

RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council held at Abertysswg Community Centre on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 6pm.

Present

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| Cllr. C. Cuss (Chairperson) | Cllr. G. Oliver |
| Cllr. L. Harrison | Cllr. M. Powell |
| Cllr. L. Dykes | Cllr. D. Harse |
| Cllr. D. Bradley | |

Apologies

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| Cllr. H. Williams | Cllr. D. T. Williams |
| Cllr. L. Gronow | Cllr. L. Pulsford |
| Cllr. M. L. Thomas | Cllr. J. E. Hughes |

In Attendance

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| Mr. G. Williams | Clerk to the Council |
| PCSO Rachel Pearce | Gwent Police |
| PCSO Rebecca Davies | Gwent Police |

47 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023, previously circulated to Members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. C. Cuss.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. T. Williams, Cllr. H. Williams, Cllr. M.L. Thomas, Cllr. L. Gronow, Cllr. J. E. Hughes and Cllr. L. Pulsford.

48 Declarations of Interest

48.01 There were no declarations of interest.

49 Matters Arising

49.01 Cllr. M. Powell declared an interest in all matters relating to Planning.

50 Planning Applications

The Clerk confirmed that four applications for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

Planning Application. 23/0067/HH

Site Area. 171m

Location. 3 Redwood Court, The Terrace, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5DZ

Proposal. Convert loft and install three conservation roof lights at 3 Redwood Court, The Terrace, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5DZ.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 23/0059/OUT

Site Area. 10620m

Location. Land at Former Aldi Stores Ltd, Tre-Edwards, Rhymney.
Proposal. Erect up to 23 residential units and associated highway drainage and landscape infrastructure at Land at Former Aldi Stores Ltd, Tre-Edwards, Rhymney.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 23/0036/CLPU

Site Area. 9348m

Location. Upper Rhymney Primary School, Oakland Terrace, Rhymney Tredgear, NP22 5EP.

Proposal. Erect pre-fabricated extension to enlarge existing school kitchen facilities at Upper Rhymney Primary School, Oakland Terrace, Rhymney Tredgear, NP22 5EP.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning Application. 23/0066TPO

Site Area. 247m

Location. St Davids Church, High Street, Rhymney.

Proposal. Carry out various tree works at St Davids Church, High Street, Rhymney.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

51 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£05,334.11**.

52 Correspondence

52.01 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th February 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

52.02 Gwent Police

Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team Policing and ASBO report for the period January 2023.

Moved. Noted on file.

52.03 Centregreat Limited.

Invoice for Installation and Removal of Christmas Lighting in 2022/23.

Moved. Payment.

52.04 Email from Carl Nesling, Caerphilly CBC

Query status and need to retain temporary surveillance camera TEMP043D at Rowan Place, Rhymney.

Moved. Clerk to write to advise that Council wish to retain the camera as a continued deterrent of crime and anti-social behaviour.

53 Report of the Clerk

53.01 Payments and Invoices

The Clerk read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. All payments were approved by Members.

53.02 Community Council Draft Budget

The Clerk shared with Council a draft copy of Council's Expenditure Budget for 2023/24. Following discussion, it was agreed that Council work within these values.

Draft Budget 2023/24

| Income | | Expenditure | |
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| | | Type | Budget Estimate |
| Approx. C/F 31/03/2023 | £23,000.00 | Clerk's Salary & On Costs | £14,500.00 |
| Precept | £36,000.00 | Chairperson Allowance | £00,500.00 |
| Approx. VAT refund 2022-23 | £01,200.00 | Councillor Expenses (15 @ £150.00) | £02,250.00 |
| Granting | £00,000.00 | Defib Electricity (4x £25.00) | £00,100.00 |
| | | Summer Scheme | £07,000.00 |
| | | Telephone & Broadband | £00,400.00 |
| | | Room Hire & Storage | £00,600.00 |
| | | Insurance | £00,600.00 |
| | | Postage | £00,200.00 |
| | | Stationery | £00,250.00 |
| | | SLCC Membership | £00,166.00 |
| | | ICO Membership | £00,040.00 |
| | | Website | £00,240.00 |
| | | Section 137 Grants | £05,000.00 |
| | | Halloween Events | £00,100.00 |
| | | Town & Community Council Membership | £00,100.00 |
| | | Christmas Events | £02,500.00 |
| | | Christmas Lighting | £09,000.00 |
| | | Christmas Electricity | £00,300.00 |
| | | Audit | £00,500.00 |
| | | RBL Wreaths | £00,120.00 |
| Total | £60,200.00 | Total | £44,466.00 |
| Projected Balance Year ending 31.03.2024 | | | £15,734.00 |

52.03 Community Defibrillators

Further to discussion it was agreed that Council would pursue the potential for funding via the Pen Bryn Oer Wind Turbine Scheme, in support of an additional deployment of Community Defibrillators – one in Abertysswg, the other in Pontlottyn.

Moved. Clerk to compose and submit application for grant funding ahead of the spring scheme closure scheduled for March 11th.

Moved. Pontlottyn Members were encouraged to explore location options.

Moved. Clerk to arrange the purchase of 4x HeartSine Adult Pad Pak in support of continued supply to Council's four existing Community Defibrillators at £115.00 + VAT per pad pak.

52.04 Cemetery Project. Letters to Heaven

Further to discussion, it was agreed that Council would conduct a cost and delivery feasibility study on the potential deployment of a Letters to Heaven Post Box at Rhymney Cemetery.

Moved. Clerk to report at the April meeting of Council.

53 Gwent Police

PCSO Rachel Pearce and PCSO Rebecca Davies provided Council with a verbal update on policing across the Community Council area. PCSO Rachel Pearce and PCSO Rebecca Davies then took questions / comments from Councillors

Cllr. Cuss thanked PCSO Rachel Pearce and PCSO Rebecca Davies for attending the meeting.

A hard copy of the report referred to by both Officers has been supplied to members with the minutes of this meeting.

Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events

- Community Council Thursday 13th April 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council (AGM) Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council Thursday 8th June 2023 at 6pm
- Community Council (AGM) Thursday 13th July 2023 at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm

_____ **Chairperson**