

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 31 January 2023, 6.30 pm via zoom
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MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr David Newman (Chair)

Cllr Angela Jones

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Scott Allin – Clerk

Charlotte Llewellyn – Assistant Clerk/RFO

Ashleigh Davies – Warden (left at 7pm)

106 Apologies for Absence

There were the following apologies from Councillors:-

Cllr Dhanisha Patel – leave commitments

Cllr Sheryl Wasley – leave commitments

Cllr Hywel Williams – work commitments

Cllr Rhys Goode – work commitments

Cllr David Pound – work commitments

In the absence of the Cllr Patel the Vice Chair would chair the meeting.

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence.

107 PCSO

The latest crime statistics are outlined below:-

Crime Statistics for:	Oct-22					Nov-22					Dec-22				
	Nanty'l	Ogmore	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l	Ogmore	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l	Ogmore	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n
Dwelling burglary	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	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	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	6	1
Damage	1	1	2	4	0	2	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	0
Violence against The person	5	3	3	11	7	9	2	1	12	9	5	5	5	15	3
All crime total	7	4	6	17	11	13	5	3	21	11	9	6	8	23	4
ASB total	2	1	0	3	2	4	1	0	5	1	2	2	4	8	5
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

It was noted that following some anti social behaviour at the Washeries site the PCSO's will more regularly patrol the area.

It was noted that there is a Cuppa with a Copper on 3rd February 2023 at the Halo Centre between 4-5pm

A provisional meeting with the PCSO's has been arranged with Cllrs Patel and Goode on 15 February 2023 although this needs to be confirmed.

A meeting with the Evanstown PCSO is being arranged jointly with the Clerk of Gilfach Goch Community Council with Evanstown ward councillors is possible.

108 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.

109 Warden's report

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

- Tidied up Fronwen Terrace planter.
- Removed Evanstown poppies and stored in container.
- Organised volunteer day at Washeries with Pencoed College students, BCBC and three volunteers.
- Procured extra Christmas trees and placed them in Wyndham, Glynllan and Evanstown. Removed trees and delivered to MEM in Nantymoel for recycling.
- Tidied up planter in Evanstown and planted two cypresses.

- Organised scrub clearance at the Washeries to protect habitat from invasives.

It was noted that an Easter Scavenger Hunt potentially with Tanio could be organised for 2nd of April 2023. The cost was around £200 but the Warden would check whether this could be funded by Tanio or CTNN before the Community Council funded it.

Resolved – To agree to fund the Easter Scavenger Hunt if funding cannot be sourced from elsewhere.

It was noted that fire damage and fly tipping had been a problem at the Washeries. The PCSO's would increase patrols but other solutions could be cameras, signage or locks to prevent anti-social behaviour. It was noted that BCBC are responsible for the Washeries site.

Resolved – To discuss with the Police and BCBC potential solutions.

110 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.

111 Resignation of Cllr McKay

It was noted that Cllr Andy McKay had resigned from the Council.

Cllr McKay was warmly thanked for his committed and excellent service to the community. The Clerk would write to thank him on behalf of the Council for his excellent contribution. A box of chocolates (under £10) would be given as a token of the Council's appreciation.

Resolved – To accept the resignation of Cllr McKay and Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

112 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 28 November 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 28 November 2022 Full Council meeting.

(b) Draft Policy and Strategy Committee 17 January 2023

The meeting was inquorate

113 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

Council Meeting

- PCSO attendance

Covered under agenda item 107.

- CTNN/Bench Survey

It was noted that the specification for benches is currently with Capita who will be producing a technical design plan for all the sites but it is likely to be a few more months before a final decision.

The Council has one quote for the path work at Aberfields and is awaiting other quotes. It may be that the work is phased to secure the £10k CTNN contribution.

- OV Awards

The feedback from the recipients of first OV Awards was very positive and a paper launching the 2023 OV Awards will be drafted in the next few months.

It was also noted that OVSA has been nominated by the Council for the BCBC Mayors award.

- Pop-Up Posters

Covered under agenda item 118.

- Silver Band

It was disappointing that the adverse weather had led to the cancellation of the December event. Sweets purchased by the Community Council for the event had been distributed in Evanstown and Ogmores Vale while Cllr Goode and the Assistant Clerk would distribute the remaining sweets to Nantymoel and Blackmill/Lewistown respectively.

It was noted that there was likely to be a Silver Band Easter event.

- Evanstown Noticeboards

Covered under agenda item 119.

- ***Lewistown filming***

It was noted that the £250 donation to the Community Council for its help had now been received and would be transferred to the Lewistown TRA as previously agreed.

- ***Ogmore Vale Bus Shelter***

It was noted that a response from the PCSO for Ogmore Vale area was awaited on the proposed bus shelter. The bus operator (First Cymru Buses Ltd) has responded, and are happy with the proposed location for the bus shelter.

There were still concerns about the state of the derelict garage which had been reported to BCBC.

- ***Training Plan***

Covered under agenda item 121

- ***Sub Committees***

Covered under agenda item 116

- ***Aberfields CAT***

Covered under agenda item 121

- ***Windfarm Applications***

Covered under agenda item 120

- ***Christmas lights***

It was noted that the solar powered lights looked dated and that it would be a good idea to review whether these could be improved in 2023. It was also noted that tree at Glynllan was welcomed but that local residents were disappointed by the size of the tree in the Wyndham. Meetings with the contractors would be arranged to ascertain whether a tree could be sited elsewhere in Wyndham eg Fronwen Terrace.

A meeting with the Clerk at Gilfach Goch Community Council was being organised to look at the possibility of partnering with Evanstown in 2023 to improve the Christmas lights.

Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting

It was noted that this meeting was inquorate but some of the papers were on the Full Council agenda.

114 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments December 2022/January 23

The RFO explained the payments and noted that all the supporting evidence had been forwarded to Councillors.

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

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation December 22

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from December 2022

(c) expenditure against the budget end of December 22

Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to end of December 2022

115 Co-option of New Councillors

It was noted that the closing date for co-option was 17 March 2023 and that applications would be considered at the Council meeting on 28 March 2023.

Resolved – To approve the co-option notice.

116 Council Sub Committee Membership

It was noted that the paper would be deferred until the next meeting.

117 To consider applications for donations and grants

There were no applications this month.

118 Popup Posters

It was noted that a review of pop-up posters/banner had been undertaken and following discussion it was decided to use a local business called UGD based in Bridgend Town Centre. The total for a roller banner including design would be £196.48 including VAT.

Resolved – To purchase a pop-up poster/banner from UGD for £196.48.

119 Evanstown Noticeboards

It was noted that following a review of noticeboard options, the preferred purchase was from KBS for £1,624 excluding VAT and installation of a dual door 1050mm high x 1800mm wide x 75mm.

It was noted that siting of the new noticeboard would be undertaken after consultation with the Evanstown councillors.

Resolved – To purchase for £1,624 excluding VAT and installation from KBS of a dual door noticeboard.

120 Windfarm Allocations

It was noted that there had been three meetings of the Windfarm Allocations group to review the bids. It was also noted that Pennant Walters (PW) had been approached regarding the proposed allocations to see if they were acceptable. PW noted that the proposed allocations were fine although following discussion it was agreed that the offer of grant should include the caveat that organisations accepting grants must also work with PW on publicity for the project.

Resolved – To confirm approval of the final allocations and write to PW and those that had been successful.

It was noted that PW also had another £60,000 of funding available for organisations in Evanstown and Glynogwr which is directly administered by PW. This fund closes in May of each year after which the fund is distributed to successful applicants following approval in June. Applications to the fund can be made in any month up to April of the relevant operational year.

Resolved – Clerk to notify Evanstown councillors of details of this fund.

21 Strategic Plan

It was noted that the following actions have been completed from the Strategic Plan:-

- appointed a Warden but not a Community Development Officer until funding becomes available;
- Windfarm funding used to achieve strategic aims and protect community assets including delivery of health & wellbeing outcomes, that address primary priorities concerned with:
 - Community buildings & facilities
 - Environmental and neighbourhood projects
 - Sports and recreation facilities.
 - Heritage and cultural initiatives
 - Healthy food projects
- Ogmores Valley Awards event held to recognise volunteers.

- OVCC Website now includes information on Valley organisations.
- Councillor attendance at Craft Fairs etc.

122 Annual Report

It was noted that a few changes have been made to the Annual Report such as more photos plus information on Ogmores Valley Awards and the work of the Warden.

Resolved – To approve publication of Annual Report

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

121 To receive a Report from the Clerk - Aberfields CAT

It was noted that the next stages of the Aberfields CAT were:-

- Stage 1 - OVCC to potentially self-manage/maintain all grass areas and possibly the Pavilion. The forecasts indicate that a central case would involve OVCC subsidising this to anywhere between £4k-£17k per annum and if OVCC go ahead with this there would need to find a sustainable funding source e.g. Windfarm and/or precept. It was noted that if OVCC undertook to take over the revenue costs it would want a significant capital injection from BCBC or other funders such as FAW Trust into pitch improvements in order for it to make economic and political sense.

It was noted that Wyndham BGC football juniors could be approached about helping with grass cutting.

Resolved – To continue discussions with BCBC regarding capital funding before a decision was made on the CAT and OVCC managing the grass areas.

- Stage 2 - it was noted that the best way forward for the 3G pitch including floodlights was for OVCC to lobby the three borough councillors to make sure it was in BCBC's capital plans as it was a clear Labour manifesto commitment to fund a 3G pitch in the Ogmores Valley which is one of the few areas of Bridgend which currently has no 3G pitch in its catchment.

Resolved – To approach the Borough Councillors regarding setting a timetable for a 3G pitch.

- Stage 3 - involves site improvements from a capital viewpoint including car park extension, and Nature Trail that would be BCBC funded.

Resolved – To continue discussion with BCBC on this.

- Evanstown CC CAT

It was noted that the next stages of the Evanstown CC CAT were:-

Stage 1 - Community Council meeting on 31 January 2023 to discuss the Community Council progressing the CAT.

Resolved – To approve continuing the CAT process.

Step 2 – To share the revised report with community via the Evanstown facebook page

Resolved – Clerk to share report with Evanstown Community.

Step 3 - To hold a public meeting in Evanstown in order to:-

- enable the previous Committee to formally resign;
- replace it with a new Committee.

Prior to the public meeting, the Council would agree a new governance model with BAVO and CRT which would enable funding from BCBC and/or other funders to be identified. This governance model could involve a shadow Committee with a core from Councillors and possible from V2C, GGCA and Pennant Walters. The public meeting would then add local community members possibly via an application process.

It was noted that the Evanstown CC constitution noted that trustees had to come from within the boundaries of Evanstown which meant that it would probably not be possible to form a new Committee which included others such as V2C, GGCA and Pennant Walters. The preferred option was that the current committee would resign and close the charity and a new charity, possibly a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a new constitution would be set up. If the current committee resigned then BAVO could hold the funds until the new charity was set up. This preferred option provides a clean break with the old Charity, and the new Charity and constitution can be set up that reflects the needs of the charity and community.

Resolved – Community Council and previous trustees to hold a public meeting and set up a new charity following agreement with stakeholders on its constitution.

Step 4 - Finalise a Business Plan. CRT to use the consultation as an evidence base to support and finalise the business plan.

Step 5 - Secure capital funding

Step 6 – Assuming the above steps are satisfactorily completed then transfer the asset to a new CIO/CC.

- Local Places for Nature

It was noted that BCBC had secured Welsh Government funding under Local Places for Nature. Plans include development of the land adjacent to Ogmores Vale Fire Station which will be used for community open days, school visits and as an education hub with a focus on biodiversity.

- Training Plan

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they should self-assess their skills against the competencies outlined and then complete a Learning and Development plan to assess their current competency level.

It was noted that Cllr Pound had recently attended a OVW course and found it useful.

122 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

- Ogmores Vale Priide

- Basketball Court, Park Avenue Ogmores Vale**
- Former Nursery Site, Park Avenue, Ogmores Vale**

Cllr Pound provided a written update and will bring further briefings as appropriate.

- Gritting in Evanstown – Fix My Street responses

Cllr Wasley has raised the lack of gritting in Evanstown during the recent cold spell with BCBC. It was further noted that the side road to the Halo Centre in Ogmores Vale was also not gritted which was deemed dangerous.

Cllr Lloyd requested that an increase in the flowers fund to £100 per ward should be on the February 2023 agenda.

123 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

No issues with applications.

- 124 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 28 February 2023, 6.30 pm via zoom**

Confirmed the date of 28 February 2023 as Full Council Meeting to be held via zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr David Newman Date

Scott Allin – Clerk of the Council

Appendix

JANUARY 2023 PAYMENTS

Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	10123	£1,180.70
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	20223	£511.10
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	30223	£702.76
Scott Allin	Clerk Expenses	EXP24	£93.59
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Expenses	EXP25	£49.79
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Expenses	EXP26	£34.59
Ashleigh Davies	Adjustment – Underpayment of flowers	EXP21	£0.30
HMRC	Tax	615PB00145091	£515.76
Plantscape	Christmas Lights	14013208	£14,365.20
AJG	Community Schemes Insurance	518478304	£ 1,260.29

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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DECEMBER 2022 PAYMENTS – FOR INFORMATION

Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	11222	£1,380.28
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	21222	£502.11
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	31222	£511.10
Scott Allin	Home as Office Allowance – 3 months	1HOAQTR3	£54.00
Charlotte Llewellyn	Home as Office Allowance – 3 Months	2HOAQTR3	£27.00
Ashleigh Davies	Home as Office Allowance – 1 Month	3HOAQTR3	£9.00
HMRC	Tax 0722	615PB00145091	£656.32
Scott Allin	Expenses	EXP22	£461.36
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	EXP23	£38.80
Leah Baker	Christmas Sweets	DON10	£200.00

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