

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 27 September 2022, 6.30 pm via Zoom

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MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Cllr Angela Jones

Cllr David Newman (joined at 7.50pm)

Scott Allin – Clerk

Charlotte Llewellyn – Assistant Clerk/RFO

Ashleigh Davies – Warden

The following prospective councillors who had applied for co-option attended as public observers:-

- David Pound
- Sheryl Wasley
- Ray Searle

Charlotte Llewellyn the new RFO/Assistant Clerk who started on 1 September 2022 was welcomed to the meeting.

The Council observed a minute's silence in commemoration of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

54 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

Cllr Goode – work commitments

Cllr McKay – personal commitments

Cllr Williams –work commitments

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence

55 PCSO – to receive report

The new PCSO (Holly Edwards) sent her apologies but provided the following crime statistics for Jun-Aug 2022:

Crime Statistics for:	Jun-22					Jul-22					Aug-22				
	Nanty'l	Ogmore	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l	Ogmore	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l	Ogmore	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n
		Vale					Vale					Vale			
Dwelling burglary	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary other	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	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	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other theft	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	1
Damage	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	2
Violence against The person	4	5	6	15	9	3	4	3	10	4	5	5	3	13	9
All crime total	6	5	8	19	13	6	6	4	16	8	7	5	5	17	12
ASB total	3	3	1	7	3	2	1	2	5	2	3	2	0	5	0
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

It was noted that the Clerk had met the new PCSO and she agreed to attend the October 2022 by zoom.

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

The following members of the public who had applied to become co-opted Councillors were present:-

- David Pound
- Ray Searle
- Sheryl Wasley

57 Warden's report

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

- Evanstown – cutting away brambles and use of weedkiller on public pathways and planters.
- Washeries – litter picking every week and bramble cutting as well as pulling some unflowered balsam.
- Attended Tanio Sessions on Saturdays and printing flyers.

- Blackmill – cut brambles and spray weedkiller at the front of the Community Centre. Helped Bravos cut back brambles on pathway near the Community Centre and traffic lights.
- Cut down a fallen tree at the Washeries.
- Reviewed the Green Flag Award Guidance Manual.
- Reviewed purchasing Hi-Viz vest with Warden on the back and front.
- Attended the Health and Safety audit for Aberfields and Washeries.
- Liaised with Clerk and BCBC over location of drain hazard on cycle track opposite OV Rugby pitch.
- Cleaned up makeshift firepit in Washeries.
- Attended a Scything course at Porthkerry Country Park with Magnificent Meadows.
- Strimmed 4 out of 6 wildflower planters at the Planka and all wildflower planters at the Washeries.

It was noted that the weedkiller used was recommended by BCBC and used in dry weather so that there was no risk of run off into water courses.

58 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

59 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 26 July 2022

It was noted that there was only one member of Council who had attended the 26 July 2022 meeting and that the minutes could not therefore be approved at this meeting.

Resolved to defer final Approval of the Minutes the next Full Council meeting.

(b) Draft Finance and General Committee 6 September 2022

Resolved to defer final Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting.

60 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

Council Meeting

- *PCSO replacement*

James Rowland has now moved on and his replacement is Holly Edwards whose contact details are:

Holly.Edwards1@south-wales.police.uk

Phone number is: 07773662958.

An alternative contact is Andrew.Jenkins4@south-wales.police.uk

Also PCSO Cath James covers Evanstown – 07805 301091

- ***Washeries Bridge***

Cwm Taf Nature Network had replied to the Council query on the Washeries bridge to note that there was a very small budget allocation for each site for hard works or capital expenditure that would not meet the cost of repairing the bridge and be outside the scope of what the Cwm Taf Nature Network (CTNN) could offer.

It was also noted that there was an access audit commissioned via the project to assist in identifying access improvements for the Ogmere Vale Washeries and seek to improve a whole visit experience for people with limited mobility and disabilities, which is something the project will focus.

Councillors expressed concerns that the wishes of the local community were being ignored as a new Bridge was the number one priority. It was agreed that Council's concerns should be fed back to CTNN and that Lowri should be invited to the next Council meeting.

Resolved – Clerk to invite CTNN to 25 October 2022 Full Council meeting.

- ***Mapping bins and benches***

It was noted that the Clerk is awaiting the list of bins from BCBC and is chasing.

It was noted that Cwm Taf Nature Network may provide more benches for Aberfields and the Washeries. Further information is required on how many CTNN are willing to fund.

The project to complete the list of benches is ongoing with Ogmere Vale, Lewistown, Glyn Ogwr complete and further work to be done in Nantymoel, Blackmill and Evanstown. The next stage when the survey is complete will involve the process of procuring new or refurbishment of benches.

Resolved – Clerk with Warden and Assistant Clerk to complete the survey and bring results to October 2022 Council meeting.

- ***Volunteers***

It was noted that there was a paper to be discussed later on the agenda

- ***QR codes at Washeries***

These had now been installed.

- ***Blackmill Garden centre and flowers***

The Centre is now closed for Winter but the Warden would visit in the Spring

- ***OV Awards***

It was noted that all winners had been contacted and that a pre-November Council meeting would be held to commemorate the winners with some light refreshments. It was noted that the Assistant Clerk could lead on this.

Resolved – To organise a pre-November Council meeting event to commemorate OV awards winners.

- ***Remembrance day***

It was noted that 80 more poppies have been ordered at £240 and as last year, Councillors and the Warden would lead on putting up poppies on lampposts.

- ***Christmas Lights***

It was noted that the same Christmas lights as last year had been ordered and that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would meet with the contractors to agree the details. It was noted that an extra tree for Glynllan had been requested.

Finance Committee

- ***set up a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund be set up and transfer £120,000 to this account***

Resolved to Approve.

- ***approve the Investment Strategy***

Resolved to Approve.

- ***approve the revised donations and grants policy***

It was noted that there should be more information on types of projects that the Council had previously supported.

- ***increase to £1,200 for the Chair's allowance***

It was noted that the Chair was not involved in this decision.

Resolved to Approve.

61 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments August and September 2022

It was agreed that the request for a further £280 to fund a wall-heater at BYCC should be approved as part of the September 2022 payments. This would take the payment to BYCC to £606.

A list of payments and supporting invoices would be sent to all Councillors for any queries.

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

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation August 2022

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from August 2022

(c) expenditure against the budget end of August 2022

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

62 Co-option of Councillors

It was noted the following had applied to become co-opted Councillors:-

- (i) David Pound – Ogmore Vale
- (ii) Ray Searle – Evanstown
- (iii) Sheryl Wasley – Evanstown

A short interview would be undertaken with each candidate at the 25 October 2022 Full Council Meeting.

Cllr David Newman joined the meeting at 7.50pm

63 To consider applications for donations and grants
- Gilfach Goch Bowls Club - £380

It was noted that a request for safety steps to get to Bowling Green in Gilfach Goch Bowls Club.

Resolved – To approve £380 grant for safety steps

- New Craft Group - £50**

It was noted that Maria Bennett was leaving as the local co-ordinator but Michelle Carter would be contacted to ensure the new craft and social group was continuing.

Resolved – To approve £50 donation for materials on the understanding that the craft group was continuing.

- Major’s Appeal Ukraine**

It was noted that funds were required by Ukraine immediately and it would be more effective for the Council to donate directly to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal rather than through Bridgend Count Borough Major’s Appeal.

Resolved – To approve £50 donation to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

64 Craft Fair Table at Halo Event on 31 July 2022

It was noted that Cllr Lloyd and the Clerk attended the event and talked to a number of stallholders and members of the community in order to raise the Council’s profile. The Council would attend other events when possible and would look to purchase a pop-up poster to use to publicise its work.

Resolved – To examine costs of pop-up posters.

65 Tanio Cymru Art days

The two Tanio Cymru Arts days in August were poorly attended with 0 and 5 attendees although a clash with a local football competition partially explains the zero attendance. Based on these attendances, the Council would not have proceeded with a further two days in late August and early September but Tanio secured external funding and these went ahead with better attendances of 12 and 9 despite poor weather.

It was noted that there needs to be more marketing of events to the local community via social media but also through community noticeboards.

66 Flowers

Councillors were reminded that there is £75 per ward for flowers and Councillors should get it touch with the Warden with any ideas for flowers etc. If nothing comes forward to the Warden by the October meeting then the Warden will decide how to spend the funds.

67 Draft Annual Report

It was noted that a first draft of the Annual Report provided a good starting point but the following could be added:-

- more pictures;
- information on the work of the Warden;
- more on future projects.

Councillors should feedback any other comments to the Clerk on the Annual Report

68 Silver Band Christmas Bus Tour

It was agreed that the Silver Band Christmas Bus Tour would be a good idea to support again. It was noted that more selection boxes should be purchased this time and the Assistant Clerk would look at pricing then and possible alternatives.

It was also noted that Evanstown should be included in the tour.

Resolved – Assistant Clerk to liaise with Silver Band over Bus Tour and selection boxes.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

69 To receive a Report from the Clerk - request to move container

Ogmore Valley Priide had previously requested that the OVCC container was moved to Ogmore Vale from Aberfields. However, Ogmore Priide has now included a container in its Windfarm bid while there is also a request by another Wyndham BGC football to use the container at Aberfields. This item can be deferred until the decisions on the Windfarm are made.

- Evanstown Community Meeting

The Clerk has attended two community meetings in Evanstown which resulted in two councillors coming forward to be co-opted to the Community Council as well as reporting further issues to BCBC regarding improvements to the local environment.

It was noted that an Evanstown Volunteers Organisation (EVO) group used to exist to undertake litter picking and small scale tidying up. This should complement the work of the Warden and BCBC and a request for a grant for tools etc would be welcomed by the Council.

It was noted that Pennant Walters allocate £60,000 per annum to Evanstown and Glynogwr which the Community Council is not involved with allocating – further information can be found at www.pennantwalters.co.uk/community/pant-y-wal

It was noted that an Evanstown Face book had been set up and a monthly community meeting would be held to feed issues back to the Councillors to pick up with BCBC and OVCC.

It was noted that the while Evanstown is not geographically part of the Ogmores Valley it is in the Community Council area and that the website and Facebook page could make this clearer.

Resolved – To include the Evanstown name in the website where possible

It was noted that there was a Community Council noticeboard in the Evanstown CC which was shut. The Community Council would get costings to move and/or fund a new notice board for Evanstown and liaise with the community over its placement.

- Lewistown – location filming

It was noted that a film project will use Lewistown as the backdrop to some scenes in a new drama series with filming taking place between October-December 2022. There is a likelihood that the local community will be used as Extras plus a boost to the local economy with the crew using local food and drink outlets.

- BYCC

It was noted that Bad Bikes wanted explore the possibility of moving its operation to BYCC and had asked the Council whether it had any objections. The Council confirmed that it was content but the final decision was for the BYCC Management Committee.

- Wyndham BGC

Cllr Newman declared an interest as he coached a Wyndham BGC junior football team.

It was noted that the Council was minded to agree to a request from Wyndham BGC junior football to use the OVCC container in Aberfields to store equipment but the final go ahead cannot be made until the Windfarm bids had been reviewed in October 2022.

It was also noted that the Clerk would inform Wyndham BGC of other possible funders by referring them to the BAVO website which has a 'find funding' section.

- Chloe Louise Davies

It was unusual for the Community Council to support individuals although it had happened in the past. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Chloe Davies and put her in touch with BAVO 'find funding' website and also Halo Foundation for Sports. The Council was minded to provide a small donation to fund a specific activity or event if other funding sources were not accessed.

- Volunteers

It was noted that the Council is looking to increase the amount of volunteers in the Ogmores Valley by:-

- flagging up those groups that already exist, and
- supporting the formation of new groups through advice and donations/grants.

Resolved – Councillors to feed back to Clerk any other groups in the Valley that use volunteers.

- Book of Condolence

It was noted that the Queen's passing had been marked by a tribute on the Council's facebook page and website. The Council has a Book of Condolence but this has yet to be requested.

It was agreed that the Book of Condolence should be placed in each Ward and publicised for a set period of time.

Resolved – Assistant Clerk to organise Book of Condolence in each Ward.

- Evanstown CAT update

The initial request for contractors to undertake a consultation exercise had been unsuccessful with no bids. However, BCBC have approached other contractors directly and BCBC and the Clerk will meet on 3 October to discuss and share the outcome with the Working Group.

- Planka CAT update

It was noted that Ryan Jones from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust had drafted a revised Business Plan and another meeting of the Working Group was planned for October 2022.

- Windfarm Applications

It was noted that there were 16 applications which on first review totalled £146,346. A Council Meeting to review the Windfarm applications would be organised for October 2022

70 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

It was noted the as Deputy Chair Cllr Newman attended the Proclamation Ceremony to represent OVCC.

Cllr Lloyd noted that she had attended a Suicide Awareness event and a Health and Safety audit at the Washeries and Aberfields.

71 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

No issues reported.

**72 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 25 October 2022, 6.30 pm via zoom**

Clerk noted that he was on leave for two weeks in November so the Council papers would be sent out early on 11th November 2022.

Confirmed the date of 25 October 2022 as Full Council Meeting to be held via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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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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SEPTEMBER 2022 PAYMENTS

Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	10922	£1,053.98
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	20922	£511.10
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	30922	£851.84
HMRC	Tax 0622	615PB00145091	£460.94
Scott Allin	Expenses	EXP12	£81.97
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	EXP13	£28.80
OVW Membership	Annual Subscription	1019	£1,356.00
Tanio – Community Arts	Art session at Washeries – 6 th and 13 th August 2022	INV-0115	£360.00
BYCC	22 February 2022 Full Council Meeting. Minute 149 <i>Resolved – it was agreed unanimously to share the 10% increase in costs for the toilet refurbishment equally between the Council and the BYCC.</i> Request for additional £280 for wall heater agreed by 27 September 2022 Council	DON02	£606
Scott Allin	Home as Office Allowance – 3 months	1HAOQTR2	£54.00
Ashleigh Davies	Underpaid expenses from August 22. Claim for £56.23 – actually paid 1 August 2022 £53.23	Adjustment	£3.00
Charlotte Llewellyn	Home as Office Allowance – 1 month	2HAOQTR2	£9.00

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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AUGUST 2022 PAYMENTS

Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	10822	£1,092.11
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	30822	£890.56
HMRC	Tax 0422	615PB0014509 12305	£495.94
Scott Allin	Expenses	EXP08	£131.39
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	EXP09	£43.41
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	EXP10	£129.00
Margaret Lloyd	Expenses – flowers	EXP11	£54.10
South Wales Web Solutions	Domain name renewal	INV – 17691	£36.00
Ogmore Valley Dragons Boxing Club Ltd	Donation Minute 44 – 26 July 2022 Council. Resolved To approve a donation of £1,000 to Ogmore Valley Boxing Club.	DON03	£1,000

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Signature: Date:

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