

**Cyngor Cymuned
Penyrheol Trecenydd Energlyn
Community Council**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillors: W H Allen, S Dickens (Chair), G Ead, T ap Hywel, P Owen-Griffiths (Vice-Chair), A W Pennington, J Scriven, S J Skivens, S L Skivens, L Whittle

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

Police in attendance: PC Adams, CSO Hadji-Aghalar

Minute		Action
114.	To note members' attendance and to receive and agree apologies for absence	
	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies were received from S D ap Hywel and were accepted.</p> <p>Resolved: To approve apologies for absence</p>	
115.	To discuss issues brought up by members of the public	
	<p>A member of the public reported that cars were speeding along Brynhyfryd/Mill Road, especially in the evening. PC Adams said that checks were being made along that route and it was hoped to get a speed-check van there in the near future.</p> <p>A member of the public reported trees growing towards the houses in Y Felin Ffrwd (please see item 127 of minutes).</p> <p>Resolved: Noted</p>	
116.	To approve minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th November 2018	
	<p>Minutes of the meeting on 15th November 2018 were approved as a true record.</p> <p>Resolved: To approve minutes of 15th November 2018 as a true record</p>	
117.	To discuss matters arising	
	<p>GE reported that the waste had been removed and the streetlight had been fixed (Ref: minutes 15.11.18, item 101.2 and 101.3).</p>	
118.	To discuss Police matters	
	<p>CSO Hadji-Aghalar reported that all areas were being patrolled. Anti-social behaviour hot spots were Llwyn-on Street in Energlyn, by the train station and Druids Close. Cllr Skivens said he had attended an event at Bedwas</p>	

	Police Station re: issues on the common. A member of the public thanked the Police and Community Council for assisting her with anti-social behaviour she had been experiencing.	
119.	To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors	
	<p>119.1 Cllr Allen said that the bench had now been installed by CCBC in Penyrheol.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resolved: Noted</p> <p>119.2 Cllr Allen reported that a resident in Penyrheol was having trouble with trees from a neighbour's garden damaging his garden wall. Cllr Skivens said that he would pay the resident a visit to see what he could do.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resolved: Cllr Skivens to visit resident</p> <p>119.3 Cllr Scriven reported that the dog fouling bin promised for Trecenydd had still not been delivered and Cllr Dickens said the one promised for Penyrheol Community Centre had not been delivered either. Clerk to chase.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resolved: Clerk to chase CCBC</p>	
120.	To receive reports on Councillor attendance at meetings/committees	
	<p>120.1 Cllr Allen reported that he had attended the Community Christmas concert and a meeting of the Penyrheol Community Centre committee.</p> <p>120.2 The Chair reported that she had attended the Community Christmas events.</p> <p>120.3 T ap Hywel reported that he had attended the Santa events.</p> <p>120.4 Cllr Whittle reported that he had attended the Santa event.</p> <p>120.5 Cllr Scriven reported that he had attended the Santa event and Keep Wales Tidy litter-picking event.</p> <p>120.6 Cllr S J Skivens reported that he had attended the Community Christmas Concert, Santa events and meeting to discuss issues on the common.</p> <p>120.7 Cllr S L Skivens reported that she had attended the Community Christmas Concert and Santa events.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resolved: Noted</p>	
121.	To receive report from Youth Ambassador	
	The Youth Ambassador reported that she had received complaints about speeding along Heol Aneurin, where the speed limit was 30 mph. Cllr Skivens said he had asked CCBC previously for extra signage and for speed limit to be reduced to 20 mph, to no avail. It was resolved that Clerk would ask CCBC to revisit.	PTE01/2019 – speed limit Heol Aneurin

	<p>She also reported that the Groeswen Lane was very slippery with leaves and many students walked that way to St Cenydd Comprehensive School. Clerk to inform CCBC.</p> <p>Resolved: 1. Clerk to contact CCBC re: speed limit/signs on Heol Aneurin 2. Clerk to inform CCBC of leaves in Groeswen Lane</p>	PTE01/2019 – leaves Groeswen Lane
122.	To approve Quarterly Financial Statement	
	<p>The Clerk presented the Quarterly Financial Statement and bank reconciliation. It was resolved that the budget was on track and no changes required.</p> <p>Resolved: To approve the Quarterly Financial Statement</p>	
123.	To approve Precept for 2019/20	
	<p>The Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee had agreed a rise of 2% for the precept, which would represent a stand-still budget in real terms. The Council had a sensible reserve because Councillors and the Clerk had managed it well. The precept had remained static for several years until last year in order to help finance the skate park. Cllr Owen-Griffiths said that things were uncertain due to Brexit and it would help to have healthy reserves. It was resolved to ratify the decision of the Finance Committee to increase the precept by 2% for 2019/20.</p> <p>Resolved: To ratify the Finance Committee’s decision</p>	
124.	To discuss planning applications	
	<p>The following planning applications were discussed:</p> <p>124.1 18/0951/FULL – Pandy Allotments, Melin Gwlan, Caerphilly - demolish existing outbuilding and short concrete block wall and rebuild a new larger outbuilding</p> <p>124.2 18/1055/NCC – Land within curtilage of 31 Thomasville, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2RE - Remove condition 03 (drainage) of planning consent</p> <p>124.3 18/1056/NCC – 3 Cae’r Enfys, Caerffili CF83 2BN - Vary condition 04 to allow conversion of integral garage into habitable room</p> <p>124.4 18/1070/FULL – 9 Ynys Bery Close, Caerphilly CF83 2AZ - Convert garage into living accommodation</p> <p>124.5 18/1071/FULL – 29 Y Felin Ffrwd, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2RB - Erect single storey rear extension</p> <p>124.6 18/0982/FULL – Land at grid ref 186800 between Duffryn Wen and Cefn Brith, Groeswen - Erect new dwelling with proposed new access off Groeswen Road</p> <p>124.7 18/0986/FULL – 17 Carmarthen Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2TX - Erect single storey side extension</p>	

	<p>Resolved: In the general interest of the community that:</p> <p>having been previously circulated to Members and having received no comments or objections in respect of applications 124.1 to 124.5 and 124.7, 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.</p> <p>With regards to 124.6, Councillors strongly objected to this application due to overdevelopment of conservation area and lack of infrastructure to allow extra cars to travel up Groeswen Lane. It was resolved that the Clerk ask that this application be referred to Planning Committee.</p>	
125.	To receive update on WHQS/Skate Park	
	<p>The Clerk reported that the contract had been awarded for the extra three pieces of equipment in the children's play park and the outdoor gym in Aneurin Park had been awarded. The successful company would also be looking to add hopscotch and snakes and ladders which should be installed at the same time as the equipment. The skate park was in the process of procurement.</p> <p>Resolved: Noted</p>	
126.	To discuss litter-picking project	
	<p>Cllr Ead agreed to take the lead on the litter-picking project and would organise a date. The Youth Ambassador reported that there was a new School Council at St Cenydd and she would discuss the project with them. She reported that she had seen a difference within the school with regards to litter. Councillors said they would be willing to help with a litter-pick in the school. Youth Ambassador to ask at school.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Ead to take lead on litter-picking project. 2. Youth Ambassador to discuss Councillor help at school. 	
127.	To discuss tree issue at Y Felin Ffrwd	
	<p>Cllr Skivens said that CCBC had cut some trees back a few years ago but would not take responsibility for them as it was not their land. The Community Council had tried to ascertain who the owners were but the housebuilder had gone into liquidation and it was thought that Barclays may have had a charge on the land. The Clerk had attempted to contact Barclays by letter and telephone, to no avail. It was resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Owen-Griffiths would visit Barclays branch in Caerphilly to discuss the issue. It was also resolved that the Clerk would contact CCBC officer to reassess the trees.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk and Cllr Owen-Griffiths to visit Barclays. 2. Clerk to contact CCBC to revisit issue. 	
128.	To review Christmas events	
	<p>The Christmas events had gone very well. It was resolved that an early meeting would be arranged to discuss this year's events.</p>	

	Resolved: Clerk to arrange Community Christmas Committee	
129.	To discuss correspondence received	
	An email had been received from CCBC re : Local Toilets Strategy. Resolved: Noted	
130.	To approve donations	
	130.1 <u>Club 707</u> Cllr Whittle declared an interest in this item as he was a member of the 707 Group, but did not take part in after-school clubs. He took no further part in discussions or decision. Resolved: in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £200 be granted	
131.	To approve payments	
	The following payments were approved by the Council: 131.1 Clerk's salary – January 2019; 131.2 Clerk's expenses – January 2019; 131.3 Inland Revenue – January 2019; 131.4 Members' expenses – January 2019; 131.5 Newsletter publication - £1288; 131.6 Newsletter delivery - £500. Resolved: To approve all above payments	
132.	To agree items to be discussed at next meeting	
	Aneurin Health Board. Resolved: Noted	
133.	To agree next Council meeting as Thursday, 21st February 2019	
	Date of next meeting agreed as Thursday, 21 st February 2019 at Penyrheol Community Centre. Resolved: Noted	
	The meeting was closed at 8.15 pm	