

**OGMORE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON,
TUESDAY 28th February 2017**

Those present: Councillor Margaret Jenkins, Nominated in the Chair

Councillors:

Mrs. J. Harris
Mrs. A. Jones
Mrs. D. Parker
W.G. Lewis
Mrs. L. Hill
G. Bees

Others:

Police Representative: Apologies were received.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Resolved: Apologies for absence were noted by Members. A month was approved for Huw Daniel due to a change in his work commitments since taking post.

2. **To receive any declarations of interest (if any) from Members.**

Members are invited to declare personal and prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial.

Resolved: Cllr. Mrs. L. Hill – Item 7 – Priide Funding Request – Cllr. Hill is a member of the Community Organisation, and left the room.

3. **Items for the Police Representative.**

Resolved: Crime figures were reported.

4. **Planters at Clock Tower, Nantymoel**

Resolved: That item 4 is deferred to Finance and General Purposes Committee for further discussion.

5. **Pant-y-Wal Windfarms**

Resolved: That the Clerk had emailed and telephoned Pennant Walters and had received no reply. Correspondence has also been sent to BCBC Planning Officer Phil Thomas regarding this issue and no reply had been received.

Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Jenkins had also attempted to make contact with Pennant Walters and received no reply both from her email and telephone calls.

The Clerk has brought this attention to the Town and Community Councils Forum for further investigation.

6. **Beacon Up-Date**

Resolved: Members considered the report of the Clerk which included costings and resolved that due to the large area of Ogmores Valley, No Beacon would be purchased.

7. **Funding Request – Priide – Sandy Blackburn**

Resolved: That £500 is donated.

8. **To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 31st January 2017.**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council were approved and accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

9. **To Approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 31st January 2017.**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee was approved and accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Councillors names who were in attendance at the meeting were added by amendment.

10. **To Approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Friday 14th February 2017.**

Resolved: That the meeting was cancelled due to not Quorum.

11. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Resolved: No matters arose.

12. **Signing of the Minutes**

Resolved: All document pages relating to the above named minutes were signed by the Acting Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, in the Chair, and, witnessed by Community Council Members Present.

13. The next **Ordinary Meeting of Ogmores Valley Community Council will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2017, at 6.30pm** in Blackmill Youth and Community Centre.,

14. The next meeting of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017, 9:30am** in the Welfare Hall, Ogmores Vale.

AGENDA

Matters deferred/delegated to the committee

15. The next meeting of the **Regeneration Committee will be held on, Tuesday 14th March 2017, 9:30am** in the Welfare Hall, Ogmores Vale.

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16. The next meeting of the **Policy and Strategy Committee will be held on, Tuesday 14th March 2017, 9:30am** in the Welfare Hall, Ogmores Vale.

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Resolved: That items 10 – 13 are noted.

Report of the Clerk

17. One Voice Wales - Investment in third sector services increasing but local authorities in Wales not making best use of the third sector

Local authorities in Wales are not always making the best use of the third sector and must do more to ensure that the work they are currently doing continues to secure value for money. This is according to a report released today by the Auditor General for Wales.

In recent years, local authorities have had to find new ways of maintaining services in the face of reductions in public money and have consequently increased their funding of other providers, particularly the third sector, to deliver key services. Research by the Welsh Government and the Wales Council for Voluntary action, highlighted in the report, found that the third sector in Wales consists of some 32,500 different organisations, 230,000 trustees, 1.3. Million volunteers and some 51,000 employees. The report also found that the third sector's work with local authorities is growing, pointing to data published by the Local Government Data Unit, the report highlights a 165.5% increase (from £68.7 million in 2001-02 to £248.8 million in 2013-14) in the amount awarded by local authorities to the third sector.

Despite this growth, inconsistencies in local authorities' arrangements for funding the third sector make it difficult to demonstrate value for money from this increased investment. The report highlights the need for authorities to develop a clearer rationale for why they are working in partnership with the sector and to be clear about how these partnerships support them to deliver their corporate priorities. The report also assesses how efficient and effective local authority funding arrangements for third sector organisations are. Poor systems and arrangements for awarding and allocating monies to the third sector currently impose heavy burdens on organisations.

The report includes a self-evaluation tool to assist authorities in planning, managing and overseeing their work with the third sector. This self-assessment has been provided to authorities to help address the findings of the review and improve how they use their resources and work with the third sector. The report also makes a number of recommendations for both local authorities and the Welsh Government including;

- That the Welsh Government provides guidance and assistance in clarifying expectations of local authorities in light of recent legislative changes such as the Well-being of Future Generations Act; and
- That elected members play a key role in scrutinising the checklist and provide regular challenge to help their authority address gaps and weaknesses.

Auditor General, Huw Vaughan-Thomas said today: "Wales needs a strong and effective relationship between local government and the third sector. With the likelihood of more services being delivered jointly in the future, we must ensure that partnership and funding arrangements are effective, efficient and are well run and continue to meet the needs of the many thousands of people who use and depend on them. The recommendations in my report and the self-evaluation checklist provide local authorities with the tools they need to review and strengthen their joint work with the third sector and continue to serve the needs of the citizen both now and in the future."

The Auditor General and the Wales Audit Office have produced a checklist for local authorities designed to ensure effective engagement and working with the third sector. The checklist has been included

within the appendices of the report. Should you require further information please contact the Wales Audit Office via email at: info@audit.wales

Ends

For more information, please contact Mark Woods on [02920 320 520](tel:02920320520) or email mark.woods@audit.wales

18. **One Voice Wales - Programme 2017 , Registration process and new 'Gallery'**

The Rt. Hon. Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales, has today launched **Programme 2017** to mark the centenary of the First World War. Programme 2017 is the latest in the Welsh Government's series of annual Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 brochures which highlight events and projects of Welsh interest taking place in Wales and further afield during 2017. See the press release and brochure [here](#).

If you would like a hard copy of Programme 2017, please reply with your address and we will send you a copy in the post.

Today we have also announced information regarding the **registration process for the 'Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele): National Service of Remembrance'** which will be held in Flanders on 31 July 2017. Please note that this event will be strictly pre-registration only and those who have not registered will not be granted entry. See further information [here](#).

At today's annual Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914 – 1918 Partnership Day in Builth Wells, People's Collection Wales will be announcing a new **'Gallery'** option available on the Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914 – 1918 website. Please view this [here](#).

We would be grateful if you could support our communication of Programme 2017 (#Programme2017) and help highlight the registration process for the 'Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele): National Service of Remembrance' via your organisation's social media and websites.

Please visit the Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 website (www.walesremembers.org) and associated social media (Twitter: [@walesremembers](https://twitter.com/walesremembers) and Facebook: [Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918](https://www.facebook.com/Cymru-n-Cofio-Wales-Remembers-1914-1918)) for further information on events and projects being held to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War in Wales, and the latest news on the commemoration.

19. **BCBC Planning**

BCBC have upgraded their planning applications search webpage and to improve their efficiencies, as of 1 April 2017 they will not be emailing out lists of decided planning applications.

Instead, you will be able to retrieve the lists off their planning applications search webpage by following a simple 4 step process.

20. **School Categorisation**

YGG Cwm Garw have been categorised as AMBER. They have achieved an AMBER status from RED within 7 months and continue to strive for Yellow.

Resolved: That items 17 – 20 were discussed and noted.

21. **Mark Drakeford AM - White Paper 'Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed'**

"Over recent months I have engaged with a range of stakeholders on the thinking around how Local Government in Wales can best be delivered in the future. I am grateful to those who were involved in those discussions.

Today I am launching a consultation on the White Paper Reforming Local Government - Resilient and Renewed, which reflects a number of the ideas and challenges which were highlighted during those engagement events, and which now seeks broader views.

I look forward to seeing your formal responses to this consultation and to continuing to work in partnership to take this forward.

The White Paper Consultation can be accessed via the Welsh Government website

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/reforming-local-government-resilient-and-renewed> The closing date for responses is 11 April 2017.

I would be grateful if you could highlight the consultation more widely by including a link to the consultation on your website.

If you have any initial queries please email: RLGProgramme@Wales.gsi.gov.uk "

Mark Drakeford AM/AC

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid a Llywodraeth Leol Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

Resolved: That the Clerk send out the Annex in relation to item 21 for members consideration.

22. **Mayor of Maesteg Masquerade Ball**

Resolved: That item 22 is noted.

23. **Funding Request – Bobath, Tenovus, The Bridge and Kidney Wales**

Resolved: That item 23 is noted.

24. **Little Fingers Donation Request**

Resolved: That a donation of £300 be granted.

25. **One Voice Wales Membership 2017/18**

Resolved: That membership at £1092 is approved.

26. **Partner Funding Request from BCBC – Lifeguards**

Resolved: That item 26 is noted but that no funding is available.

27. **BAVO – INVOLVE Magazine**

28. **BAVO – Impact Report**

Resolved: That item 27 and 28 are noted.

29. **YGG Cwm Garw – New School Meeting, Friday 10th March 1.30pm @ Bettws School**

Resolved: That item 29 is noted.

30. **Correspondence – Dhanisha Patel**

Dhanisha is working towards a potential project with Coalfields Regeneration Trust. She's in the process of arranging a meeting with them and residents interested in being involved.

The proposed meeting is to take place on 18th March 2017 at 11am in the Life Centre, Ogmere Vale.

If you would like any further details you're to contact Dhanisha directly.

Resolved: That item 30 is noted.

31. **Blackmill 30mph Sign – Invoice**

Resolved: That the invoice at £3,114.47 is approved.

32. **Political Composition of OVCC – Information Request from Oggy Bloggy**

Resolved: That the Clerk relay the following:

- There are 15 members serving on Ogmere Valley Community Council.
- 2 Labour, 1 x affiliated Labour but not representing.

33. **Town andCommunity Council Meeting Report**

Resolved: Report to follow as the Clerk was unable to print in the format newly being sent out by BCBC. The Clerk has requested this in Word or for information on what type of document they are using.