

DARRAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the last meeting held at Parc Cwm Darran Visitor's Centre, Deri, of the
 above Community Council on:

Thursday 5th March 2020 at 6.30 pm

Attendees

Present

Cllr D Nicholas (In the Chair)

Cllr D. Hardacre

Cllr R Chapman

Cllr A Vincent

Cllr P Roberts

Absent and Apologies

Cllr H Hollifield

Cllr G Matthews

Cllr K O'Hagan

In attendance

Ms A Pallister (Clerk)

Mr R Stephens (Deri Residents Association)

86 Minutes and Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2020 (previously circulated to members), were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairperson Cllr D Nicholas.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H Hollifield, Cllr G Matthews and Cllr K O'Hagan.

87 Flooding concerns in Deri

Mr R Stephens (Deri Residents Association) attended to voice concerns about the recent flooding in the village. The concerns were duly noted, and the Chair welcomed Mr Stephens back at a future meeting if further concerns needed to be raised.

88 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

89 Matters Arising

89.01 Minute no 79.03 – Cllr D Nicholas would like an update/details from GAVO on grants given to help facilitate discussions on the approach in 2020/2021. The Clerk will request an update for the next meeting.

90 Planning Applications

The Clerk confirmed that no new planning applications relating to Darran Valley Community Council were received since the last meeting,

91 Community Councillor Vacancy. Opportunity to Co-Option

The Clerk reported there have been two applications – Council asked the Clerk to invite them to the next meeting to give a short one minute presentation on why they would like to be Councillor. If both are able to attend presentations will take place at the beginning of the meeting.

92 Approval of Community Council Cheques

The attached list of Community Council cheques were approved by members and amounted to **£484.86**. Cllr D Nicholas and Cllr P Roberts also requested the Clerk organise the adding of a third signatory (Cllr P Roberts), and internet banking.

93 Community Council Precept 2020/21

Nicola Roberts (Group Accountant) at Caerphilly CBC was seeking notification from Darran Valley Community Council, on its precept (by Friday 6th March 2020). This was discussed at the meeting, and Council agreed to take the previous Clerk's advice on increasing the amount for 2020/21. The new Clerk subsequently informed Caerphilly CBC it should increase by 4.01% to £12,980.00. This was acknowledged and confirmed by Caerphilly CBC.

94 Sheep Trespass (Fochriw)

The issue has been discussed at previous meetings, and is being dealt with by Caerphilly CBC. Council would like this issue removed from future agenda's unless a new and different issue becomes apparent.

95 Fochriw Primary – crime damage

Council reported that the school has already received enough donations to repair the damage, and therefore no extra funding was needed. They also have plans to apply for a security camera pod.

96 Other items raised

96.1 There has been a request for a Christmas tree in Fochriw. Council wish to support this initiative - further discussions and planning would be required at a future meeting.

96.2 School summer holiday scheme – this has received excellent feedback, and the community would like it organised again for summer 2020. Council felt it should be done in Fochriw and Deri, with possible funding from the wind turbine initiative. The clerk will add to the agenda for the next meeting,

96.3 Storm issues (pipes) – Cllr A Vincent has been in recent communication with Welsh Water regarding blockages to pipes. There is some disagreement on the actual cause, but Cllr D Hardacre re-assured this is being dealt with.

96.4 Council would like a new process for requesting agenda items for inclusion at future meetings. The item should be communicated to the Clerk, who will discuss and seek approval from the Chair. This new process will be discussed and agreed further at the next meeting.

Date of Next and Future Meetings

Thursday 7th May 2020 (AGM Only)

Thursday 4th June 2020

Thursday 2nd July 2020

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Thursday 1st October 2020

Meeting Closed at 7.30 pm.

_____ **Chairperson**