

Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council

MINUTES

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council was held on Thursday 16th November 2023 at 8.00pm

The meeting was at the **Phillips Hall Abbeycwmhir** within Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

	The Community Council Meeting was opened at 8.05pm				
1123/01	Present: John Jones, (Chairman), Brian Rees, Gareth Rees, Diane Powell, David Jones, Julie Evans. Apologies were received from County Cllr Claire Johnson-Wood				
1123/02	Declarations of Interest: None				
1123/03	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday, 17th August 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record, (Gr/JE)				
1123/04	Matters arising from the previous minutes: 0823/08 Rhayader Hill repairs completed. Issue of overhanging boughs remains to be resolved				
1123/05	Planning: The following application was discussed 23/1274/OUT Tyncoed, Abbeycwmhir LD1 6PU – outline application with some reserved matters for erection of rural workers dwelling, garage, treatment plant and improved access. Plans and application were viewed there were no objections.				
1123/06	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To balance of income and expenditure was noted and approved and the following payments were approved. (JE/DP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current Account. £ 2,991.28 b. Savings Account. £ 5,345.40 <table style="margin-left: 40px; width: 60%;"> <tr> <td>Clerk Q3 to be paid on or after 31/12/2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">389.10 (IB)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admin 2020 unpaid was confirmed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">168.62(IB)</td> </tr> </table> 2) To receive the management accounts Management accounts were discussed and agreed. (BR/GR) 3) External Audit Update – 2022-23 Audit had been completed by Audit Wales and an unqualified audit report had been. Issues. However, a rounding error had been identified in the accounting statement and it was recommended that Councillors ensure that the entered figures were arithmetically correct in future. This was noted and members thanked the Clerk for ensuring relevant and appropriate records to comply with auditing needs. 4) 2023 Clerk’s pay review. The Clerk left the room while this was considered. Members agreed a backdated pay award to 01/04/2023 based on the NALC recommendation. They also agreed that the number of hours worked in 2024-25 to be 132 per year at NALC pay scale 14. The Clerk returned at 8,45 pm and was advised by the Chairman this was a unanimous decision. 5) Training Notes: Freedom of Information; Power to spend - Section 137 Training Notes: a briefing note was circulated and the key points discussed. 6) 2023-25 appropriate sums S137 - noted that the maximum expenditure for the financial year 2024-25 will be £10.81 per elector. 7) To consider the budget and set a precept for 2024-25. Having noted the up to date management accounts members considered a budget for 2024-25. November Bank balances, 	Clerk Q3 to be paid on or after 31/12/2023	389.10 (IB)	Admin 2020 unpaid was confirmed	168.62(IB)
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	<p>projected income and expenditure and reserves were discussed. An overall budget of £6,120.72 was agreed requiring a contribution from the precept of £5,509.83 (It was noted that although unconfirmed by PCC at the time of the meeting this would equate to £41.82 per household. It was agreed that if required, to make budget adjustments, an additional meeting would be called in January. However if no changes were required the precept request should be submitted by the due date based on the budget agreed.</p> <p>8) Updated Standing Orders reflecting the implementation of the Local Government Act (Wales) 2021 were adopted to replace those agreed at the 2023 Annual Meeting (GR/JE)</p> <p>9) Members received and noted a short report of the training activity undertaken to date.</p> <p>10) Applications for funding: A general funding request from Wales Air Ambulance was noted to be considered at the next meeting by which time it was hoped clarity regarding local service provision would be available.</p>
1123/07	<p>Correspondence: in addition to items sent by email a summary of the following was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Government Survey review the health of community and town councils in Wales. • Welsh Government: Information on RAAC in buildings - for Building Owners and Managers • Powys Local Nature Partnership grants for Community and Town councils to create nature on your doorstep • Keep Wales Tidy – webinar dates – places for nature. • Powys County Council Adult Services Commissioning Team Innovative Models of Day Opportunities for Adults (All Ages) Project survey • Powys County Council: free parking in run-up to Christmas • Bute Energy: Aberedw and Bryn Gilwern Energy park drop in session dates • Welsh Government – consultation on new Road Strategy open until 31/01/2024 • Severn Wye Energy Advocacy: drop in session The Hive, Llandrindod Wells • Sustrans Cymu: Webinar re reduced speed limits impact on air quality, health and accident rates • International Fraud Awareness week: links to prevention information • Cymru Can – Future Generations Strategy: 7yr strategy launch 14/11/2023
1123/08	<p>Local Member Update: Cllr CJW had given apologies but had provided a written report. Which the Clerk read aloud. Update on progress to identify opportunities for improved mobile reception in not so good areas. Rhayader Hill road closures – spoken with PCC officers who confirmed no school transport issues anticipated. CJW again reminded members that she could be contacted at any time.</p>
1123/09	<p>Community Matters: Garn Fach Windfarm – no report. No other community matters were raised.</p>
1123/10	<p>Member Discussions and items not on the agenda:</p>
1123/15	<p>Date of Next Meeting: the next Ordinary Meeting will take place on 15th February 2024. Venue to be advised subject to Covid-19 restrictions</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 9.30 pm</p>
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