

Ogmore Valley Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Cofnodion Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 24 September 2019, 6.30 pm at Blackmill Community Centre
Dydd Mawrth 24 Medi 2019, 6.30 pm yng Nghanolfan Gymunedol Blackmill

Members Present

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chairperson)
Cllr Andrew Davies
Cllr Geunor Evans
Cllr Janet Harris
Cllr Andy McKay
Cllr Ryan Mock
Cllr Richard Shakeshaft

Anne Wilkes - Temporary Clerk of the Council
Laura Williams - Temporary Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

Presentation by Sue Evans, Rural Programme Co-ordinator of REACH Rural Development, accompanied by Sandra Lopez, Programme Manager.

Information had been provided on the various REACH projects throughout the valley:

10 Heritage information panels, documenting the past history of the valley, places of interest, walking and cycling routes - starting at Bryngarw Park up through the Ogmore Valley along the cycling and walking route to Nantymoel. Once Welsh Water have completed their works a further 2 panels will be installed.

All weather sports, proposed 3G pitch, natural play area at the Planka - currently being explored.

Worked with Nantymoel Boys & Girls Club over the past two years, upgrading the building. The Community Coffee Shop now open from 10 am to 2 pm on weekdays. Development of a Bug Hotel in the storage container at the rear of the club.

Community venues, Glyn Ogwr Church plus four other for events, coffee mornings etc as a pilot scheme. This will be expanded to every community across the Bridgend Borough by August 2020.

Five Crafting Hubs, such as Cwm Ogwr Men's Shed are being set up across the Borough as part of a £61,000 new initiative to generate jobs and create opportunities where people can socialise, share skills and improve abilities. The Bridgend Craft Collective will be open to crafters, beginners and members will receive training in business practice, digital marketing and related skills.

REACH are currently reviewing options for the old Washery Site. Following consultation ideas will be short listed and a fully costed plan produced

Cllr Dhanisha Patel thanked both officers of REACH for attending the meeting.

66 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lee-Anne Hill - on holiday

Cllr Margaret Lloyd - on holiday

Resolved: members unanimously accepted the apologies for absence

67 Public Address (an opportunity for members of the public to bring any issues to the attention of the council) TEN MINUTE SESSION ONLY

Three members of Lewistown and Pant yr awel Tenants & Resident's Association asked if the council may consider supplying their volunteers with flowering bulbs, wild flower seeds and litter picking equipment. The volunteers had starting making improvement in their local area. Cllr Patel suggested that the group submit a donation request, using the application form on the council's website. It was also suggested that the group contact Ogmores Valley Priide regarding supplies and equipment.

A resident of Nantymoel thanked Cllr Janet Harris and Ogmores Valley Community Council for supplying paint for the public toilet block at Pricetown. Mrs H

reported that lots of people have been helping to improve areas: a group of local children clean up the skate park and had also painted the ramps. Volunteers would soon be painting the bus shelter at Pricetown and the resident had liaised with the Transport Manager at Bridgend CBC to be reimbursed for the cost of paint and brushes. The resident wondered if the children could have some recognition for their work in the community and would contact the Clerk with the details. Cllr McKay mentioned that the local PCSO's may be able to provide certificates for the children.

A resident wondered if the Community Council would be able to adopt the BT phone box at Pricetown, adjacent to the clock. The local residents would like to make use of the facility.

A resident stated that he had joined Ogmores Valley Priide, since attending the council meeting in July. Improvements had been carried out in several areas, including three outdoor seating areas. The resident expressed concern that overgrown shrubbery and brambles along the pathway on Aber Road preventing reasonable access. The same problem on Cemetery Road. The Clerk would report both issues to Customer Care, Highways, Bridgend CBC. The Clerk confirmed that weed spraying is carried out by Bridgend CBC once in early spring and again in the autumn. Only licensed contractors may spray weed.

Cllr Dhanisha Patel informed the public about the Community Forum Meeting on 3 October, 6.30 pm at Nantymoel Boys & Girls Club. The public are encouraged to attend to discuss community matters and projects.

Cllr Patel thanked the public for attending and participating. Cllr Patel also commended the work being done by volunteers in the community.

68 Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct & Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - none

69 To consider any applications for Co-option: Evanstown and Nantymoel Ward Vacancies

The Clerk had received one enquiry about the Nantymoel Ward Vacancy, provided information but no further response had been received.

**70 Ratification of Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 30 July 2019
Resolved: that the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. Proposed by Cllr Janet Harris , seconded by Cllr Andrew Davies**

71 Ratification of Minutes of the Policy & Strategy Meeting 2 July and 2 September 2019

Resolved: that the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. Proposed by Cllr Janet Harris, seconded by Cllr Andy McKay

**72 Ratification of Minutes of the Personnel Committee 20 August 2019
Deferred**

73 Ratification of Minutes of the Finance & General Committee Meeting 10 September 2019

Resolved: that the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. Proposed by Cllr Andrew Davies, seconded by Cllr Janet Harris

74 Matters of Report by the Clerk on the previous meeting

Item 38: Bethany Chapel - no further information received from Building Control, Bridgend CBC. The Clerk had requested an update.

Items 43 A number of volunteers had contacted the Clerk through social media and contact details for Cllr Margaret Lloyd and Priide had been provided.

Item 50.4 Mr John Rees would present information to Full Council in November 2019.

Three expressions of interest had been received regarding contract grounds maintenance.

**75 To consider Correspondence received since the last meeting
(no decisions to be made on this item)**

1. One Voice Wales - Older People's Commission for Wales Impact & Reach Report 2018/19. (emailed to councillors 1.8.19)

2. One Voice Wales - Legal Topic Note on Financial Assistance to Churches (emailed 5.8.19)

3. Wales Audit Office via One Voice Wales - Good Practice Exchange programme 2019/20

4. One Voice Wales - Long Forest Project, free app for Community Councils to survey hedgerows. (emailed 9.8.19)).
5. Bridgend CBC - Town & Community Council Fund 2020/21 - deadline for applications January 2020.
6. Bridgend Town Council - concerns about Bridgend Bus Station and about future financing implications from Bridgend CBC. Request for council's views on the short term running repairs, longer term solutions and level of financial support from this council. (20.8.19)
7. One Voice Wales - Welsh Government Framework for Wales Newsletter 008, August 2019. (emailed 21.8.19)
8. One Voice Wales - revised Model Financial Regulations, amendments to 2016 version.
9. Bridgend CBC, Democratic Services Manager - Data Protection Guidance for T & CC's (3.9.19)
10. One Voice Wales - reminder of their Conference and AGM 5 October 2019 at Bont Pavillion in Pontrydfendigaid.
11. One Voice Wales - Environment Wales Act 2016 - T & CC's Duty under Section 6 (9.9.19)
12. One Voice Wales - Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale Area Committee minutes of 22 July 2019. The next meeting would take place at 7.00 pm, Monday 28 October in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall.
13. BAVO - BCBC Budget discussion dates: 2 October, 10 - 11.30 at The Courthouse, Maesteg and 24 October, 6 - 7.30 pm at St John's Centre, Minerva Street, Bridgend (9.9.19)
14. One Voice Wales - Welsh Government survey for Clerk's to find out more about the sector's use of digital mechanism to engage, meet and share information with communities. Open until Friday 8 November 2019.
15. Bridgend CBC, Mr Richard Matthams, Development Planning Manager - replacement Local Development Plan consultation on 'Preferred Strategy' for the plan between 30 September and 8 November 2019. Sessions delivered by Planning Aid Wales for councillors of Ynysawdre CC/Garw Valley/Ogmore Valley/St Brides Minor and Coychurch Higher will take place at Ynysawdre Parish Room on Monday 30 September 6 - 9pm.

Cllr David Williams would attend and Cllr Ryan Mock may attend, depending on commitments.

16. One Voice Wales - Carnegie UK Trust
17. One Voice Wales - South Wales training schedule for councillors.

76 Report on Pant y Wal Wind Farm Funding

Fourteen applications had been received by the Clerk to date. Pant y Wal Wind Farm had requested bank details of all the previous applicants on Friday 23 August 2019. The Clerk had contacted all applicants and managed to collate and send the information on 16 September.

Mr Hart of Pant y Wal Wind Farm had informed the Clerk that if the applications for 2020 did not equate to £100,000, any deficit would roll over to the following year.

77 Plan for Christmas Lighting 2019

The Clerk provided the final plan and costs. There may be a problem at Evanstown, depending on circumstances in relation to the Community Centre. The Clerk would arrange to meet the Officer of Centre Great to look at alternative locations for a Christmas Tree.

Resolved: members approved the plan for 2019

Cllr Andrew Davies left the meeting at 8.00 pm

78 To consider quotations for Floral Displays 2020

The third quotation had not been received. Cllr Hywel Williams suggested meeting with the local groups of volunteers regarding flowers. Aspirations and provision of services would be topics at the forthcoming Community Forum on 3 October.

Cllr David Williams left the meeting at 8.17 pm

79 To consider any matters in relation to Blackmill Youth & Community Centre

- (a) Laura Williams, Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer confirmed that previous ownership of the building had been Garw and Blackmill Urban District Council. David and Snape Solicitors, Bridgend had supplied the Assistant Clerk with Land

Registry documents proving that the property is owned by Ogmore Valley Community Council.

(b) Three quotations from local firms were considered:

£10,365 - main slate roof, flat roof in EDPM, new fascias, guttering, soffits and downpipes

£11,200 - as above

£6,941.40 - main slate roof and flat roof. This company advised that the remainder of the work would be unnecessary and that they would clean all plastic fitting after the roof had been completed.

Length of guarantees would be confirmed at the next meeting. It was suggested that the Clerk contact a key member of the BYCC Management Committee to determine whether there would be a need to replace the plastic, although Cllr Hywel Williams stated that the plastic fittings may get damaged during the installation of the roof and may need to be replaced in any event.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain a revised quotation from all three firms identifying the cost of the guttering etc. Deferred until October meeting.

(c) Insurance cover for the centre - the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had met with the area representative of the insurance company, Came and Company. She had advised that there needed to be discussion with the management committee and that contents should be transferred to the community council and insured by this council.

Cllr Andy McKay did not agree that the council should pay for the contents insurance as the contents belonged to the management committee.

A meeting would be arranged with the management committee.

80 To consider quotations for the renewal of Council Insurance cover

Four quotations had been received.

Resolved: that a one year policy from Came and Company (Inspire/Axa) for £1002 had been approved. Proposed by Cllr Janet Harris, seconded by Cllr Ryan Mock

*8.30 pm Standing Orders were suspended in order that the Council may continue business
Cllr Hywel Williams left the meeting at 8.42 pm*

81 To discuss matters in relation to Bridgend Bus Station, letter from Bridgend Town Council

Resolved: that members agreed not to make a contribution to the maintenance of Bridgend Bus Station

Cllrs Ryan Mock and Geunor Evans left the meeting at 9.02 pm

82 To discuss matters in relation to the Memorial Shelter and Clock at Pricetown

- (a) Memorial Shelter - although this council has been maintaining the shelter the question of ownership needed to be determined, together with insurance cover.
- (b) Pricetown Clock - Bridgend CBC own the clock, although Ogmores Valley Community Council had provided the wrought iron fencing and gate. The fencing is insured by OVCC.

The Clerk to make enquiries with Mr Guy Smith, Community Asset Transfer Officer of Bridgend CBC - possible transfer to OVCC.

83 Finances

- (a) **Formal approval of payments**
Resolved: that Cllr Dhanisha Patel proposed, seconded by Cllr Richard Shakeshaft that the payments were approved. All in favour.
- (b) **Formal approval of the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 August 2019**
Resolved: that Cllr Janet Harris proposed, seconded by Cllr Andy McKay that the payments were approved. All in favour.
- (c) **To approve the revised budget as recommended by the Finance & General Committee 10 September 2019**
Resolved: that the revised budget had been approved
- (d) **Report from the Responsible Finance Officer**

A list of expenditure against the budget and draft precept figures for consideration by council.

Members suggested that the Clerk and RFO should conduct a poll/questionnaire on social media to assist with determination of the precept

for 2020/21. Copies of the questionnaire would be printed for the Community Forum Meeting.

84 To consider Applications for Donations by local community groups, Sport Clubs and charities

1. The Ark Dementia Peer Support Network - financial support to fund their activities - the application form had not been received todate.
2. St Barnabas Church - regrettably Town & Community Councils do not have the legal powers to provide financial support for religious groups and buildings of any denomination.

85 To receive a Report from the Clerk - none

86 To receive Reports from Members of the Council

Cllr Dhanisha Patel and Cllr Andrew Davies had attended the consultation event of the 4G Pitch, Ogmores Vale. The RFC would be taking this project forward.

Cllr Dhanisha Patel gave apologies for the Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting on 30 September 2019.

Cllr Richard Shakeshaft gave apologies for the Finance & General Committee Meeting on 8 October 2019.

87 To confirm the date, time and venue of the Full Council Meeting and Committee Meetings

Resolved: that the Full Council Meeting would be Tuesday 29 October 2019, 6.30pm at Blackmill Youth & Community Centre

Resolved: that the Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting would be Monday 30 September 2019, 6.30 pm at BYCC

Resolved: that the Finance & General Committee Meeting would be Tuesday 8 October, 6.30 pm at BYCC

88 To received Agenda items for October 2019 - none

89 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

- (a) Appeal Refusal - 4 Hendre Avenue - retention of the rear first floor patio doors and steel balcony with supports
- (b) P/19/659/FUL - 40 Bryn Road, Ogmere Vale
Construction of two pairs of semi detached houses

Resolved: that there were no objections or observations on item (b) above

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

Date