

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 30 May 2023, 7pm via zoom
Dydd Mawrth 30 Mai 2023, 7pm yng zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)
Cllr Craig Batchelor Howells (Vice Chair)
Cllr Margaret Lloyd (left at 8.50pm)
Cllr David Pound
Cllr Angela Jones (left at 8.40pm)
Cllr Geoff Sherriff (left at 8.50pm)
Cllr Kevin Thorne
Cllr Hywel Williams
Cllr Shery Wasley (joined at 7.10pm)
Cllr David Newman (joined at 8.10pm)

Scott Allin – Clerk
Ashleigh Davies – Warden

16 Apologies for Absence

There were the following apologies from Councillors:-

Cllr Rhys Goode – work commitments
Cllr Shery Wasley – late due to work commitments

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence.

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

There were no members of the public present.

It was noted that the new vicar of St David's Church, in Wyndham, Rev Glenda Oglesbee is keen to make contact with as many people and groups within the community and will be attending the June 2023 Council meeting.

18 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. Cllr Pound noted that he was no longer chair or a member of Ogmores Priide but is continuing as a volunteer.

19 Warden's report

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

- Litter picking at the Washeries.
- Assess trees at the Washeries and cut down some trees.
- Help Bravos with some gardening.
- Start picking Himalayan Balsam.
- Preparing 12-month plan. It was noted that the warden should approach Bravos, Priide and Keep Nantymoel Tidy to work with these groups on the plan.
- Visit with Cllr Margaret Lloyd to get plants/flowers from B-Leaf Bryngarw for Fronwen Terrace planter.
- Edible Food Forest has a plant swap on Saturday 20th May.
- Priide AGM on Monday 22nd May.
- Two fruit trees for Blackmill and Evanstown to be planted this year in Blackmill at Glen View and in Evanstown at a site to be decided with Evanstown Councillors.
- Work to be undertaken to improve the planters in Evanstown and Aberfields and the possibility of notices about the wild flowers in the planters to be reviewed and specifically to share with volunteer groups.

Resolved – Warden to provide further information for a Tanio/ Summer Scavenger Hunt and an Insect Day at the Washeries.

Cllr Sheryl Wasley joined the meeting at 7.10pm

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

20 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 28 April 2023

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 28 April 2023 Full Council meeting.

21 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

Council Meeting

- Councillors and Officers – resignation

It was noted that RFO Charlotte Gargan left the Council on 19 May 2023 and that the Clerk is currently covering the RFO role.

It was noted that Ray Searle had resigned as a Councillor due to work commitments.

- Flowers

It was noted £100 has been allocated to each ward for flowers and bulbs and that Ward Councillors can agree to make purchases and claim the funds back from the Council. It was noted that the Warden had some bulbs which would be planted in Evanstown asap.

- Christmas lights

It was noted that the contractor had provided some costs but information on a tree at the Wyndham Church, a tree near the Halo Centre, scaffolding at Glynogwr and replacements for solar powered trees was still outstanding.

Councillors expressed concern at the costs and requested a breakdown as they seemed high.

- Pop-up banner

It was noted that the pop-up banner had been delivered and if Councillors needed it they should contact the Clerk.

- OV Awards

It was noted that nominations for the OV Awards were currently open but would close on 30 June 2023 so Councillors were reminded to nominate as soon as possible.

- ***Evanstown Bus Shelters etc***

Cllr Wasley met BCBC Deputy Leader Cllr Jane Gebbie regarding outstanding works to be undertaken in Evanstown. The Clerk agreed to provide Cllr Wasley with an outline of his understanding of how responsibilities between BCBC and OVCC were split.

- ***Holidays***

It was requested that Councillors should notify the Clerk if any holidays are booked.

- ***Halo Playscheme***

Cllr Hywel Williams has contacted the BCBC cabinet member who has responsibility for schools to check regarding access and cleaners for the Abercerdin School Sport Hall so that Halo can hold a Summer event in Evanstown.

Resolved – Clerk to ask Scott Hancock in Halo for a quote on the activity with and without Halo acting as key holder.

- ***Evanstown Warden***

It was noted that a decision regarding the funding for a Warden in Evanstown was expected from Pennant Walters in June 2023.

- ***Evanstown Buses***

It was noted that a letter had been sent to Stagecoach Head Office and that an answer had been chased.

Cllr Wasley noted that she had met a manager from Stagecoach and explained the lack of buses connecting it to Bridgend and had been promised an answer in a few weeks.

Cllr David Newman joined the meeting at 8.10pm

- ***Benches***

It was noted that the decision on new benches from CTNN was still awaited.

It was noted that the condition survey of the list of benches had been sent to Councillors and Councillors in each Ward should agree how to spend the £5,000 per Ward on improvements and/or new benches.

Cllr Pound noted that Ogmores Priide had undertaken some initial costings and that these will be discussed with the other Ogmores Vale Ward Councillors before agreeing a priority list.

The Clerk would check with BCBC whether there are any specifications that need to be met for replacing benches although it was noted that many benches currently owned by BCBC were in a very poor condition and any maintenance would be an improvement.

It was noted that OVCC should review adding a bench maintenance budget line to next year's budget.

It was noted that Cllr Williams had written to Jonathan Luxton at V2C to request that some benches are replaced.

Resolved – Councillors to review benches list and agree priorities for each Ward.

- Coronation events

It was noted that both Evanstown and Ogmores Vale coronation events had been successes despite the inclement weather and the communities were thankful to the Community Council donations which helped make the events happen.

Cllrs Lloyd and Batchelor Howells will share photos of the events and these can be shared in the Council's Annual Report and Social Media.

22 Finances – 2023/24

(a) formal approval of payments May 23

It was noted that some further information on the £200 donation to the Evanstown Coronation event is still awaited.

It was agreed that the direct debits that are paid out monthly to NEST and SWWS should be included in future monthly payment approvals for completeness.

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

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation April 23

It was noted that the £37.20 difference between the opening balance for March and the closing balance for February 2023 had been reconciled.

Resolved – To approve the expenditure versus budget report to end of March and April 2023.

(c) expenditure against the budget end of April 23

Resolved – To approve the expenditure versus budget report to end of April 2023.

23 Windfarm Application Process 2023 for 2024 allocations

It was noted that the paper excluded the Community Council from bidding for funding from the Windfarm. The Chair explained that this was agreed with Pennant Walters at the start of the fund set up so that as many local organisations as possible can benefit. However, if the Community Council had projects that needed funding and were important to the local community this could be discussed with Pennant Walters.

It was noted that the Evanstown and Glynogwr fund which was administered directly by Pennant Walters did allow the Community Council to make bids which it had done recently for a Warden for Evanstown.

Resolved – To approve the Windfarm Application process paper.

24 Strategic Plan Update

It was noted that the Council had made some progress against most of its strategic priorities with the OV Awards, Windfarm Funding allocations and the employment of a Warden, three areas of particular progress. Further work is required and the Policy & Strategy Committee will review the plan in July 2023.

25 Proposed Public Meeting Ogmores Vale Basketball Court and site of former Nursery School – Possible Community Asset Transfer (CAT)

Cllr Pound introduced a paper outlining a proposed public meeting regarding the redevelopment of the basketball court and site of the former nursery school.

It was agreed that the date of the meeting will be 17th June 2023 at midday at Halo Life Centre and a shortened flier should be drafted and shared with Councillors. The public meeting will determine the extent of public support for the proposals including the type of the organisation that will assume the responsibility for the submission of the expressions of interest, if the Community Council decides not to proceed with the CAT process.

It was agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Pound would lead the meeting to gauge public feeling and that Cllr Pound would redraft the notice to make it shorter.

Resolved – To agree to support a public meeting on 17 June 2023 and fund the printing of the fliers.

Cllr Angela Jones left the meeting at 8.40pm

26 To consider applications for donations and grants

There were no completed applications for donations and grants.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

**27 To receive a Report from the Clerk
- Aberfields CAT**

It was noted that the Clerk had been unable to find a copy of the Labour party manifesto with the commitment to fund a 3G pitch for the Ogmore Valley. Other Borough Councillors had also been unable to locate the manifesto but it was generally agreed that it was a Labour commitment.

Resolved – Clerk to write to Leader of BCBC requesting confirmation that the manifesto pledge would be funded prior to the next elections.

- Evanstown CAT

The Clerk has set up a CIO for Evanstown Community Centre through the Charities Commission website but approval will take 8-10 weeks and there are likely to be further queries.

28 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

Cllr Margaret Lloyd and Geoff Sherriff left the meeting at 8.50pm

Evanstown Sports Hall was covered under agenda item 21 'Halo Playscheme'

It was noted that there is concern among Evanstown residents regarding the safety of children crossing the main road between Abercerdin Road, Kenry Street and Coronation Road in Evanstown. Cllr Batchelor Howells will report the concern to BCBC and request a safety report on the junction.

It was noted that childcare is poor in Evanstown. Cllr Williams will report back to the next meeting on progress on the Hub at Abercerdin School where childcare provision is an aspiration.

Cllr Williams has referred to BCBC the issue of a lack of recycling bins and bags in Evanstown and understands that the next roll out of bins and bags is in June 2023.

Cllr Williams has raised the issue of access to the Pavilion in Evanstown with BCBC to establish the current management agreement to ensure that all the community can get access as required.

Cllr Thorne noted that the defibrillator in Blackmill would run out of battery in the autumn and a donation request would be made to the next Council meeting. A paper on defibrillators in the valley and how they are maintained was requested in the near future. It was noted that St John's Ambulance may maintain defibrillators but this would be checked in the review.

29 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

No planning issues.

**30 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 27 June 2023, 6.30 pm at Blackmill YCC.**

Confirmed the date of 27 June 2023 as Full Council Meeting to be held face to face.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

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Date

Scott Allin – Clerk of the Council

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Appendix

May Payments 2023			
Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	10523	£1,228.65
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	20523	£302.01
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	30523	£734.71
HMRC	Tax (May)	615PB00145091	£549.29
HMRC	Tax (April)	615PB00145091	£487.28
Scott Allin	Clerk Expenses	EXP02	£62.39
Ashleigh Davies	Warden expenses	EXP03	£40.83
UGD	OVCC Banner	AR000726	£192.60
Donation – Evanstown – Minute 11 April 23 Full Council	Coronation event	DON 1	£200.00
Donation – Corbett Road Ogmore Vale – Minute 11 April 23 Full Council	Coronation event	DON 2	£49.57
Rob Coles	Payroll services	9208	£246.00