

Aberhafesp Community Council

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Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2025, at Aberhafesp Community Centre

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Interest
4. Members of the public speaking session (15 minutes maximum)
5. Minutes of previous meeting
6. Matters arising
7. Financial Update
 - 1) Bank reconciliation
 - 2) Invoice for payment – ACA £75 Hire of hall
 - 3) Completion of Audit
 - 4) HSBC – Bank charges
8. Planning – 25/1177/FUL Land at Swn y Gwynt, Aberhafesp.
Siting of 2 holiday cabins, installation of treatment plant, formation of 2 passing bays and all associated works.
25/1291/REM Llys Wen, Aberhafesp
Section 73 application to removal condition 2 (occupation of dwelling)
9. Festival/Jubilee bridge update
10. Correspondence
11. Other Issues

Present: Cllrs. A Nutting (Chair), G Green (Vice), N Hamer, J Hopkins, R Amy, Mrs R Hamer (Clerk)

Also present: Mrs K Hopkins

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies – Cllr. S Pryce, Cllr. R Jones, C Cllr. J Yeomans
3. Declaration of Interest – Cllr J Hopkins – Point 8 Planning Swn y Gwynt
4. Members of the public speaking session – No issues
5. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.
6. Matters arising – Old House Bwlch y Ffridd – Approved
7. Financial Update
 - 1) Bank Reconciliation – Bank £7583.38 CCLA £3118.93
 - 2) Invoice for hire of hall had been paid by clerk £75.00
 - 3) Completion of Audit – Clerk read out the comments from the auditor and discussed. Audit will be placed onto the website.
 - 4) HSBC – Bank have informed us that we will no longer be charged the monthly fee of £5.00
8. Planning – 25/117/FUL Land at Swn y Gwynt – It was discussed that the application had no effect on the neighbours. No comments to be sent to planning.

1291/REM Llys Wen – The house has never been lived in and is going into disrepair, agreed that the removal of the planning condition should be accepted. No comments to be sent to planning.

9. Festival/Jubilee bridge Update – Cllr. Amy handed out a leaflet of the history of the bridge. Clerk had sent a Freedom of Information request but it had come back as there were no copies of surveys/inspections detailing the condition of the bridge or any estimates of any costs for repairs. Clerk had a copy of an email stating that the decision to close the bridge was because an engineering inspection revealed significant structural defects. Clerk had replied to FOI stating this, so now must wait another 20 days while PCC do an internal review. It was discussed that if the bridge was being monitored why had the problems not been highlighted before? There should also be a paper trail in PCC showing these inspections.
10. Correspondence – Training dates until the end of the year.
Clerk had sent an email to Highways with regards to the culvert that blocked and then flooded during the heavy rains, in Bwlch y Ffridd. They have stated that they have removed the blockage, and will try to ensure that it is checked and cleaned regularly, but it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain the rest of the watercourse. The landowner below the culvert had been spoken to and will clean the ditch to help with the flow through the culvert. It was noted that this had been done today.
Clerk also asked that as road repairs were being carried out on Newtown side of Aberhafesp, when would the road be repaired from Wern Ddu to the Bwlch y Ffridd junction and on to the bridge by Rhyd Lydan, they confirmed that the road had gone beyond just doing a few repairs and needed a completely new surface, hopefully this would be done next year but there were no guarantees.
11. Other Issues – Cllr Amy had recently visited The Game Change Project he was very impressed with what he saw. Cllr. Amy also noted that Community Speed Watch had not taken place lately as the volunteers needed to be vetted again, all documents had been taken in, but they were still waiting for approval. It was also noted that the drains in Aberhafesp were blocked with chippings/gravel after the road had been repaired. Clerk to contact Highways.
Clerk noted that the recent £1000 that was donated to the Community Centre, was used to purchase a large TV. This would be beneficial for the user groups of the Centre including the Community Council as it could be used for remote meetings.

No other issues, chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.