

Ogmore Valley Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 28 February 2023, 6.30 pm via zoom
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MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)
Cllr David Newman (Vice Chair)

Cllr Angela Jones
Cllr Margaret Lloyd
Cllr Hywel Williams
Cllr David Pound
Cllr Sheryl Wasley

Scott Allin – Clerk
Charlotte Llewellyn – Assistant Clerk/RFO
Ashleigh Davies – Warden (left at 6.55pm)

125 Apologies for Absence

There were the following apologies from Councillors:-

Cllr Ray Searle – work commitments
Cllr Rhys Goode – work commitments

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence.

126 PCSO

The crime statistics would be provided by 1 March 2023 due to leave commitments and would be sent out to Councillors when received. It was noted that the PCSO is

now patrolling the Washeries site every shift and recently found the occupants of a vehicle parked there in possession of cannabis.

A provisional meeting with the PCSO's had been arranged with Cllrs Patel and Goode on 15 February 2023 but was cancelled. Another meeting will be organised as soon as possible.

It was agreed to remove the PCSO as a standing item on the agenda.

127 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.

128 Warden's report

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

- Cut down invasive trees and shrubs in the Reptile area of the Washeries.
- Attended an online webinar on Hate Training.
- Attended a talk about Coal Spoil sites where the Washeries was included
- Meeting with BAVO regarding volunteer group set ups.
- Meeting with Tanio regarding a proposition for a series of Forest sessions throughout the year to be held at the Washeries. Funding being sought.
- Bridgend Green Network online meeting with guest speakers on meadow management.
- Attended a Chainsaw course.

It was agreed that more social medial exposure of the work that the Warden undertakes would be useful. It was noted that a facebook page had been set up called 'Friends of Ogmore Washeries'.

It was noted that the Council was content for a small amount of extra hours to be paid for the Warden to complete the chainsaw course so that it does not impact on her other tasks. It was also noted that when the Warden completes her chainsaw training she should request a list of jobs that could be undertaken in the OVCC area although being mindful to supplement BCBC's work rather than replace it.

The Warden left the meeting.

129 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

130 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 31 January 2023

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the 31 January 2023 Full Council meeting.

(b) Draft Personnel Committee 27 February 2023

It was noted that as the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting had not been reviewed then approval should be deferred until the next meeting.

Resolved to defer approval of Minutes of the 27 February 2023 Personnel Committee.

131 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

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- *PCSO attendance and ASB at Washeries*

See agenda item 126 above

- *Easter Scavenger Hunt*

Tanio has confirmed the date of 2nd of April 2023 for the Easter Scavenger hunt and the Warden is preparing some publicity.

- *Christmas lights*

Centregreat has been contacted regarding a meeting to discuss 2023. The major issues are Evanstown and Wyndham and it was agreed that the Clerk would set up meetings and involve Councillors from each ward.

It was also noted that the solar powered lights looked dated and alternatives would be reviewed. Cllr Jones volunteered to take a lead in this area.

- *Co-option of New Councillors*

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It was noted that the co-option of new Councillors was underway with a deadline of 17 March 2023. Notices had been placed on noticeboards and social media.

Resolved – To forward co-option details to all Councillors.

- ***Pop-up banner***

It was noted that officers are continuing to look at options on this as there is no immediate rush. The banner would have the Council's emblem plus website and facebook addresses.

- ***Evanstown Noticeboards***

It was noted that these have been ordered but that there is at least 8 weeks before delivery. The new noticeboard would be placed outside the Community Centre.

- ***Windfarm Allocations***

It was noted that all organisations to which windfarm funding had been allocated had been informed and asked for bank details. It was noted that Bad Bikes is closing and may ask for funds to be transferred to others. It was agreed that this would not be appropriate and instead any new organisation should bid for the funding in 2023.

- ***Annual Report***

It was noted that the Annual Report had been published on the website and a facebook post would inform the community of its existence.

Personnel Committee

It was noted that the following resolutions were made at the Personnel Committee:-

- succession planning as agenda item for a future Personnel Committee,
- extend the Warden's contract to 31 March 2024,
- confirm Assistant Clerk has passed her probation,
- pay £150 Councillors allowances prorated,
- prepare a note for each Council meeting outlining holiday commitments.

132 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments February 23

It was noted that the £250 income received by the Community Council as a result of helping with identify film locations would be transferred to the Lewistown TRA to subsidise the energy costs of the local MUGA.

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

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation January 23

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from January 2023

(c) expenditure against the budget end of January 23

Resolved to approve the expenditure versus budget report to end of January 2023

133 Council Sub Committee Membership

It was agreed that Cllr David Pound would join the Policy & Strategy and the Finance & General Committees.

Cllr Pound noted that he had been approached about joining Ogmore Vale Primary School's Board as a private individual rather than a Councillor. The Clerk would contact the various primary schools to ascertain whether they still require Community Council representation.

Resolved – To add Cllr Pound to the Policy & Strategy and the Finance & General Committees.

134 Ogmore Valley Awards 2023

It was noted that the closing date for nominations for the awards is the end of June 2023. It was also noted that some pictures from last year's Awards Ceremony in Blackmill have been put up in the Halo Centre in Ogmore Vale and that these could usefully be included in the document.

It was noted that Ogmore Valley Suicide Awareness (OVSA) had been nominated by the Community Council for the Major's Award and there had been recent confirmation that OVSA had been successful.

Resolved – To approve the OV Awards document for 2023 with the addition of some photos.

135 To consider applications for donations and grants

There were no applications.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

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

It was noted that the Council could potentially self-manage and maintain the pitch and pavilion. If this decision was taken a financial worst case would lead to the

Community Council subsidising up to £20k per annum from its precept although it could look at other fees, grants and volunteers to reduce this.

If CC went ahead with the CAT it could bid to BCBC for:-

- £25k per pitch for drainage improvements i.e. £75k
- up to £150k for improvement to the pavilion, and
- £10k for tractors etc to use for pitch maintenance.

It was noted that a decision would need to be taken by September 2023 so that a potential subsidy would be included in the 2024/25 budget.

It was also noted that the Cllr Williams and Goode as Labour Borough Councillors would request a timetable for a 3G training pitch and floodlights in Ogmores Valley as outlined in the party manifesto.

Resolved – Clerk to draft letter from Cllrs Williams and Goode to BCBC requesting timetable for 3G pitch.

- Evanstown CAT

It was noted that the consultation report had been sent out to the Evanstown hub to publish and to gather feedback and comments so that the next steps can be established by the Working Group.

It was noted that the current trustees of Evanstown Community Association are closing down the charity and looking at options to transfer the outstanding funds. Following a meeting between the Clerk and some of the trustees on 27 February 2023, the trustees have agreed that they will hold off closing down the charity and distributing the funds until 29 May 2023 which will give the Community Council time to work with BAVO and CGT to set up a new charity which can work with BCBC on reflecting the wishes of the local community and restoring the building so that it is operational and sustainable.

137 To receive Reports from Members of the Council - Buses between Evanstown and Bridgend

Cllr Wasley noted that there is no bus service than connects Evanstown to Bridgend. This means that it is difficult for residents without cars to access facilities without a long walk which is difficult for some such as the elderly.

It was noted that the bus routes tend to be determined by passenger numbers and the Council may need to evidence potential usage.

Resolved – Clerk to write to the bus company to request the reasons why buses do not serve Evanstown.

- Bus shelters etc in Evanstown

Cllr Wasley noted that there is a lack of upkeep of public assets such as bus shelters in Evanstown and despite reporting issues on the BCBC portal 'FixMyStreet' there is little progress.

Resolved – Cllr Wasley to prepare a list of outstanding issues and Clerk to send to BCBC.

- Evanstown Warden – Pennant Walters

It was noted that Evanstown and Glynogwr has a separate pot of funding from Pennant Walters amounting to £60k per annum that could be accessed to provide more Warden resource. It was noted the allocations are usually reserved for capital items but a proposal that looked at start up funding to pilot an increase in Warden resource may be supported.

Resolved – Clerk and Cllr Wasley to prepare a bid to Pennant Walters for a Warden for Evanstown from Windfarm Funds.

- PCSO Drop-ins Evanstown

Cllr Wasley and the Clerk met separately with the Evanstown PCSO on 17 February 2023 who agreed to hold 'drop-in' sessions in Evanstown.

- Fly tipping and benches in Evanstown

Fix My Street has been used to report flytipping but no feedback as yet. It was noted that the Council is still waiting CTNN to confirm the purchase of benches for Aberfields and the Washeries but it was proposed that an allocation for each ward to be used to improve benches may be a good way forward.

Resolved – Clerk to bring back paper on benches to next Council meeting.

138 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

No planning issues.

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

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

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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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

February Payments 2023			
Business	Description	Ref	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	10223	£1,084.80
Charlotte Llewellyn	RFO Salary	20223	£464.64
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	30223	£638.88
HMRC	Tax	615PB00145091	£447.48
Scott Allin	Clerk Expenses	EXP27	£91.79
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Expenses	EXP28	£20.70
Lewistown Tenants & Residents Association	STM Filming	p-o-639	£250.00
Centregreat	Christmas lights	117600	£6,578.00

The above payments have been authorised by council members to be paid on behalf of the Ogmre Valley Community Council.

Signature: Date:

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