

Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council

MINUTES

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council was held on Thursday **20TH FEBRUARY 2025** at 8.00 pm. The meeting was at the Philips Hall Abbeycwmhir.

	The Community Council Meeting was opened at 8.03pm
0225/01	Present: Brian Rees, (Chairing), Julie Evans, David Jones, Gareth Rees, Edwyn Powell. Apologies: Diane Powell, John Jones.
0225/02	Declarations of Interest: none
0225/03	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: and Ordinary Meeting held 12 th December 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record (DJ/GR) .
0225/04	Matters arising from the previous Council minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways – see 0225/08 • Precept request for £6,520.25 for 2025-26 had been submitted and receipt confirmed by PCC. • BR continued to negotiate with Rhayader First responders about the transfer of 2 defibrillators. He had made contact with Mid Wales Medical as potential trainers to provide community training for use of the defibs when they were received.
0225/08	Planning: there were no new applications to consider.
0225/06	Finance: <p>(i) To balance of income and expenditure was noted, bank statements viewed and approved and the following invoices were approved for payment. (JE/DP)</p> <p>Current account balance £ 6,416.78 Savings account balance £ 5,477.47</p> <p>Clerk Q4 to be paid on or after 31/03/25 £ 489.72 IB Starboard Systems – Scribe membership 2025-26 £ 216.00 IB Mr Evans 2024-25 Grass Cutting payment agreed be paid, If within or not exceeding 2024-25 approved budget of £525.00, on receipt of invoice (it had been advised that this was due to be issued this week).</p> <p>(ii) Management accounts: this included a budget review and financial update –a summary of income and expenditure against budgets for 2024-25 was circulated and noted along with a summary of receipts and payments these were cross referenced with the bank reconciliation. It was agreed that year end accounts should be presented for internal audit as soon as possible after 31/03/2025. (JE/GR)</p> <p>(iii) Applications for funding received during the year and not previously considered were discussed and the following decisions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wales Air Ambulance – general appeal. Awarded £200.00 (EP/JE) • Llandrindod Wells twinning: request for financial support in the coming 2025/26 financial year. No Award • URDD Fund for ALL: request for donations No award • Urdd National Eisteddfod Dur a Môr, Parc Margam a’r Fro 2025 – general funding appeal. No Award. <p>(iii) A report outlining the current internal audit arrangements was discussed. Members agreed that the 2023-24 internal audit had been undertaken professionally and</p>

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	<p>carefully. Mrs Price had indicated a willingness to undertake the audit again this year, her charge would be £23/hour.</p> <p>(iv) Mrs T Price was appointed as internal auditor for 2024-25 accounts (BR/DJ)</p> <p>(v) Training Note: A briefing note for the Procurement Act 2023 was circulated and key points discussed and noted.</p> <p>(vi) Governance items: member were reminded that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report is usually issued in February but had not yet been received – when received it will set out the limits of payments available to Community Councillors for the coming year. Members usually Opt-out of these.</p>
0225/07	<p>Correspondence: the following had been previously circulated by email and noted for reference there had been no comments or queries.</p> <p>a) One Voice Wales: Ystadau Cymru Asbestos Awareness Training - 2 hour online training course. Training date and times.</p> <p>b) One Voice Wales: Networking days - 13/02 Coeden Fach Nursery Swansea; 18/02 CAT (book online).</p> <p>c) Welsh Government Consultation reform of compulsory purchase process and compensation rules. The consultation seeks views on a range of proposals aimed at implementing technical reforms to make the compulsory purchase process quicker.</p> <p>d) Powys County Council - Memorial Safety policy</p> <p>e) One Voice Wales: Guidelines about Email and Procurement. To review current practices and report any updates required to the next meeting</p> <p>f) Powys Teaching Health Board - Appointment waiting times, (PTHB) has agreed not to implement changes to waiting times for appointments and procedures in English hospitals at a meeting on 29 January 2025.</p> <p>g) NFWI-Wales event to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week. NFWI-Wales will be hosting an online event on 17 March, from 7pm - 8.15pm, to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week.</p>
0225/08	<p>Local Member Update: None - Cllr CJW had indicated an expectation to attended but did not do so. However, she had followed up on Highway issues and had circulated an email of the responses which she had received from PCC officers. This was read, discussed and noted.</p>
0225/09	<p>Community Matters:</p> <p>(a) Windfarm – no recent updates in respect of Garn Fach</p> <p>(b) Community Book – It was agreed that ‘second quality’ copies of the Community book be given to new residents moving to live in the village as a welcome to the community (JL/GR). Cllr JE advised that Mr Roger Coward, who had been instrumental in the success of the book as both a record of the community and, by promoting its sales as a community fund raiser, had recently passed away. Members asked that condolences to Mr Coward’s family were noted.</p>
0225/10	<p>Member Discussions and items not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report 2024-25 – a draft will be circulated at the May 2025 Meeting.
0225/11	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Annual Meeting 7.30pm 15th May 2025 the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting will take place at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.</p>
	Meeting Closed 9.20 pm
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