Present:

Chair
Cllr T ap Hywel

Community Councillors
W H Allen, Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Mrs M E Sargent, P Slarke

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne
Youth Ambassador – Meg Owen

21. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from, Cllrs Ms M Britton, C Coombes, H R Davies, S Skivens and J Scriven. Ms Susanne Eldens was also welcomed to the meeting.

Ms Eldens was a member of the public who had requested to speak to Councillors regarding issues with Penyrheol Common. There had been many issues over the years and recently the access to the common land had been blockaded via Bowls lane by digging two very large deep ditches and piling rocks and earth up. Ms Eldens and may other residents felt that the cattle grid, gate etc has been damaged and this just seems to be an ongoing problem on the common. There were also skip lorries still going to the farm. After a lengthy discussion with Councillors and Police representatives it was resolved that the Clerk would write to the Highways Department at CCBC, copying in the Gwent Police to try to resolve the issue. The Clerk was also asked to contact neighbouring Community Councils as the common land was in several wards.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write to CCBC

22. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th May 2016, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.
23. **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) The Clerk gave an update on the list of items from the previous meeting that she had been asked to raise with Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(b) Re: concerns about the mini roundabout at The Bowls, having asked for a left-turn only coming up from Caerphilly to the roundabout. An email had been received from CCBC’s Principal Engineer to say that they were unable to support the request for lane markings as lane marknings were only provided when one or more of the set circumstances applied and this did not apply to the Bowls roundabout (Ref: minutes 21.04.16, item 215 (j)).

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) The Clerk reported that she had received an email from CCBC to say the price for removing the concrete bench base in Trecenydd park had been high and they were still looking for a budget for this. (Ref: minutes 17.03.16, item 196 (g)).

RESOLVED – Noted

(d) The Clerk reported that the problem with the brambles had been reported to the manager of community centres at CCBC by an officer in the Parks Department. (Ref: minutes 19.05.16, item 15 (d)).

RESOLVED – Noted

(e) A reply had been received from CCBC re: the fence in Grange Close. They could find no information confirming that the whole fence was to be renewed. It was suggested that as the WHQS external works programme was scheduled to commence at Trecenydd towards the end of the year, that improved fencing be submitted. (Ref: minutes 21.04.16, item 215 (m)).

RESOLVED – Noted

24. **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

**Declarations of Interest – Public Register**

The Clerk reminded Members that it is their responsibility and duty to declare any interest they may have in matters that come before meetings of the Community Council.

RESOLVED – Noted (to comply with requirements of the Local Government Act 2000)
25. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PC Watkins and PCSO Hadji-Aghalar attended the meeting. PCSO Hadji-Aghalar reported that a new inspector, Andrew O’Keefe had been transferred and also Sargent Andy Elias would be returning. She said that Penyrheol’s Big Day Out had now been cancelled as the organisers had not had enough support/interest. She reported on the problems at the Aneurin Sports Bar and said that the issues had been forwarded to CCBC’s Environmental Department. There had been a few problems with anti-social behaviour in the Troed-y-Bryn area and Aneurin Park which were being sorted. Telephone calls re : anti-social behaviour at the Top Shops in Penyrheol had halved. ‘Items on View’ leaflets had been circulated around Hendredenny, Castell Maen and Glenfields. The Youth Ambassador reported that a man in a van had been reported speaking to pupils from St Cenydd. This situation was being monitored.

RESOLVED : Noted

26. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

(a) 16/0267/FULL – 50 The Crescent, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2SW
- Erect two new semi-detached houses in garden plot

(b) 16/0274/FULL – The Old Granary, Old Nantgarw Road, Cardiff CF15 7UN
- Erect hay barn extension to existing stable

(c) 16/0377/ADV – Lidl, 5 Beddau Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AX
Replace existing flag pole sign with 7.5m high totem sign

(d) 16/0405/FULL – 74 Heol Barri, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LX
- Provide attic conversion with dormer windows

(e) 16/0418/FULL – 40 West Avenue, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2SG
- Erect single-storey rear extension

(f) 16/0480/FULL – 2 Chepstow Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2TH
- Erect front porch

(g) 16/0573/FULL – 56 Brynglas, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2PL
- Erect single-storey extension with mono-pitched roof

(h) 17/0575/FULL – 55 Cae’r Fferm, Caerphilly CF83 2QB
- Erect single-storey rear extension with pitched roof

(i) 16/0696/FULL – 39 Court Road, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LT
- Erect single-storey and rear extension

The above planning applications were considered by the Council.
RESOLVED – in the general interest of the community that:

having been previously circulated to Members and having received no comments or objections in respect of application (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) the Clerk’s action in informing the Planning Authority that the Council does not wish to make any comments or raise any objections to the application be noted.

RESOLVED – Noted

27. **BURSARIES FOR SCHOOLS**

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from St Cenydd and they would be going ahead with a litter picking programme and also she and Cllr S Skivens had had a meeting with the Head Teacher of Cwm Rhymni and they would be looking into a suitable project also. Cllr Skivens and the Clerk would be having a meeting in the near future with Cardinal Newman to discuss the project.

RESOLVED – Noted

28. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that she had been very busy with exams recently. She had been made Head Girl for the coming academic year. She now wanted to get more involved in projects within St Cenydd Community School.

RESOLVED – Noted

29. **SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES**

The Clerk reported that there had been a problem with the Trecenydd playscheme in that the CSSIW had mistakenly de-registered the playscheme due to a computer error. This was in the process of being resolved. Everything else was on track. She asked for volunteers for the registration evenings and it was suggested that she send an email to Councillors to remind them nearer the time.

RESOLVED – Noted

30. **COMMUNITY CENTRE WATER RATES**

CCBC would cease to pay the water rates for the two community centres shortly. It was resolved that Cllr W H Allen would find out how much both water rates were and report back to next meeting.

31. **SPECIAL PROJECT**

Suggestions for a special project was the trim trail in Aneurin Park, the skate park, path around the park. The Clerk was asked to ask Ms Bethan Smith from CCBC to a meeting to discuss the WHQS submission. Councillors were asked to think of more ideas for a special project, which would be discussed at the next meeting.
RESOLVED – Clerk to contact Ms Smith

32. **SKATE PARK**

As Cllr Skivens was not at the meeting it was decided to defer this to the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

33. **CIVIC SERVICE AND CHAIRMAN’S CHARITIES**

The Chairman announced that his charities would be The Alzheimer’s Society and The Stroke Association. With regards to the Civic Service, it was decided that he may have one towards the end of the financial year and this would be discussed at a later date.

RESOLVED – Noted

34. **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter had been delivered to over 5,000 homes and the Clerk was congratulated on yet another successful newsletter. Cllr Mrs M E Sargent asked if a booklet-type newsletter could be looked into for the next edition. This would be discussed by the Newsletter Committee at a later date.

RESOLVED - Noted

35. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Press Items**

The Clerk outlined press cuttings of interest that affected the Council’s area.

RESOLVED – Noted

(b) **Caerphilly County Borough Council**

An email had been received re : Armed Forces Day.

An email had been received re : Policy Watch May 2016.

An email had been received re : five-man community cleansing team.

An email had been received re : Mayor’s Charity Appeal. It was resolved to donate £200 to the Appeal.

An email had been received re : Planning Aid Wales AGM.

(c) **General correspondence**

The Patients Voice News Bulletin had been received via email.

RESOLVED – Noted
36. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

   a) **Various**

   Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended a Governors’ meeting at Hendre Juniors.

37. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

   (a) **Various**

   The Clerk gave an update of matters that have been resolved and matters that are still under discussion with CCBC.

   RESOLVED – Noted

   (b) **Various**

   The Clerk requested Members to advise her of any matters they have previously requested to be raised with CCBC that are still unresolved or outstanding.

   The Clerk advised Members that if they report any matters to the Customer Care Line of CCBC that they obtain the log number as this is very important in following up matters.

   RESOLVED – Noted

   (c) Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that the street sign in Heol Glyn needed replacing.

   RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

   (d) The Youth Ambassador reported that the sign at Heol Cwarrel had an ‘h’ in the sign but nothing else did so asked if the CCBC could be contacted to ask about this.

   RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

   (e) The Chairman reported that he had received complaints from residents in St Cenydd Close. Cars were parked there all day and residents couldn’t get in and out of their drives etc. The Clerk was asked to contact CCBC to ask if the road could be changed to residents only parking.

   RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

38. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

   Acknowledgement had been received from Penyrheol Bowling Club.
39. **DONATIONS**

   a) **Abertridwr Ladies Bowling Club**

   RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £150 be approved.

   b) **Shelter Cymru**

   RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £200 be approved.

   c) **CHAD**

   RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £100 be approved.

   d) **Caerphilly Town Council – fireworks display**

   RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £1,750 be approved.

   e) **Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community**

   RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £100 be approved.

40. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 2016**

   The following payments were approved by the Council:

   (a) Clerk’s salary – June 2016;

   (b) Clerk’s expenses – June 2016;

   (c) Inland Revenue – June 2016;

   (d) Members’ expenses – June 2016;

   (e) J & P Davison – newsletter - £1,272;

   (f) Viv Treherne – deliver of newsletter - £500;

   (g) CCBC – pitch burning Trecenydd - £155.34;

   (h) St Cenydd Community School community award - £100.

41. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING**

   No items requested to be discussed at next meeting.

42. **NEXT MEETING**

   RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 21\textsuperscript{st} July 2016 at 7.00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Should there be any queries relating to these minutes would Members kindly contact the Clerk.