

Ogmore Valley Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 21 June 2022, 6.30 pm at Blackmill Youth and Community Centre

Dydd Mawrth 21 Mehefin 2022, 6.30 pm yng Canolfan Ieuenctid a Chymuned Blackmill

MINUTES

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)
Cllr David Newman (Vice Chair)
Cllr Margaret Lloyd
Cllr Hywel Williams
Cllr Andrew McKay
Cllr Angela Jones

Scott Allin – Clerk
Ashleigh Davies – Warden

Prior to the meeting Geunor Evans and Mike John for Gilfach Goch War Memorial Trust presented a 'Book of Remembrance' to the Ogmore Valley Community Council which was accepted by Cllr Dhanisha Patel and Cllr David Newman.

19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

Cllr Rhys Goode – unwell

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence

20 PCSO James Rowlands

The PCSO sent his apologies but provided the following crime statistics for April and May 2022:

Crime Statistics for:	Apr-22					May-22					
	Ogmore Vale	Nanty'l Vale	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n	Nanty'l Vale	Ogmore Vale	Blackmill	Total	Evans'n
Dwelling burglary	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
All other theft	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2
Damage	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	1
Violence against The person	11	9	7	4	20	6	4	8	0	12	4
All crime total	14	11	10	4	25	14	4	8	3	15	7
ASB total	10	2	4	2	8	2	3	2	0	5	3
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The Council noted that crimes had reduced over the 2 months. It was also noted that a replacement for the PCSO was being sought to attend Council meetings to cover leave period.

21 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.

22 Warden's report

The Warden noted the following activities:-

- Tidying up and picking Balsam at the Nature Area at Washeries.
- Balsam bashing around the Washeries with some of the community joining in.
- Bridgend Green Network provided Warden with meeting/event training.
- Plant Swap at the Nantymoel MEM was a success with another planned for September.
- Cycled from Nantymoel to Bryncethin with BCBC for a survey of tasks.
- Attended the 'Our Future Festival' at Pencoed Campus.

- Attended a Buglife event at Canada Tips, Keeper's Pond, Blaenavon for wildlife surveying.
- Attended a Buglife walk to increase awareness of the importance for coal spoil sites such as the Washeries for biodiversity.
- Attended 'Meadow Management for Pollinators' walk and talk at Cyfarthfa Castle organised by Plantlife.
- Attended 'Identification Workshop: Common Meadow and Grassland Plants' at Aberthin Grasslands, Cowbridge.
- Balsam Bash at the Washeries organised for 27 June, 11 July and 25 July between 10am and 12noon.
- Need to map out Nantymoel, Ogmores Vale, Blackmill and Evanstown for bins and benches. Warden will liaise with councillors and the community for local hot-spots of dog fouling, littering and a need for benches.
- Flowers available for Wards – Nantymoel, Lewistown, Blackmill and Evanstown. Warden will liaise with councillors regarding potential sites

The following issues were also discussed:-

- to request an update from BCBC on progress on the bridge at the Washeries and signage regarding reptile habitat;
- to ensure that there is a written trail of correspondence with BCBC;
- to progress mapping out bins and benches with each Ward and its relevant councillors;
- that the Warden worked with the Bravo and Priide volunteer groups but further progress could be made with more informal volunteer groups in the valley. Councillors offered their help in developing and identifying volunteer groups;
- that the Warden would visit Blackmill garden centre when purchasing flowers;
- it was noted that the installation of QR codes was outstanding at the Washeries site;
- it was noted that any new flower planting would need volunteers to water the plants.

23 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. The Clerk noted that he would be sending a new request to all councillors to update the Council's Register of Interests.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

24 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations (a) Draft Full Council 31 May 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting.

(b) Draft Annual Meeting 31 May 2022

Resolved to Approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting.

25 Matters Arising from previous meetings:-

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- *Crime and Traffic Accident figures*

The PCSO was looking at whether traffic accident information could be reported to the Council.

- *Co-option of New Councillors*

It was agreed that a draft co-option paper would be discussed at the next Council meeting with a plan to co-opt new councillors by the autumn.

- *Windfarm*

Applications for Windfarm funding has gone live with posters on noticeboards plus information on Facebook and the application forms on the Council Website

- *Donations*

It was noted that the donation of £250 for the Evanstown jubilee event had helped to support a successful event and that the Council was waiting for the invoice from the catering company.

It was also noted that the donation to the Air Ambulance was on the list of payments to be authorised for payment in June 22.

- *Halo Playscheme*

It was noted that the donation to the Halo playscheme was on the list of payments to be authorised for payment in June 22.

26 Finances – 2022/23

(a) formal approval of payments June 2022

It was noted than an invoice for £552 from Auditing Solutions Ltd had just been received and would be added to the June payments schedule.

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 May 2022

The Chair checked the end of May 2022 bank statement from Co-op to ensure that the balances matched the reconciliation.

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation from May 2022.

(c) expenditure against the budget end of May 2022

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

27 Ogmore Valley Awards

It was agreed that following a review of all the applications, they were all deserving of recognition and that Cllr Jones and the Clerk would work together on the design of a certificate of recognition. It was also agreed that the winners would be presented with a framed certificate at the Halo Craft Fair on 31 July 2022 if they were available.

Resolved – To award six Ogmore Valley Award certificates to the following:-

- **Chantelle Harris – for working at food pantry in Baobab Bach**
- **Edwards3Js – for fundraising for youth groups in the Valley**
- **Baobab Bach Community Pantries – for food pantry in Nantymoel and Lewistown**
- **Betty Kerry – for work in the library at the Halo Centre**
- **OV Window Cleaning – for provision of free cleaning services to community projects**
- **Beth Ryan – for support and prevention of suicides in the Valley.**

28 To consider applications for donations and grants

It was noted that following further discussion with the Nantymoel Boxing Club, the request for funds for the roof repairs had been withdrawn since the Boxing Club had now raised the funds from other sources. The Boxing Club may submit a further request but the Clerk would meet to discuss this with the Boxing Club prior to an application for Council funding.

29 Christmas Lights

It was noted that the Council was awaiting a quote from Centregreat and this would be discussed at a future Council meeting.

30 Tanio Cymru Art days

It was agreed that the free taster days from Tanio in March 2022 had been well received by those attending despite the inclement weather on some Saturdays. It was noted that for Tanio to undertake 4 half day weekend sessions throughout August it would cost around £200 per session including supplies.

It was noted that any sessions should not compete against the Halo playscheme. It was also noted that advertising the sessions should be improved if possible through increased social media.

Resolved - To agree to 4 half day session in August 2022.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

31 To receive a Report from the Clerk

Evanstown – A member of the local community had raised a number of issues relating to bins, overgrown paths, the community centre, railings, parking, and councillors. The Clerk will refer some of these issues to BCBC where appropriate and meet with the community member to discuss the other issues.

It was also noted that the Clerk was meeting with Mark Blackmore from the Reach team on 22 June 2022. This meeting would finalise the application for funding support for a survey of the Evanstown community over the future of the Community Centre to provide an evidence base for a business plan for the potential support of an asset transfer.

Aberfields CAT – A meeting had been held with Halo to discuss their ability to potentially operate a booking system for Aberfields. However, due to costs this was unlikely to be feasible although Halo had offered support and advice to the Community Council. A meeting with Wyndham BGC regarding their ability and/or appetite to undertake maintenance work, such as grass cutting, on the site would also be explored. The business plan could then be progressed using a two-phase approach, with phase 1 examining the Community Council taking over the current facilities and phase 2 involving the improvement of the current facilities with a 4G practice pitch.

It was noted that the Clerk would send out 'Member Contact' details and 'Register of Interest' for all Councillors to update and check for accuracy before loading on the Council website.

It was noted that Induction material had been sent to all Councillors and that any queries should be addressed to the Clerk.

It was noted that there had been one application for the post of RFO/Assistant Clerk and that interviews would be held by the Personnel Committee.

32 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

- **Craft Fair Table at Halo Event on 31 July 2022**

It was noted that the Council would take a table at the Halo Craft Fair on 31 July 2022 and that the Ogmere Valley Awards would be made at this event. It was also noted that information about the Council should be available including how to report problems and the Windfarm application process.

- **Briefing for new Councillors**
 - o **importance of attendance**

It was noted that Councillors should attend Council meetings as often as possible and always send apologies if unable to attend. If Councillors were unable to attend 6 Full Council meetings in a row they would be automatically excluded from the Council.

- o **forwarding enquiries from the Community**

Any queries should be forward to the Clerk to deal with as most required input from BCBC. The Clerk would share BCBC's reporting of issues page with Councillors.

- **BYCC Internet service**

It was noted that BYCC did not have WiFi access to the internet. The Clerk would liaise with the BYCC Management Committee to see whether funding for this could be found.

33 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

Cllr Hywel Williams noted that there was a major energy development including solar and wind being applied for in Blackmill and further details would be known over the Summer.

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

- **Full Council Tuesday 26 July 2022, 6.30 pm**

Confirmed the date of 26 July 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

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Appendix 1

PAYMENTS – JUNE 2022

Business	Description	Amount
Scott Allin	Clerk Salary	£1,024.17
Ashleigh Davies	Warden Salary	£844.29
HMRC	Tax 0622	£498.30
Scott Allin	Expenses	£78.28
Scott Allin	Working from Home Allowance	£54
The Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust	Donation	£100
Halo Leisure Services Ltd	Donation for Play Scheme	£4,500
Auditing Solutions Ltd	Fee for Internal Audit report	£552

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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