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Annual General Meeting
Minutes of the meeting of the above Community Council on:
Thursday 19th May 2022 at 6.30 pm using Microsoft Teams

Present

Cllr. D. Nicholas
Cllr. R Chapman
Cllr. E Blanche
Cllr. D Johnson

Absent and Apologies

Cllr. R Chapman
Cllr. D Hardacre
PC Jaswant Singh

In Attendance

Ms. A Pallister (Clerk)

011 Members of the public

No requests to attend from members of the public.

012 Declaration of interest

There were none.

013 To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2022

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

014 Matters Arising from the meeting on 21st April 2022 meeting of Council not already included on this agenda

Item 091 - Memorial in Deri, opposite the Darren pub not having a poppy transferred onto the road surface -

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Councillor A Vincent would like this kept on the matters arising section to act as a reminder when planning the



memorial service. Councillor R Chapman will also keep Council informed of any updates regarding this.

015 Planning Applications

There were no comments raised by Council regarding the decision below.

Reference	22/0190/COU
Alternative Reference	PP-11078715
Application Received	Mon 28 Feb 2022
Application Validated	Mon 07 Mar 2022
Address	32 New Road Deri CF81 9GJ
Proposal	Change the use from an office/shop to residential
Status	Decided
Decision	Granted
Decision Issued Date	Mon 09 May 2022
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

016 Darran Valley Community Council crime update (particularly on-going issues with off-road bikes)

A written update from Gwent Police was provided below:
 'OP Harley – Off Road Bikes Operation

Throughout the month of April, the team have been out in the community conducting off-road bike patrols as part of Operation Harley.

During the weekends of the 16th and 17th & 23rd & 24th the team conducted joint patrols in an operation with Natural Resource Wales to tackle the issue in hotspot areas across Rhymney wards.

The operation proved positive in establishing a rapport with NRS and allowed for information to be shared regarding hot-spot areas and access points, particularly around the mountain and common, which will prove advantageous for officers in dealing with these issues going forward.

Also, by pooling resources across the weekends we were able to work together to deter numerous off-roaders & to educate some riders of the dangers and offences associated with 'off-roading'.



Results – Throughout April

- Moped located & recovered by CSOs in Ty Coch, Rhymney & the rider detained by traffic officers.
- 1 Stolen Moped & a quad recovered by CSOs Ty Coch, Rhymney
- 1 Stolen Motorbike & 1 off-road bike recovered by CSOs on Fernhill Terrace, Phillipstown after being abandoned by their riders who made off from officers.
- 1 Moped seized near to Susannah Cottages, Rhymney after being sighted riding dangerously by CSOs.

Officers will continue to conduct Op Harley patrols within the community throughout the next few months and welcome and new information that may assist in dealing with offenders.

In other news,
Darren Valley

On 21st April, local officers took part in a joint fly tipping operation along with the Commons Ranger, Caerphilly Council & Natural Resource Wales. The operation took place on the common road between Bargoed & Fochriw, where over 27 vehicles were stopped and spoken with throughout the day.

On the evening of 21st April response officers from Bargoed recovered a quantity of illegal cigarettes, counterfeit watches & drugs from a vehicle which had been involved in a traffic collision.

CSOs popped into Deri youth club on 28th April to engage with the local youths attending.'

017 To receive Community Council Correspondence

017.01

'Dear Clerk,

I am pleased to inform you that the applications are now open for the new Keep Wales Tidy packages for 2022/2023 in the Local Places for Nature scheme.

Please contact me in the first instance as the Local Places for Nature officer to discuss any potential applications. I can then offer assistance to help ensure any application is successful, and to guide you through the new application system.

Please note you do not need to be a member of One Voice Wales to access my services.'

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Councillors to consider how this can be utilised and report back to the Clerk.



017.02

'Dear colleague,

Ystadau Cymru is conducting some research to find out about the existing procedures in relation to the management of asbestos in our public buildings. Our aim is to get a better picture of what is happening across all regions of Wales.

This is a really important area of asset management, and we need your help to be able to understand existing procedures so we can improve and provide best practice guides.

We would appreciate your time and the deadline to submit your response is Monday 23 May 2022.

The survey can be accessed at:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YSTADAUCYMRUASBESTOSQUESTIONNAIRE2022/>

Regards

Ystadau Cymru Team'

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

The Clerk to send survey to Councillors via e-mail.

018 Approval of Community Council Payments

On-line BACS	£296.00	Clerks' salary May 2022
On-line BACS	£099.00	Gomie Design – logo competition winner turned into jpeg
On-line BACS	£150.00	Amazon vouchers for the logo competition winners
On-line BACS	£150.00	Cllr expenses D Johnson
On-line BACS	£150.00	Cllr expenses E Blanche
On-line BACS	£300.00	Chairpersons allowance D Nicholas
Total	£995.00	



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019 Jubilee Coins – Councillor D Johnson

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Cllr E Blanche brought this back to the meeting for a 2nd vote. This time Council voted in favour – the Clerk to investigate options.

020 Platinum Jubilee – requests for funding

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Council discussed in detail and the following was agreed:

£1000 limit for all events.

£300 would be allocated to Deri Regeneration Group as they are organising 3 events for the whole community.

The remaining £700 would be allocated on a first come first served basis (capped at £100 per application to the Clerk).

021 Declaration of interest (Register of members interests) 2022-23 - review and refresh

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

The declarations of interest were checked and updated at the meeting. This will be uploaded to the website.

022 Appointment of a Chairperson for the ensuing year

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Cllr D Nicholas was nominated by Councillors present and accepted the position.

023 Appointment of a Vice-Chairperson for the ensuing year

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Cllr D Johnson was nominated by Councillors present and accepted the position.

024 To consider the appointment of Council's Internal Auditor for the Year Ending 31st March 2022

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Council voted to use Harris Basset Chartered Accountants in Bridgend. They did an excellent job last year, and its more convenient for the Clerk to deliver and collect the files.



**025 Community Council Budget & Financial Reconciliation
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

Council voted to bring this back to the June 2022 meeting – hopefully more Councillors will be present. The current financial situation for the year ending March 2022 was shared below:

Expenditure Heading	Budget	Up to Qtr 4 Expenditure	Variance with budget (explanation)
Clerks Salary & on costs	£4,540.00	£4,540.00	On profile
Chairpersons allowance	£300.00	£300.00	On profile
Out of office	£250.00	£250.00	On profile
Telephone & broadband	£200.00	£288.00	Went into April 2022
Room hire	£200.00	£0.00	Underspend of £200 as room not being used during Covid
Insurance & subscriptions	£600.00	£446.51	On profile – underspend no subscriptions
One Voice Wales membership	£190.00	£190.00	On profile
Stationery & postage	£100.00	£0	Underspend posting less as on-line banking now set up
Website hosting & maintenance	£840.00	£240.00	Underspend – awaiting another invoice
Section 19 - 137 grants	£2,000.00	£600.00	Underspend fewer grants application
Wind Turbine Grants	£4,777.46	£2,907.69	Underspend fewer grant applications
Section 137 – OAP trip	£1,000.00	£0	Underspend no trip under this budget
Christmas lighting	£4,500.00	£2,084.61	Underspend but will spend more on replacement figurines broken
Audit	£600.00	£240.00	Underspend waiting for Audit Wales invoice
Cllr expenses / allowance	£1,350.00	£300	Underspend only 2 x Councillors took expense
Town & Community Councils Meeting	£,100.00	£100.00	On profile
Summer scheme / Youth Club – Toddler Group	£4,500.00	£3,036.00	Underspend as Welsh Gov contributed.
ICO Data protection	£35.00	£35.00	On profile
Post lockdown wellbeing events for over 55's	£1,600.00	£2,562.00	Overspend – used extra saved on Summer scheme to fund events for all age groups.
Remembrance Sunday	£150.00	£36.00	Underspend did not purchase extra poppies after.
TOTALS	£26,852.46	£17,915.81	

Account balances as of 17th March 2022

Treasurers account 1 = £14,952

Treasurers account 2 = £381.15

Business Account = £1,890.31

Total = £17,223.46



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026 Councillors Independent Remuneration Panel Recommendations 2022/23. (All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses)

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Cllr D Johnson and E Blanche will take their allowance for this financial year. This was approved in the payments above.

027 Chairperson payment to cover expenses. Monetary value afforded to the Chairperson Allowance at £300.00

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

Cllr D Nicholas will take the chairperson allowance for this financial year. This was approved in the payments above.

028 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 6.30 pm via Teams