

**DARRAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Dear Member,

Your attendance is requested at the next meeting of the above Community Council which will be held at Parc Cwm Darran Visitor's Centre, Deri, on **Thursday 4th April 2019 at 6.30pm.**

Yours sincerely,

Geraint Williams
Clerk to Darran Valley Community Council

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest.
3. To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2019
4. Matters Arising from the March 2019 meeting of Council.
5. Planning Applications.
6. To receive Community Council Correspondence
7. Approval of Community Council Cheques / Payments.
8. To receive report from Gwent Police and / or Caerphilly CBC Community Safety Team.
9. Proposed Sale of Community Council land at Cefn Road, Deri.
10. Community First Responder Scheme.
11. School Governor Vacancy. Fochriw Primary School
12. Summer Scheme 2019
13. Gelligaer and Merthyr Common.Volunteer Group
14. Sheep Trespass

DARRAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held at Parc Cwm Darran Visitor's Centre, Deri, of the above Community Council on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 6.30pm.

Present

Cllr. R. Chapman (In the Chair)
Cllr. D. Hardacre
Cllr. A. Vincent
Cllr. D. Nicholas

Cllr. G. Matthews
Cllr. K. O'Hagan
Cllr. P. Roberts

Apologies

Cllr. H. Holifield

Cllr. P. Thomas

In Attendance

Mr. G. O. Williams Clerk
PCSO. Rachel Lewis
PCSO. Russell Childs

Two Local Residents (Mr. E. Blanche and Mr. J. Vincent) were also present.

86 Minutes and Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson Cllr. R. Chapman
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. H. Holifield and Cllr. P. Thomas

87 Declarations of Interest

87.1 Cllr. D. Hardacre declared an interest in Planning Application. 19/0097/FULL. Cllr. Hardacre took no part in the discussion thereon.
Moved. Noted on file.

88 Matters Arising

88.1 Minute No. 22.7, 54.02, 64.2 and 77.1. Request to purchase land at Cefn Road, Deri, Bargoed.

The Clerk updated Council that he had received advice from colleagues from Caerphilly and was in the process of developing a proposal for the sale of land.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for decision at the April meeting of Council.

88.2 Minute No. 69 and 77.4. Vehicle Speed / Speed Survey. Brook Row, Fochriw
Councillors R. Chapman, P. Roberts and D. Hardacre provided Council with a verbal update following a site meeting with Mr. D. Smith of Caerphilly CBC.
The update advised of the following agreed actions:

- Installation of a warning sign (including notification of a concealed entrance) to be positioned above the Fish Shop on Brook Row / Pontlottyn Road;
- Revised painting of road markings in the area adjacent to the bend; and
- Review of speed survey outcomes completed over the past four / five years, including one advised to have been located in Council's preferred location.

Moved. Clerk to write to Mr. D. Smith to request access to this data for review both by Council and by Mr. E. Blanche, who initially brought the matter to Council's attention.

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

88.3 Minute No. 71 and 77.5. Access to Capel Brithdir

The Clerk updated Council on Cllr. E. Stenner's response to Council's correspondence. Within Cllr. Stenner's response she advised:

As part of the consultation on the introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order on Cefn Brithdir, we wanted to ensure as wide a consultation as possible. A public meeting and consultation event was held at Parc Cwm Darran in 2017 specifically looking at the issues on the Gelligaer and Merthyr Common and the introduction of measures to address fly-tipping and other anti-social behaviour. Members of the Community Council attended this event. A further consultation was held in Fochriw in 2017 with CCBC Officers and Officers from 'Fly Tipping Action Wales' speaking to residents – no objections were received regarding the proposals and a Cabinet Report was published in 2018 outlining the intention to introduce the PSPO. Added to this, the proposals were also posted on site in June and July 2018. CCBC Officers are more than happy to attend a Community Council meeting to outline the consultation process that was followed in introducing the PSPO.

The introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order was a result of consideration and consultation with the local community and a direct attempt to address the issue of fly-tipping; if there are more effective ways of addressing the problem, that are both practical and feasible, we would very much like to discuss these with you. In undertaking our consultation, we did not receive any objections, and only a few weeks ago the measure was complimented by a resident who has experienced issues with the anti-social and criminal behaviour on the Common. Caerphilly County Borough Council is unable to constantly clean up the area and a sustainable approach needs to be identified - Cefn Brithdir is just one area across the whole county where fly-tipping is a problem. Without additional measures in place, it is likely that Cefn Brithdir will simply become a dumping ground.

Keys to the barriers have been provided to each of the emergency services.

Moved. Clerk to write again to highlight the Equality Act impact of the gate / lock and request this be revisited. The Clerk to also pursue for Cllr. E. Stenner to facilitate a site meeting or to attend Council to discuss in more detail.

Moved. Clerk to supply Cllr. K. O'Hagan with a copy of the response provided by Cllr. E. Stenner.

88.4 Minute No. 81. Community Benefit Fund. Payment from the second Asset Management Company.

The Clerk confirmed he had tracked down the origin of the latest Asset Management Company responsible for the Wind Turbine at Groesfaen. The Clerk went on to confirm he had since spoken and secured payment for the year 2018/19 of £2,582.00 (£2,500.00 + RPI at 1.033). Payment currently being processed by Mr. N. Hall of Longspur Capital.
Moved. Noted on file.

Cllr. D. Hardacre attended the meeting late, apologising to Council and requesting the Clerk write to Committee Services at Caerphilly CBC to request they coordinate meetings mindful of Community / Town Council commitments.

- 88.5 Shop Frontage. Fochriw.
Cllr. P. Roberts requested the Clerk write to Nigel and Mandy to compliment them on the work undertaken in the renewal of the shop frontage in Fochriw.

89 **Planning Applications**

The Clerk confirmed one application for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

Planning Application. 19/0097/FULL

Location. Chapel Cottage, Mill Road, Deri, CF81 9HG

Proposal. Erect a two-storey extension to provide lounge / dining room and two bedrooms.

Cllr. K. O'Hagan advised Council this development might impact ROW112 and updated Council on his recent discussion with the Rights of Way Officer at Caerphilly CBC regarding the matter.

Moved. Council raises no objections to the proposal.

Moved. Clerk to flag the potential impact on a local Right of Way and to request consideration of this is given as part of the decision-making process.

90 **Correspondence**

90.1 HMRC

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5th March 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

90.2 Lloyds Bank

Receipt of Sheet No. 29 from Account x1x4x4x9

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Moved. Noted on file and for finance file.

90.3 Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Notification of surgery dates for March and April 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

90.4 Dawn Bowden AM for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Notification of surgery dates for March and April 2019.

Moved. Noted on file.

90.5 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2019

In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Clerk reported receipt of the above-mentioned report which will have effect for the financial year 2019/ 2020.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of Council.

Moved. Clerk to circulate link to Councillors.

90.6 Fochriw Primary School

Letter of thanks following Council's recent Grant Aid donation.

Moved. Noted on file.

90.7 Caerphilly CBC

Off Street Parking Notice. Copy of a notice which recently appeared in the Western Mail.

Moved. Noted on file.

Cllr. K. O'Hagan advised that he had heard Caerphilly CBC were seeking to better understand areas of concern / focus, as identified by local insight / knowledge.

Moved. Clerk to research further and to update at the April meeting of Council.

90.8 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly. Consultation period between 07 March and 29 May 2019.

Moved. Cllr. R. Chapman to attend an event on the subject to be held at Ty Penallta at 6pm on Wednesday 13th March 2019. Should Cllr. Chapman be unavailable it was agreed the vice-Chairperson Cllr. D. Nicholas attend to represent Council.

90.9 Caerphilly CBC

Budget Update. The Clerk summarised the list of decisions deferred for a period of up to twelve months before funding would be withdrawn. Some of the proposed cuts that are recommended to be deferred include:

- Withdrawal of the CCBC Community Safety Warden service - the report now recommends a reduction of the team from 9 to 6 wardens
- Reduction of the 'Meals on Wheels' service (Meals Direct) - this will now be considered as part of a wider review of the council's Catering Service.
- Closure of 2 household recycling centres - the matter will be deferred pending the conclusion of a comprehensive waste review
- Introduction of rat treatment charges – deferred
- Community Centre budget cuts and closures - deferred for a year to allow a period of 12-month notice, upon which funding will be withdrawn.
- Withdrawal of funding for community schemes such as Bargoed Ice Rink and Senghenydd Splash Pad - deferred for a year to allow a period of 12-month notice, upon which funding will be withdrawn.

Moved. Noted on file.

91 **Approval of Community Council Cheques**

The attached list of Community Council cheques was approved by members and amounted to **£00,230.87**.

92 **Caerphilly CBC Countryside**
To receive report from Peter Lewis Senior Ranger Parc Cwm Darran.
No report was received from Mr. P. Lewis.

93 **Gwent Police**
PCSO Rachel Lewis and PCSO Russell Childs provided Council with a brief update of developments throughout the Community Council area. Within their report Officers brought Council's attention to the following statistics for the month of February 2019:

- 36 Incidents.
 - 16 Crimes (predominantly domestic related).
 - 00 Anti-Social Behaviour.

PCSO Rachel Lewis and PCSO Russell Childs then took limited questions / areas of concern from Councillors.

Cllr. D. Hardacre advised Council of planned increases to policing budgets that will see Gwent Police increase in Officer numbers and only 130 Officers short of 2014/15 figures.

The Clerk questioned Officers whether they had any further information on the Community Speed Watch Scheme discussed at a previous meeting of Council. Cllr. K. O'Hagan advised Council he had already made proactive contact with Mr. Christopher Evans of Go Safe and surveyed the area in early December, the following locations having been deemed as appropriate for the development of a Community Speed Watch Scheme/s:

- Groesfaen;
- New Road, Deri;
- Adjacent to the Library in Deri;
- Bargoed Inn, Deri;
- Adjacent to the Fish Shop on Pontlottyn Road, Fochriw; and
- Above Fochriw Primary School on Pontlottyn Road, Fochriw.

Cllr. Vincent confirmed that she had also been in liaison with colleagues at Go Safe and had secured sufficient volunteers to pursue a scheme in Groesfaen. Moved. Councillors to consider the development of similar, working to engage local volunteers in clusters of four-six and Go Safe as appropriate.

Cllr. R. Chapman thanked Officers for their report and for attending the meeting.

94 **CCTV. Deri**
The Clerk updated Council on his research regarding the costs and options associated with the installation of CCTV in Deri.
The Clerk confirmed any installation of CCTV must have a Data Privacy Impact Assessment (DPIA) carried out annually. The DPIA must state reasons for using CCTV over other potential options. It would require support from Councillors, Wardens, Gwent Police and must be backed up with evidence-based statistics.
The Clerk advised using a portable 4G network camera, which does not give the picture quality, Council would be looking at a cost of £7,000 for a camera

with 1 / 2 years network with on costs after that, currently thought to be £2000 per annum. The Clerk went on to advise that installation of a dedicated BT fibre option would not be feasible as costs for installation, camera etc. would be around £30,000 plus ongoing yearly rental fees.

The Clerk also confirmed the Caerphilly CBC advised that they do not have funding for new camera installations.

The Clerk advised that he was yet to receive associated crime statistics, although confirmed to Council that it would be extremely unlikely that figures, yet to be provided by Inspector O'Keefe, would support the installation of a camera.

Following discussion, it was agreed Council would await this information, before considering further.

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

Date of Next and Future Meetings

Full Council. Thursday 4th April 2019, 6.30pm

Annual General Meeting. Thursday 2nd May 2019, 6pm

Full Council. Thursday 6th June 2019, 6.30pm

Full Council. Thursday 4th July 2019, 6.30pm

Meeting Closed at 7.35pm.

_____ **Chairperson**