

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 26 July 2022, 6.30 pm via Zoom

Dydd Mawrth 26 Gorffennaf 2022, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)

Cllr Hywel Williams

Cllr Rhys Goode

Scott Allin – Clerk

35 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

Cllr McKay – work commitments

Cllr Lloyd – holiday commitments

Cllr Newman – holiday commitments

Cllr Jones – work commitments

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence

36 PCSO James Rowlands

The PCSO sent his apologies but provided the following crime statistics for May-July 2022.

Crime Statistics for:	May-22					Jun-22					Jul-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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
All other theft	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Damage	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	1	3	0
Violence against The person	4	8	0	12	4	4	5	6	15	9	3	4	3	10	4
All crime total	4	8	3	15	7	6	5	8	19	13	6	6	4	16	8
ASB total	3	2	0	5	3	3	3	1	7	3	2	1	2	5	2
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The Council noted the crime statistics. It was also noted that there had been 1 GoSafe report of speeding in Ogmore Vale and 4 in Blackmill and that there were no other reports of Road Traffic Accidents.

It was disappointing that the police were unable to attend the Council meeting due to leave and shift commitments. This would be monitored.

37 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.

38 Warden's report

The Warden's report was noted and it was agreed that the four fruit trees available to plant in Blackmill and Evanstown could be planted around Dimbath Avenue in Blackmill and at the front of Abercerdin School in Evanstown. It was suggested that Flying Start could be contacted to establish whether local children could be involved in the planting and locations chosen.

The impact on the environment of spraying weedkiller on paths in Lewistown should be reviewed. It was understood that the weedkiller was sprayed directly on weeds and did not enter water table.

39 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

40 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 21 June 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting.

41 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

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- *PCSO replacement*

Replacements for the PCSO when he was unavailable had been identified and could be contacted on the email addresses below.

Andrew.Jenkins4@south-wales.police.uk

Daryl.Waddell@south-wales.police.uk

- *Washeries Bridge*

It was noted that BCBC had identified £20,000 of access improvements at the Washeries site but that this was more than the budget available which means that the Washeries Bridge is not seen as a priority and that if the Community Council wanted to repair the bridge it will need to find the funds. The Community Council agreed that this response was disappointing as the Council was getting a clear steer from the community that the bridge was the most important priority.

It was noted that there was funding available for the Washeries site from Cwm Taf Nature Network.

Resolved – The Clerk to request further information from BCBC as to why the Washeries Bridge was not seen as the highest priority and to outline the access work that was seen as higher priority.

- *Mapping bins and benches*

The initial survey of benches has been shared with Ward Councillors and would be completed over the Summer by officers and then shared with Councillors in September.

It was noted that further work needs to be undertaken on locations, state of repair and also current ownership and who should be liable for repairs.

It was noted that BCBC has a map of bins in the Valley and when these are emptied. The Clerk would follow this up with BCBC.

- **Volunteers**

The Warden is attempting to increase knowledge of volunteer groups by collecting information through the Nantymoel and Ogmores Vale Facebook hub as well as directly asking Bad Bikes, Priide, Bravos and Edible Forest. The plan would be then to publicise volunteer groups more widely, generate more volunteers and volunteer opportunities which could also include weekend working groups. The Warden to work more closely with volunteer groups by, for example, asking questions on where they would like to see benches located.

It was noted that Maria Bennett had a list of all volunteer groups in the Valley and the Warden and Clerk would contact her to share the information.

- **QR codes at Washeries**

The QR codes will be installed during week ending 29 July 2022

- **Blackmill Garden centre and flowers**

The Warden visited Blackmill garden centre to establish the range of flowers and plants available **but it was closed**.

- **OV Awards**

It was agreed that the certificates would be presented to the winners prior to the November 2022 Council meeting when a small buffet would be held prior to the Council meeting. The Clerk would let the winners know the results.

Resolved – Clerk to inform Ogmores Valley Awards winners.

42 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments July 2022

Copies of the supporting invoices were checked by Councillors against the payments schedule.

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

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation June 2022

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from June 2022.

(c) expenditure against the budget end of June 2022

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

43 Remembrance Day

It was noted that the Clerk has four wreaths from last year and that Councillors had the remaining poppies from previous years. A further 20 poppies for lampposts per ward would be ordered along with some more ties.

Resolved – To order a further 20 poppies per ward from the British Legion

44 To consider applications for donations and grants

It was noted that the Ogmores Valley Dragons Boxing Club has requested £2,000 to undertake some internal construction work to expand the area in order to fit another boxing ring. It was noted that the Council's total donations budget was £3,000 for 2022/23 and that to fund the total request of £2,000 would not leave enough budget remaining for other requests. It was therefore agreed that while this was a strong bid that £1,000 was the maximum that could be approved.

It was also noted that the Council needed a donations and grants policy to provide some further guidance in this area.

Resolved

To approve a donation of £1,000 to Ogmores Valley Boxing Club.

To draft a donations and grants policy to be reviewed by Finance and General Committee.

45 Christmas Lights

The Clerk is still awaiting details of the revised quote from the contractor which has been delayed due to his illness with Covid. Given the timing the Christmas lights may need to be ordered over the Summer by the Clerk.

Resolved – To give Clerk delegated authority to order Christmas lights is necessary.

46 Co-option of Councillors

It was agreed to start the process of co-opting Councillors but that the closing date should be changed to 17 September 2022 and potential candidates should be invited to sit in on the September Full Council meeting with the co-option decisions to be taken at the October 2022 Full Council meeting. It was agreed that these meetings

should be held virtually so that prospective candidates could see what a virtual meeting was like.

Resolved – To open up co-option process over Summer 2022.

47 Councillor Standing Information

It was agreed that the Standing Information for Councillors would be uploaded to the Council's website.

48 Craft Fair Table at Halo Event on 31 July 2022

It was noted that the Ogmere Valley Community Council would have a table at the Craft Fair at Halo Centre, Ogmere Vale on 31 July 2022 between 11am and 3pm. There would be background information regarding the Council and its role including leaflets, pictures of events and co-option information. The Clerk would attend from 11am until around 12.30pm and then Cllr Lloyd would be available. Cllr Williams would also be around after 12.30pm.

49 Tanio Cymru Art days

It was agreed that the Council would fund two Tanio Cymru Arts Days at The Washeries at a cost of around £200 per day on 6th and 13th August and if these were successful in terms of attendance a further two would be run on 27th August and 3rd September.

Resolved – To fund two Tanio Arts days in August and possibly a further two if attendance was acceptable.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

50 To receive a Report from the Clerk

It was noted that there was a request from Priide to move the Council's container to Ogmere Vale so that they could store their lawn mowers and grass trimmers. The Council would review whether this was possible and check the following before finalising a decision:-

- costs of moving container;
- potential location of container;
- impact on Warden.

It was reported that a meeting had been held with BAVO, BCBC and the ex-Trustees of Evanstown CC and it had been agreed that, assuming Reach agree to fund the consultation on the future of Evanstown CC, then a joint meeting to wind up the charity and launch the consultation over the future use of the Centre could be held in September 2022.

It was reported that a meeting of the Aberfields CAT Group had established that Wyndham BGC football club could not provide volunteers to maintain the pitches but that other organisations were being contacted. It was noted that more detailed costs of maintaining the pitches were being sought and once these were established the business plan could be finalised for a decision on next steps.

It was noted that a new RFO/Assistant Clerk had been offered the post with a 3-month probationary period but that the Clerk is waiting for references before finalising the appointment.

51 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

None reported

52 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

It was noted that Cllr Goode was attempting to get all parties together to discuss the Bryant Centre and the sale of food etc.

Cllr Goode would also follow up with Highways in BCBC on the movement of the pelican crossing near the One Stop Shop in Ogmores Vale.

53 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:

Confirmed the date of 27 September 2022 as Full Council Meeting to be held via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

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Date

Scott Allin – Clerk of the Council

Scottallin495@gmail.com

PAYMENTS – JULY 22

Business	Description	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	£1,015.85
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	£813.12
HMRC	Tax 0422	£425.94
Scott Allin	Expenses	£183.28
Ashleigh Davies	Expenses	£56.23

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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PAYMENTS – AUGUST 22

Business	Description	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	£1,500 (gross)
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	£920 (gross)
HMRC	Tax 0522	£xx (TBA)

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