a presentation at 5pm on 29 November prior to Council meeting with tea and cakes. Cllr Jones is following up on certificates and will confirm in the next week whether these are ready.

- ***New Craft Group***

It had been confirmed that the new Craft Group will go ahead despite Maria Bennett changing roles and the Assistant Clerk was liaising with Halo regarding administering the £50 donation. The payment would be made in November 2022

- ***Mayor's Appeal Ukraine***

It was noted that the £50 donation would be made in November 2022 as agreed in minute 63 of Full Council in September 2022.

- ***Pop-Up Banners Stands***

It was noted that research had been undertaken which indicated a cost of around £150 and a brief paper would be brought to the next Council meeting.

- ***Silver Band***

It was noted the Silver Band had initially indicated that they wanted to undertake their tour alone but following discussion, they had agreed that either sweets can be

handed out by Community Councillors or Council purchased sweets could be handed out by the Silver Band Santa.

It was noted that if the Silver Band Bus cannot get to Evanstown then Community Councillors could hand out sweets to the children in Evanstown.

- ***Evanstown Website and Noticeboards***

It was noted that 'incl Evanstown' has been added to the OVCC Website and that further work was required on moving the Noticeboard from the Evanstown Community Centre.

- ***Lewistown filming***

The filming of 'Steeltown Murders' was underway in Lewistown and a donation of £250 was being made by the film producers to Community Council. It was agreed that the £250 should be spent in Lewistown and Cllr McKay suggested transferring the funds to the TRA.

It was noted that the Assistant Clerk was Chair of the TRA.

- ***Volunteers***

It was noted that there had been no feed-back to the Clerk regarding any other groups in the Valley that use volunteers.

- ***Book of Condolence***

It was noted that no members of the community had indicated that they wanted to sign the Book of Condolence and feedback indicated that those that had wanted to sign a book had used either the Royal website or the Bridgend CBC website to express condolences.

81 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments October 2022

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

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation September 2022

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from September 2022

(c) expenditure against the budget end of September 2022

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

82 Proposal for Bus Shelter

It was noted that due to the changed public bus route to one side of Ogmore Vale, a Bus Stop has been sited by the derelict garage, however there is no shelter to protect users. The Council approached BCBC but they have not got funds and noted the following:-

Unfortunately, our financial position remains the same. Therefore, the cost for supply and installation of a bus shelter, as well the future maintenance will need to be met by Ogmore Vale Community Council, or other.

A quotation for a new bus shelter was obtained as £4,747 incl VAT.

It was agreed that the Community Council would agree to fund the new bus shelter but with the caveat that BCBC address the issue of the galvanised sheeting hanging from the forecourt of the derelict garage which is a health and safety risk.

Councillor Rhys Goode would make a referral of this issue within BCBC.

Resolved – Clerk to write to BCBC agreeing to fund new bus shelter on the proviso BCBC address the health and safety risk at the derelict garage in Ogmore Vale.

83 To consider applications for donations and grants - Wyndham BGC Football - £180

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 there had been a change of volunteer coaches in Wyndham BGC football and that the new coaches needed FAW first aid courses as each age section must have at least one first aider available. As a result, they have requested a grant of £180 from the Community Council to cover the cost of these courses. It was noted that Sport Wales has funding available for training coaches and that should be the first call from Wyndham BGC football. However, the Council recognised that the issue may be urgent and did not want to prevent junior football going ahead. Therefore, the Council was minded to approve the grant if following discussions between the Clerk and Wyndham BGC football indicated the issue was urgent.

Resolved – To approve the grant of £180 if following discussion between the Clerk and Wyndham BGC football indicated the need for the courses was urgent although in future requests should firstly go through Sport Wales.

- Request for repairs to Gilfach Goch Cenotaph

It was noted that slabs around the Cenotaph and Memorial Bench in Gilfach Goch had been damaged. The Gilfach Goch Community Association has had a quote of £450 to replace the slabs and requested help from the two local community councils. As a result, Gilfach Goch Community Council has agreed to fund £225.

Resolved – To fund £225 for the repair of slabs around the Gilfach Goch cenotaph.

84 Training Plan

It was noted that there was a requirement from Welsh Government that all Community Councils publish a Training Plan in order to identify the training needs of Councillors and Officers. The Training Plan includes a section where each Councillor assesses their own training needs and the Clerk will co-ordinate this request.

Resolved – To approve the Training Plan and for the Clerk to send out a request to each Councillor to self-assess their training needs.

85 Silver Band Christmas Bus Tour

This was covered under agenda item 80 above.

86 Christmas Lights

It was noted that solar powered Christmas Trees would be supplied and fitted by Plantscape in the same places as last year at a cost of £14,365.

Centregreat would also supply the following:-

Evanstown - £2,270

Supply, installation and removal of tree at entrance to Evanstown incl. dressing and undressing using customer owned lights.

Installation of tree for Abercerdin School, dressing and undressing using customer owned lights

Ogmore - £1,215

Tree at Bethania Row fire station - dressing and undressing of the tree with customer owned coolwhite lights. Using the fire station connection.

Nantymoel - £1,662

Supply, installation and removal of 20feet tree at Commercial St in Nantymoel including dressing and undressing using customer owned lights - installation of low voltage lights onto the clock tower in Nantymoel with connections

Blackmill - £1,210

Dressing and undressing of trees at Blackmill and Lewistown post office using customer owned lights - installation of 2 festive lighting motifs at Lewistown post office.

It was noted that Centregreat had planted a number of rootball trees in 2021 which had died. It was agreed that the Clerk would check with Centregreat whether there was any guarantee on these trees as they had not proven to be good value and in future years the Council could look at other suppliers.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

87 To receive a Report from the Clerk

It was noted that AB Consulting had been appointed to lead the community consultation on the future plans for Evanstown Community Centre.

It was noted that a meeting of the Aberfields CAT Working Group was planned for 26 October 2022 to discuss a draft Business Plan that would be brought to the Full Council in the future.

It was noted that requests for further information had been sent to all the applicants for Windfarm funding and that one applicant had withdrawn.

It was noted that a Finance and General Committee meeting was planned for 31 October 2022 to review the 2023/24 budget and precept request.

It was noted that a Personnel Committee would be organised soon to review current pay scales as there had been no cost-of-living rise for over 2 years.

88 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

There were no reports from members.

89 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

There were no planning issues reported.

- 90 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 29 November 2022, 6.30 pm at Blackmill Youth & Community Centre**

Clerk noted that he was on leave for two weeks in November so the Council papers would be sent out in early November 2022.

Confirmed the date of 29 November 2022 as Full Council Meeting to be held at Blackmill Youth and Community Centre.

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

OCTOBER 2022 PAYMENTS

Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	11022	£1,015.85
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	21022	£487.87
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	31022	£406.56
HMRC	Tax 0722	615PB00145091	£413.60
Scott Allin	Expenses	EXP14	£137.98
Scott Allin	Expenses – Poppies from RBL	EXP15	£240.00
Charlotte Llewellyn	Expenses	EXP16	£25.00
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	EXP17	£63.93
Rob Cole & Co	Pension Compliance	9011	£39.00
SWWS	Hosting & support	INV-18258	£432.00
Margaret Lloyd	Poppy ties for remembrance	EXP18	£27.36
Gilfach Goch Bowls Club	Donation	DON05	£380.00

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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