

MINUTES OF THE EWENNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023
HELD AT VALE CRICKET CLUB - 7:00 PM

Present: Councillor H Baker (Chair)
Councillor A Jenkins (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J Pegg
Councillor A P. Baker
Councillor D Alvizo
Councillor W Bailey
Councillor M Robson
County Councillor J Protheroe
County Councillor C Stallard
Ron Carrie (Clerk)

69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Stone, Councillor J Radcliffe

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

71 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Angela Stone was unable to attend this meeting, but sent an email reporting 1 crime since the last meeting in September, a theft of copper from the Eweny area.

72 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED: The minutes of the 13 September 2023 meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor A Jenkins, seconded by Councillor A Baker.

73 MATTERS ARISING

(a) UPDATE ON BAPTISMAL POOL RESTORATION

This item is on the agenda and will be covered then.

(b) MEMBERS EXPENSES

The Clerk reported he had received completed forms from all but one Councillors. He would remind about the outstanding form.

Resolved: Clerk to remind Councillor about the outstanding form.

(c) TRAFFIC ISSUES

This item is on the agenda and an update will be provided then.

(d) COMMUNITY PLANS

This item is on the agenda and an update will be provided then.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS

This item is on the agenda and an update will be provided then.

(f) TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS TREE ARRANGEMENTS - CHRISTMAS 2023

Councillor H Baker reported that she would contact Pugh's Garden Centre in due course to check on Christmas tree availability and would let the Clerk know when done.

(g) MEMBERS ITEMS

The Clerk had written to Vale of Glamorgan Council to request installation of a general waste litter bin outside the Priory Church grounds (on the adopted road). A reply had been received agreeing to the installation of a bin on a grey post opposite the Church.

(h) CONSULTATION - REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ARRANGEMENTS IN VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Councillor W Bailey reported that 95 residents had already signed the petition objecting to the proposal to create a larger community council.

It was agreed that the Council would submit a letter objecting to the proposal, and individual councillors would also send in their own feedback, as residents as well as councillors.

Resolved: Clerk to draft letter on behalf of the Community Council and circulate to Councillors for comment before sending it to Boundary Commission for Wales.

Resolved: Councillors to take a copy of the petition with them when delivering the newsletter to give residents the opportunity to sign it if they wish.

(i) NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Councillors covering the Ewenny area to agree between them to split of households to deliver newsletters to.

Resolved: Councillor J Pegg to circulate an updated list of newsletter delivery arrangements for each Councillor.

(j) NOTICE BOARDS

The Clerk reported he had contacted a local carpenter who had agreed to look at the 2 noticeboards to assess if they were able to be refurbished and, if so, to provide a quote to do so.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain quotes for upgrading both notice boards.

(k) ONLINE BANKING

The Clerk reported he had looked at 2 banks for providing online banking - Barclays and Unity Trust bank. He provided details of fees charged by both banks and details of their online banking arrangements. It was agreed to transfer Council banking to Unity Trust bank

Resolved: Clerk to transfer banking arrangements to Unity Trust bank. It was agreed that we would have 4 councillors as signatories for online banking plus the Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor A Jenkins, seconded by Councillor A Baker.

(l) LEGAL POSITION ON OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY/PAVEMENT

Resolved: Clerk to establish legal position on obstruction of pavements and highways.

74 TO DISCUSS ISSUES TO RAISE IN MEETING WITH EWENNY PRIORY ESTATE

Councillor J Pegg reported that Valeways had cleared some of the vegetation that had been growing into the footpath on the Priory estate. Valeways is a community walking group.

It was agreed that the Vice-Chair, Councillor A Jenkins would chair the next Community Council meeting in November as the Community Council Chair, Councillor H Baker, would be on holiday. Councillor A Jenkins informed the meeting that standing orders would be suspended for that part of the meeting that covered the discussion with Jeremy Picton-Tubervill from Eweny Priory estate.

Councillors were reminded of the issues Jeremy Picton-Tubervill wanted to raise with the Community Council. It was agreed that the Community Council would raise and discuss the following issues with Jeremy Picton-Tubervill:

- The state of the priory estate wall, and the foliage overhang on Corntown Road;
- Understanding where responsibilities lie for footpath clearance and maintenance for the footpaths that run through the Eweny Priory estate

It was agreed that 30 minutes at the start of the Council meeting would be allocated to this informal discussion.

75 TRAFFIC ISSUES

The Clerk reported he had received a response from Highways, Vale of Glamorgan about the sequencing of the lights outside the quarry by Kingswood Close. They were looking at altering the sequencing to allow traffic to flow rather than a default to red for approaching traffic. Highways would report back to us once they have investigated.

76 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BAPTISMAL POOL

The Clerk provided an update that the volunteers were working on the weekend of 22 and 29/10, and 5/11.

The Clerk reported that the Cricket club had asked for a donation towards the costs of opening the club to the volunteers on these 3 weekends. The payment of £60 to the cricket club was approved.

The Clerk reported that he had now received a quote from Daryl, one of the stonemasons, and the Clerk and Councillor J Pegg were meeting another stonemason at the Baptismal pool the day after the Council meeting.

Resolved: A payment of £60 towards costs of opening the cricket club for the volunteers was agreed. Proposed by Councillor H Baker, seconded by Councillor J Pegg.

77 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON GRASS CUTTING TENDER AND CONSIDER INCLUDING LLANGAN CC

The Clerk reported that he and Councillor J Pegg would meet shortly to review the areas to be cut under the new contract, and the rationale for the selection of those areas.

The Clerk is working on the specification.

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by the Chair of Llangan Community Council to ask if Ewenny would consider including Llangan in the new contract, as they were previously. Councillors agreed to this request.

Resolved: To inform Llangan Community Council that Ewenny would include them in the tender and contract arrangements for grass cutting.

Proposed by Councillor J Pegg, seconded by Councillor M Robson.

78 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN AND REPORT

The Clerk reported that the draft Community Plan and report had been published on the website, and had been posted on Social media. There had been no feedback from Councillors on the draft.

Councillor J Pegg outlined progress to date. Because of the timespan since starting to identify resident priorities, things have moved on and the Community Council had in the interim made progress in addressing at least some of the issues identified. We are now at the stage where we need to start consulting on the plan. In the meantime, Councillors were asked to look over the plan and let the Clerk have any comments or suggestions before we consulted more widely with the community.

Resolved: Councillors to provide feedback on the plan before the wider public consultation.

79 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE:

- **Social Media policy**
- **Environmental Policy**
- **Equality and Diversity Policy**
- **Disciplinary Policy**

The Clerk introduced and summarised each of these policies.

Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt these policies.

Resolved: It was resolved to adopt the Social Media policy, the Environmental Policy, the Equality and Diversity Policy, and the Disciplinary Policy. Proposed by Councillor A Baker, seconded by Councillor J Pegg.

80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported there had been no new planning applications since the last Council meeting.

The Clerk highlighted a meeting to discuss the revised Vale of Glamorgan Local Development plan, and it would be helpful to have Councillor representation at this meeting on 29 November 2023. Councillor A Jenkins agreed to see if she could rearrange commitments to attend this meeting and would let the Clerk know.

81 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk reported that there was one item of correspondence he wanted to highlight - the D-Day anniversary celebration email asking Community Councils to consider if they wished to host an anniversary event. This was discussed and Councillors agreed in principle to hold an event, to be discussed in more detail at a later meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to add the 80th anniversary D-Day event to the agenda as a standing item for a period of time. Clerk to reply to register 'in principle' interest in holding an event. Councillor J Pegg to check if Cricket club are planning a similar event.

82 COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk explained this agenda item covered all communications from the Community council and covered newsletters, social media, website and any other methods of communicating with residents.

There were no items to discuss this month.

83 FINANCE

(a) To approve payments and invoices for October 2023

The Clerk explained the payments on the sheet circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved: The following payments were approved for payment. Proposed by Councillor J Pegg, seconded by Councillor A Baker:

PAYMENTS/INVOICES TO PAY - 11 OCTOBER 2023

SUPPLIER	PAYMENT FOR	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NUMBER
Clerk (Ron Carrie)	October 2023 salary (£563.15) + monthly electricity expenses (£20.83) + printer ink (£33.48) + Newsletter printing (£91.44) + Google Cloud space (£1.19) = £710.09	£710.09	200028
HMRC	Tax & NIC on October 2023 clerk salary	£140.80	200029
Vale Cricket Club	Use of cricket club by Cardiff Conservation Volunteers for Baptismal pool clearance	£60	200030
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£910.89	

(b) To approve Q2 (1 July - 30 Sept 2023) quarterly bank reconciliations

The Clerk provided an explanation of the bank reconciliation and copies of the bank statements showing the opening and closing bank balances for the quarter, all of which had been circulated to councillors before the meeting.

Resolved: It was resolved to accept the quarterly bank reconciliation as an accurate account of the Community Council transactions and bank balances during this second quarter of the financial year.

84 MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor M Robson raised a post on Facebook about the use of photographs on Facebook and other social media platforms of property in the Ewenny Community Council area. This was discussed and Councillors were assured that there were no photographs of resident property or buildings used on any Community Council communications, including the website.

Councillor J Pegg reported that the slabs at the entrance to the Meadows had now been removed and the area tarmaced. This was welcomed by Councillors.

Councillor W Bailey reported he had organised a community park gathering at the Meadows play area on 12 November between 2pm and 4 pm. Councillors agreed to fund refreshments for this event up to the value of £50.

Resolved: To provide funding up to £50 against costs incurred in providing refreshments to support the Community Park gathering on 12 November. Proposed by Councillor J Pegg, seconded by Councillor A Jenkins.

Councillor H Baker gave apologies for herself and Councillor A Baker who would not be attending the November Council meeting.

Councillor A Jenkins reported she had attended the quarterly OVW meeting, but there was nothing of significant interest to report.

The Clerk provided a written update from Councillor J Radcliffe on his attendance at a meeting on 5 October with Vale of Glamorgan at which the proposals for Communities reorganisation were discussed. Councillor J Radcliffe reported a split between rural Vale councils who were predominantly against the proposals and the urban town councils who were generally in favour of them.

The meeting closed at 20:45.

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Signature of Vice-Chair, Councillor A Jenkins

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Date