

Certification and approval of annual accounts for 2019-20

Regulation 15(1) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that Responsible Financial Officer of Ogmore Valley Community Council sign and date the statement of accounts, and certify that it properly presents Ogmore Valley's Community Council's receipts and payments for the year. The Regulations required that this be normally completed by 30 June 2020. However, due to the Covid restrictions the following notice was posted on 20 May 2020:-

DELAY TO CERTIFICATION & PUBLIC INSPECTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020.

- 1. During normal times, the Annual Accounts are required to be certified by the Responsible Financial Officer and then approved by Ogmore Valley Community Council, allowing the Chair to sign the Annual Return. This must be completed by 30th June 2020, under Regulation 15 as set by the Wales Audit Office.***
- 2. Following this, there is a period of time between stipulated dates, for members of the Public to inspect these accounts. These dates cannot be set at present.***
- 3. Due to current COVID 19 pandemic, Ogmore Valley Community Council are not holding meetings to comply with legislation. Therefore, the period for inspection will be postponed until such time that Council can formally meet to approve the accounts, allowing the External Audit and other inspections to take place.***
- 4. A formal notice will be displayed on the Community Council Website, giving notification of the dates for public inspection to take place. This will be done as soon as practical and when the External Auditors are able to issue the notice to electors of their inspection rights***

The Ogmore Valley Community Council will approve the accounts on Tuesday 27 October 2020 and gives notice below of the period when the accounts can be reviewed by the electors.

Notice of date appointed for the exercise of electors' rights under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004

Ogmore Valley Community Council

Financial year ended 31 March 2020

1. Date of announcement 19 October 2020.
2. Each year the annual accounts are audited by the Auditor General for Wales. Prior to this date, any interested person has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them for 20 working days on reasonable notice. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to:

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· between the hours of 10am to 4pm on Monday to Friday commencing on 2 November 2020 and ending on 27 November 2020

3. From 30th November 2020 until the audit has been completed, Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:
 - the right to question the Auditor General about the accounts. The Auditor General can be contacted via BDO; and
 - the right to attend before the Auditor General and make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor General via BDO. A copy of the written notice must also be given to the council. BDO can be contacted at: BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3TL
4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

