Present :

Chair  
Cllr S Skivens

Community Councillors  
Cllr W H Allen, Cllr Ms M Britton, Cllr C Coombes, Cllr J Scriven, Cllr P Slarke

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

68. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr H R Davies, Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr T ap Hywel, Cllr A Pennington and Cllr Mrs M E Sargent.

69. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th July 2015, having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

70. ** 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) Cllr C Coombes asked if the Clerk could obtain an update from CCBC regarding the overgrown trees in Heol Aneurin. (Ref : minutes 15.07.15, item number 54 (d)).

(c) Cllr W H Allen asked if the Clerk could obtain an update from CCBC regarding the overgrown trees in Bowls Lane. (Ref : minutes 15.07.15, item number 54 (e)).
(d) Cllr W H Allen asked if the Clerk could obtain an update from CCBC regarding the overgrown trees by Penyrheol Cemetery. (Ref : minutes 17.04.14, item number 163 (d).

RESOLVED – Clerk to chase up

71. **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)

72. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PC John McDonnell and PCSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar were present at the meeting. PCSO Hadji-Aghalar reported that it had been quite a good summer with regards to anti-social behaviour, especially with the dispersal orders in place, but that they were still monitoring Penyrheol and Trecenydd. The priority would now be Trecenydd park, as they had received complaints of anti-social behaviour in that area. There had also been some anti-social behaviour and various problems in the vicinity of Bryn yr Ysgol flats in Penyrheol. This had also been referred to Environmental Health due to noise problems.

The Chairman reported that residents had informed him that motorbikes were again going up onto the mountain. PCSO Hadji-Aghalar said that Section 59 notices had already been served, which meant that bikes could be seized in the future and that this issue would be monitored.

RESOLVED : Noted

73. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

(a) 15/0442/OUT – Land at Abertridwr Road, Penyrheol, Caerphilly - Erect residential development comprising approximately 18-20 houses

(b) 15/0509/FULL – 20 Heol Graig Wen, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2JP - Construct rear dormer and internal alterations

(c) 15/0526/LA – Brodawel House, Court Road, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2QW - Remove existing bund of earth and excavate for parking

(d) 15/0619/RM – Gledyr Bungalow, Selway Gardens, Nantgarw Road, Caerphilly CF83 1BW - Construct 14 two-bedroom apartments
(e) 15/0525/FULL – 21 Heol Rhos, Caerphilly CF83 2BE
- Provide loft conversion

(f) 15/0553/FULL – 9 Ynys Bery Close, Caerphilly CF83 2AZ
- Erect first floor extension

(g) 15/0569/FULL
- 9 Maes-y-Drudwen, Caerphilly CF83 2QG

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 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and
(g) 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.

having been previously circulated to Members in respect of application
(a), objections had already been submitted to CCBC regarding this
planning application during the summer recess.

RESOLVED – Noted

With regards to the change of use application for Heol Las Farm, the
Chairman reported that the farmer would have to cease the use of land for
the storing of skips by 1st October 2015.

RESOLVED - Noted

74. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

Penyrheol Community Centre presentation;

CAT meeting x 2;

St Andrew’s Church meeting x 2

Service at Groeswen Chapel;

Sub-Committee meeting;

Penyrheol Community Centre meeting.

Summer playscheme registration.
b) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had attended:

Penyrheol Live meeting.

c) **Various**

Cllr C Coombes reported that he had attended:

Penyrheol Live meeting;

Trecenydd Fun Day.

d) **Various**

Cllr J Skiven reported that he had attended:

Trecenydd Fun Day.

e) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended:

CCBC Play Day in Morgan Jones Park;

Penyrheol Live meeting.

75. **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 J Scriven reported that residents were still complaining about speeding from 1st to 2nd Avenue. The Chairman advised Cllr Scriven to speak to Cllr H R Davies, as he had been dealing with this via CCBC.

RESOLVED – Cllr J Scriven to contact Cllr H R Davies

(d) Cllr J Scriven reported that he had received complaints regarding the old 49 Club grounds. CCBC were storing cabins on the ground and residents felt it was dangerous for children etc. The Chairman advised Cllr J Scriven to contact CCBC’s Housing Department to try to ascertain what was happening with the grounds. The Clerk would also email CCBC regarding the issue.

RESOLVED – Cllr J Scriven and Clerk to contact CCBC

(e) Cllr J Scriven reported that he had received complaints that the grass on Trecenydd football field was not being cut short enough. He had spoken with CCBC workers, who had informed him that this was the official length. Also grass cuttings were not being collected, which led to a mess. Cllr Scriven had been informed that the grass collecting machine was currently broken. The Chairman suggested that Cllr Scriven contact the Parks Department. The Clerk would also contact CCBC via email.

RESOLVED – Cllr J Scriven and Clerk to contact CCBC

(f) Cllr J Scriven reported that there were overgrown brambles in the archway between Bryncenydd and Trecenydd. It was not sure who owned this land, so the Chairman suggested that Cllr Scriven contact Network Rail to discuss. The Clerk would also contact CCBC via email.

RESOLVED – Cllr J Scriven to contact Network Rail and Clerk to contact CCBC

(g) Cllr C Coombes reported that Pleasant Place needed money for a Christmas trip. He was advised that they would need to complete a grant application form.

RESOLVED – Noted

(h) Cllr C Coombes reported that he had received complaints about the flat swings in the toddler area of Penyrheol Park, which attracted older children. It was felt that this area should be kept separate. Also, there was one large bins at the top of the steps which was always overflowing. The Chairman suggested that Cllr C Coombes and Cllr J Scriven contact CCBC Parks Department to discuss the two parks.

RESOLVED – Cllr C Coombes and Cllr J Scriven to contact CCBC to discuss Penyrheol and Trecenydd parks
(i) Cllr C Coombes reported that there were still problems with parking in Heol Tir Gibbon/Heol Aneurin which was dangerous, especially at either end of the school day. Clerk to write to CCBC to ask for site visit.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re: site visit

(j) The Chairman reported that he had received complaints of litter in the lane behind the old 49 Club, adjacent to the bypass. Clerk to contact CCBC.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(k) An email had been received from CCBC to inform that the current term of office for the representative on Cwm Ifor Primary School board of governors had come to an end. In the absence of Cllr Mrs M E Sargent, the Clerk said she would ask her if she would like to continue as governor. If not, Cllr C Coombes agreed that he would do it if no one else wanted to do it.

RESOLVED – Cllr Mrs M E Sargent to be asked if she would like to remain as governor

76. 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 from CCBC regarding proposed changes to national retail planning policy and guidance.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC regarding consultation on draft statutory guidance for the well-being of future generations. The Clerk asked Councillors to go onto the relevant website and to come back to her with any comments.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC regarding consultation on the Welsh Government’s Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. The Clerk asked Councillors to go onto the relevant website and to come back to her with any comments/
(c) **General correspondence**

An email had been received from Groeswen Chapel regarding the Anniversary Service to be held on Sunday, 13th September 2015 at 3.00 pm.

An email had been received from Over 50 Caerphilly, inviting Councillors to the 10th Anniversary celebrations on 1st October at Lewis Boys School.

An invitation had been received from Aber Valley Heritage Group to the Anniversary of the 1913 Universal Colliery Disaster on 14th October at the Memorial Garden in Senghenydd.

An email had been received from the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council regarding their annual report.

A letter had been received from the Welsh Government regarding The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) guidance.

RESOLVED - Noted

77. **ISSUE OF OVERGROWN TREES AT Y FELIN FFRWD**

The Chairman was still waiting to hear back from CCBC. He would bring this back to the next meeting for one final time.

RESOLVED – Chairman to speak to CCBC officers

78. **TO WELCOME NEWLY-ELECTED COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr J Scriven to the Community Council.

RESOLVED – Noted

At this point in the meeting the Chairman had to leave due to another engagement and the Vice-Chairman took over the Chair.

79. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador, Miss Meg Owen reported that the Us Girls programme was going well and funding was still being sourced. The biggest problem was advertising. She would provide an update at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted
80. **PENYRHEOL LIVE 2016**

Cllr M Britton reported that she had held an initial meeting regarding the Penyrheol Live 2016 project. It was suggested that she bring this back to the next meeting, when there would be more Councillors in attendance.

RESOLVED – Cllr Britton to bring to next meeting

81. **SUMMER PLAYSCHEME**

The Clerk reported that the playscheme had gone well and a report had been prepared and distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting, along with an inspection report by CSSIW. Councillors congratulated and thanked the Clerk on her hard work with regards to the playschemes.

82. **IMPROVEMENTS TO SKATE PARK**

Cllr Ms M Britton said that she would be speaking to Rebecca regarding funding sources in the near future and would report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Cllr Britton to meet with Rebecca to discuss funding sources

83. **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT**

The Clerk informed Councillors that a sub-committee would soon be held to discuss this event. Cllr J Scriven said that he would be happy to sit on this sub-committee.

RESOLVED – Noted

84. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk said that she needed items for the newsletter and that she would be arranging a sub-committee as soon as possible to discuss. Cllr J Scriven said that he would be happy to sit on this sub-committee.

RESOLVED - Noted

85. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgement of donation had been received from Home Start, Eisteddfod y Cymoedd and Undercurrents.

86. **DONATIONS**

No request for donations had been received.
87. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015**

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – September 2015;
(b) Clerk’s expenses – September 2015;
(c) Inland Revenue – September 2015;
(d) Members’ expenses – September 2015;
(e) Zurich – school journeys policy for playscheme (£185.50)

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

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting.

89. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 15th October 2015 at Penyrheol Community Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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