



**Minutes of the meeting of the above Community Council on:
Wednesday 16 March 2023 at 6.30 pm
Microsoft Teams**

Present

Cllr. D. Nicholas (Chair)
Cllr. D Johnson
Cllr. J. Gibbings
Cllr. M. Gibbings

Absent and Apologies

Cllr. D. Hardacre
Cllr. B. Edwards
Cllr. R. Chapman
Cllr. E. Blanche

In Attendance

Ms. A Pallister (Clerk)
CSO's A Sadzik and H Widlake from Gwent Police

137 Members of the public

No members of the public attended.

138 Declaration of interest

There were none.

139 To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2023

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

140 Matters Arising from the meeting of Council on 1st February 2023 not already included on this agenda.

Item 131 - Kings Coronation

Cllr E Blanche wants to ensure there is sufficient lead in time to organise any events for the Kings Coronation and to make sure there are robust procedures to avoid the issues we had with the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: This item will be moved to the March meeting where the Clerk will present an up-to-date financial forecast.

Update from the March 2023 meeting and recommendations. As per the above action the Clerk presented the current expenditure (see table below). Following this it was ascertained there is enough funding to allocate £1000 towards the Kings Coronation. Council noted lessons learned from the complications with the Queens Platinum Street grants, and therefore decided



to allocate £500 to Fochriw Community Centre and £500 to Deri Community Centre to run hold activities for the benefit of all the community in celebration of the Kings Coronation.

Expenditure Heading	Budget	Up to Qtr 4 Expenditure	Variance with budget (explanation)
Clerks Salary & on costs	£4,500	£4,500	On profile
Chairpersons allowance	£300.00	£300.00	On profile
Out of office	£250.00	£250.00	On profile
Telephone & broadband	£200.00	£222.00	Slight increase in BB costs
Room hire	£200.00	Will be invoiced at April 2023 meeting.	Underspend Fochriw Community centre used plus remote hybrid meetings.
Insurance & subscriptions	£600.00	£454.46	On profile – underspend no subscriptions
One Voice Wales membership	£190.00	£398	Increase as we only had a discount in first year.
Stationery & postage	£100.00	£97.19	On profile
Website hosting & maintenance	£840.00.	£200.00	Underspend – awaiting another invoice
Section 19 - 137 grants	£2,000.00	£900.00	Underspend due to number of applications
Wind Turbine Grants	£4,777.46	£3,000.00	Underspend due to number of applications
Section 137 – OAP trip	£1,000.00	£0	Underspend no trip under this budget
Christmas lighting	£4,500.00	£3,002.56	Underspend
Audit	£600.00	£449	Underspend waiting for Audit Wales invoice
Cllr expenses / allowance	£1,350.00	£600	Underspend not all Councillors took expenses
Town & Community Councils Meeting	£,100.00	£100.00	On profile
Summer scheme / Youth Club – Toddler Group	£4,500.00	£0	Underspend not enough staff to run Summer Scheme. Councillors voted to spend money on extra Christmas activities instead.
Extra Christmas activities (Pantos plus Santa on a Fire Engine)		£2941.78	
ICO Data protection	£35.00	£35.00	On profile
Remembrance Sunday	£150.00	£820.00	Overspend – Councillors voted to paint poppies on road surfaces in Deri and Fochriw plus the purchase of extra poppies.
Logo competition	£339	£339	On profile
Election admin fee	£157.26	£157.26	On profile
Queens Platinum Jubilee	£1,150	£1,150	On profile
TOTALS	£28,349.00	£19,916.00	

Accounts end of February 2023
 Treasurers account 1 = £15,198.95
 Treasurers account 2 = £381.15
 Business Account = £1,890.31
 Total = £17,470.41

141 Crime Update – CSO's A Sadzik and H Widlake attended on behalf of Gwent Police.

Carried forward from February 2023 meeting - Cllr D Nicholas raised the issue of damage to the war memorial in Deri. The issues seem to take place on the same evening as the youth club. PCO Widlake was aware of the reported incidents, and the Police have been liaising with the local wardens who take the lead on anti-social behaviour, and there have also been extra patrols in the area. Cllr E Blanche has a contact who has a network of CCTV to monitor fly tipping and offered to ask if they would consider installing one near the



memorial in Deri. Cllr Blanche said it would be an estimated cost of £250 and the Deri Regeneration Group who maintain the memorial could fund it by applying for a grant. Cllr D Nicholas asked the PCO if they would be in agreement with the CCTV, and he said it was a good idea as the Police can't be everywhere and this would be a good deterrent.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Cllr Blanche will discuss the CCTV with his contact and report back at the next meeting. Move to April 2023 meeting as Cllr Blanche unable to attend meeting as working away. Cllr A Sadzik will also get some more information and feedback at the next meeting.

- CSO R Pearce sent the Clerk a crime updates via email prior to the meeting. This included the Darran Valley Council Figures for February 2023
Crime Figures
 - 162 Crimes recorded across all Rhymney Wards for the month of February.
 - - 20 of which occurred within the Darran Valley Ward.
 - Types of Crimes consisted of:
 - Violence w/out injury - 10
 - Violence with injury – 5
 - Residential Burglary – 1
 - Public Order Offences – 2
 - Criminal Damage / Arson – 2
 - Further Context:
 - 2 x Criminal Damage incidents relate to;
 - - House egged in the Fochriw area – happened at around midnight, no persons witnessed by caller & no CCTV on property.
 - - Damage to Memorial Garden Deri, whereby plants were pulled up from beds and a large amount of litter discarded - suspected to be youths, however the incident was not witnessed and at the time there was no CCTV covering the area.
 - 1 x Burglary relates to;
 - - Shed break in the Fochriw area where an electric mountain bike was stolen – CCTV & H2H enquiries conducted with a negative result.
 - ASB Figures
 - 31 Incidents of ASB across all Rhymney Wards for the month of February.
 - - 1 of which occurred within the Darran Valley Ward.
 - ASB call related to a group of unknown male youths, (no descps given) banging doors and running away on Bailey Street, Deri – caller stated that the incident had happened 45 minutes & that the youths had since moved on from the area, so no units dispatched.
- Other Info



- - Ref Deri Memorial Garden - team have liaised with Cllr Chapman and provided a report to CCBC CCTV department to support the installation of a CCTV camera in the area.
- The area & surrounding streets also form part of NPTs patrol plan, following the incidents of damage at the garden and reports from residents of ASB in the surrounding streets.
- - 2 x off road bike operations planned for March & April with partner agencies. Mainly covering the common but officers will also pay observations within the villages of Deri & Fochriw & at Parc Cwm Darran.
- - CSOs are recommencing Police Surgeries at Deri Community Centre from March. This month's surgery will be held on Monday 27th March between 5-5.30pm. Residents of Darran Valley are invited to come along to discuss/ raise any community issues / concerns they may have with members of the team. This will be conducted on a '1 2 1' basis rather than as a meeting to maintain confidentiality.

There was a wider discussion regarding the setting up of a pilot in Rhymney to start a youth hub for ages 13-17. This will target young people who are not interested in attending youth clubs and include drinks, a pool table etc. The Police are building up a good relationship with the young people in Rhymney and asked if we could think of a way of setting this up in the Darran Valley.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Discuss further at the April meeting to think of how this could work in this area and the best ways of engaging with young people in the Darran Valley Area. Direct engagement with the youth clubs and feedback on what worked and didn't in Rhymney will also be fed back via the CSO's.

142 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 23/0148/HH Site Area: 216m²

Location: 48 Coronation Crescent Fochriw Bargoed CF81 9LF

Proposal: Erect single storey side and rear extension and front porch

Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: Darran Valley Map Ref: 310690 (E) 204967 (N) Community Council:

Darran Valley Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

There were no objections noted by the Councillors present.



143 To receive Community Council Correspondence

143.01 – The Clerk received a poster advertising grant funding from the national lottery for local organisations and charities supporting older people.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: The Clerk will post on the council website.

143.02 – The Clerk received a notice from Caerphilly CBC regarding the Fochriw to Gelligaer Mountain road temporary prohibition of driving order 2023. Fochriw to Gelligaer Mountain Road between its junctions with Glen View Terrace and B4254 Gelligaer Road in a southerly direction. The proposed Order is expected to commence on 17 March 2023 for a period not exceeding eighteen months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The road closure will be in effect each day between the hours of 07:00 and 19:00. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 31 March 2023.

Councillors agreed this was necessary and essential work that needs to be carried out.

144 Approval of Community Council Payments

The following payments were approved.

On-line BACS		Contribution towards a party for the Kings Coronation (Fochriw Community Centre) as per agreement in minute item 140. Awaiting details for Deri (likely to be paid in next financial year (April)
	£500.00	
Total	£500.00	

145 Summer Scheme 2023

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: Councillors voted to allocate £5000 for the summer scheme 2023-24. Cllr J Gibbings and D Johnson confirmed the community centres are available as follows:

All day Monday and Thursday at Fochriw Community Centre.

All day Tuesday and Thursday at Deri Community Centre.

The Clerk will confirm with the Sports Development Officer at Caerphilly CBC.

146 Date and time of the next meeting:

Microsoft Teams – 5th April 2023 at 6.30 pm.