



**Minutes of the meeting of the above Community Council on:
Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 6.30 pm
at Fochriw Community Centre**

Present

Cllr. D. Nicholas (Chair)
Cllr. R Chapman
Cllr. D Johnson
Cllr. B. Edwards
Cllr. J. Gibbings
Cllr. M. Gibbings
Cllr. D Hardacre

Absent and Apologies

Cllr. E. Blanche
Representatives from Gwent Police

In Attendance

Ms. A Pallister (Clerk)

087 Members of the public

No requests to attend from members of the public.

088 Welcome new Councillors (Cllrs J and M Gibbings)

Council was delighted to welcome the new Councillors to the meeting, and Cllr D Nicholas was particularly pleased to have extra representation for the Deri ward. Both new Councillors signed the 'declaration of acceptance of office' and were also sent the code of conduct by the Clerk.

089 Declaration of interest

There were none.

090 To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2022

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

091 Matters Arising from the meeting of Council on 12th October not already included on this agenda

065.02 - Cllr E Blanche contacted Caerphilly CBC to raise concerns regarding the improvements needed to the drainage at the bottom of the hill along the road known locally as 'the trecatti road'. The road has suffered from constant flooding if there is prolonged heavy rain.



Update provided at this meeting - Cllr E Blanche contacted Caerphilly CBC regarding the improvements needed to the drains and was informed this has been passed on for urgent attention but no update has been given yet. Cllr R Chapman added that the issue is with the culvert and regular checks are being carried out, but there are no agreed actions to deal with it yet. Both Councillors are actively chasing it.

Update at the November 2022 meeting – no update yet will review at next meeting.

081 - extra Christmas Activities as there was no summer scheme.

Following a discussion council approved the following:

- 2 x pantomimes in Fochriw and Deri (approx.£600 per pantomime)

Update provided at this meeting – the Clerk has booked pantomimes as follows:

Wednesday 28th December 13.30 (Sleeping Beauty) at Deri Community Centre.

Friday 30th December 13.30 (Robin Hood) at Fochriw Community Centre.

Councillors have also booked the dates with the community centres.

Ticketing – there was a discussion around the best approach to ticketing. Resolved to recommend: Councillors will find out the sitting down numbers allowed in each community centre (the figures should be compliant with fire regulations). Once this is established the Clerk will organise the design and print of tickets The Councillors will sell on a first come, first served basis allocated per family - children must be accompanied by an adult. The tickets will be sold by Councillors prior to the event at the community centres (likely a Saturday), so that numbers are allocation and carefully managed.

Update at the November 2022 meeting – ticket numbers were checked in accordance with fire and safety regulations at both community centres (123 tickets for Deri Community Centre and 180 tickets for Fochriw community centre). The Clerk will design and get the tickets printed in time for distribution at both community centres on Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th November between 10:00 and 12:00). Councillors J Gibbings, D Nicholas, R Chapman and D Johnson will be attending the community centres to distribute. Council will give tickets on a first come, first served basis per family to residents only – only Deri ward residents can attend the Deri pantomime and only Fochriw ward residents can attend the Fochriw pantomime. This is to ensure fairness to those who pay their precept.



- Santa on a Fire Engine on Saturday 10th December (at an estimated cost of £1000 including the purchase of a Santa costume, donation to South Wales Fire Service and gifts for children). Full details / stops etc to be discussed at the next meeting.

Update provided at this meeting – the following itinerary was agreed at the meeting:

Stop at Fochriw Community Centre to hand out presents then travel up to Pentwyn and finally to Deri Community Centre for the second and final stop to hand out gifts. It will not be possible to drive through Groesfaen as there is no turning point. Resolved to recommend: The Clerk to advise the Fire Service and police of the stops and find out the times so the event can be advertised.

Update at the November 2022 meeting – Due to limited funds Council voted to fund selection boxes for children of the Darran Valley aged 11 and under only. The Clerk will order 500 selection boxes based on estimated numbers received from Caerphilly CBC.

092 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss.

093 Darran Valley Community Council crime update

Due to an incident Gwent Police Officers were unable to attend the meeting. There was no significant crime reported in the crime newsletter to discuss. It was also noted that Cllr R Chapman will be having regular meetings with Gwent Police so will be in a better position for providing feedback and communication at future meetings.

094 To receive Community Council Correspondence

094.01 – Cllr E Blanche sent an e-mail to Caerphilly CBC requesting the possibility of parking enforcement to visit the area adjacent to Fochriw football field on Saturday mornings. During match times the users of the football field are constantly parking on the pavement forcing residents to walk on the road.



The road is fast moving with a bend and Cllr Blanche feels it is a matter of time before an incident occurs.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Cllr R Chapman was in attendance and has already raised this with Caerphilly CBC but will raise it again. Cllr R Chapman to provide an update at the next meeting.

094.02 – Cllr J Gibbings raised the issue of the sewage main leak into the feeder to the ponds at Parc Derwen.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Cllr R Chapman explained this is a County Council issue and he would take it up with them the following day. Cllr R Chapman to provide an update at the next meeting.

096 Approval of Community Council Payments

The following payments were approved.

On-line BACS	£750.00	Clerks Salary February and March 2023
On-line BACS	£100.00	Town and Community Councils' Liaison Committee subscription / admin charge
On-line BACS	£222.00	Clerk Broadband Costs
Total	£1,072.00	

097 Darran Valley Community Council financial update

Clerk shared the current financial update to Councillors (quarter 3). Council noted they would like more community organisations to apply for wind turbine funding, however some Councillors believe new applications have recently been submitted – hopefully further updates at the next meeting.

098 Date and time of the next meeting:

Fochriw Community Centre on Wednesday 7th December at 6.30 pm.