



**Minutes of the meeting of the above Community Council on:
Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 6.30 pm
at Fochriw Community Centre**

Present

Cllr. D. Nicholas (Chair)
Cllr. R. Chapman
Cllr. E. Blanche
Cllr. J. Gibbings
Cllr. M. Gibbings
Cllr. D. Hardacre

Absent and Apologies

Cllr. D. Hardacre
Cllr. B. Edwards
Representatives from Gwent Police

In Attendance

Ms. A Pallister (Clerk)
Emily Janes – Community Reporter at the Caerphilly Observer.

099 Members of the public

Emily Janes from the Caerphilly Observer attended the meeting.

100 Declaration of interest

There were none.

101 To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022

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

102 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. Cllr. E Blanche added that work has now started, and he will actively keep an eye on 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:

Ticketing for the pantomimes – Councillors who sold the tickets said there was a good turn out, and it was a great opportunity to meet and engage with residents.

Santa on a Fire Engine - Councillors were grateful for the outstanding contribution and enthusiasm of the community, where crafts, hotdogs and other activities have been organised to compliment the Santa on a Fire Engine event.

103 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss.

104 Darran Valley Community Council crime update

Gwent Police Officers were unable to attend the meeting. There was no significant crime reported in the crime newsletter to discuss. Cllr M Gibbings reported that someone had broken into the garages at Parc Cwm Darran – they tried to steal a 4-wheel drive vehicle and caused a lot of damage.

105 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 will provide an updated as it arises.

106 Approval of Community Council Payments

The following payments were approved.

On-line BACS	£090.00	Deri Community Centre – rent for Pantomime / Santa on a fire engine
On-line BACS	£309.00	Donation to South Wales Fire and Rescue for Santa on a fire engine
On-line BACS	£70.00	Deri Community Centre – pre pay for hire of centre panto 2023
On-line BACS	£369.79	Print Evolution – print of flyers and tickets for Christmas events
On-line BACS	£065.99	Santa Costume
On-line BACS	£509.95	Selection Boxes - 500
On-line BACS	£2,000.00	GAVO Wind Turbine Grants
On-line BACS	£80.00	Fochriw Community Centre – rent for Pantomime / Santa on a Fire Engine
On-line BACS	£1,340.00	Jonathan Sage – panto performers
Total	£4,834.73	

107 Time limit on when members can be called or e-mailed – Cllr D Johnson.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Following a discussion the following was agreed:

Members to only contact Community Councillors after 21:00 if there is an emergency.

108 Date and time of the next meeting:



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Fochriw Community Centre on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 6.30 pm.