MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 2016

Present:

Chair
Cllr T ap Hywel

Community Councillors
W H Allen, Cllrs H R Davies, Mrs S ap Hywel, A W Pennington, Mrs M E Sargent, J Scriven, P Slarke

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

111. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Ms M Britton, C Coombes and S Skivens.

112. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th October 2016, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

113. 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) An email had been received from CBBC regarding the problems on the mountain to say that the skips had now been removed.

114. 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)
115. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was Police representation at the meeting. PCSO Hadji-Aghalar said that they were dealing with parking problems within the wards. She asked Councillors to encourage people to ring in if they saw any problems with parking. Other than that there were no major problems to report.

RESOLVED : Noted

116. **WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

Ms Bethan Smith from CCBC was in attendance. She reported that she had been meeting with different community organisations over the last few months. She would now be putting all the proposals/suggestions together and this would be submitted to a CCBC panel to decide where the money would go. She would also be now looking at the Trecenydd area. Cllr J Scriven said that he would meet Ms Smith on a site visit around the estate to look at various funding requirements. Councillors asked if she would return to a future Community Council meeting to discuss what had been decided, as they would like to know whether or not the proposed skate park would be getting any funding.

RESOLVED – Ms Smith to return to future meeting with more information

117. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

(a) 16/0904/COU – Unit R, Trecenydd Business Park, Trecenydd - Change of use to dance studio

(b) Planning appeal for housing development at Hendredenny

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), 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

With regards to (b), it was noted that this appeal was now going to the National Assembly, but that all previous objections would be considered as part of the appeal process.
118. **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 Sue ap Hywel said that she had received a request for a bench to be installed at the top of the steps above the bus stop in Hendredenny.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(d) Cllr H R Davies reported a problem in Denbigh Court with a hole in the hedge, where people climbed through the hole. He asked the Clerk to contact CCBC to ask if the hole could be blocked up.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

119. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

    - Remembrance Service;
    - Community Centre management meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr W H R Davies reported that he had attended:

    - Remembrance Service.
b) **Various**

Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended:

Caerffili Twinning meeting.

110. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that everything was on track for the talent showcase the following evening. Cllr H R Davies said that she had worked very hard indeed to get everything ready. Councillors were asked if they could help out on the evening.

RESOLVED - Noted

111. **SPECIAL PROJECT**

There was no update yet on the proposed former 49 Club project. Cllr Skivens and Cllr Scriven would report back when further information was available.

RESOLVED – Cllrs J Scriven and S Skivens to submit proposal

112. **SKATE PARK**

It was not yet known whether any money would be forthcoming from the WQHS fund. It was difficult to move on with the project until this was known. It was therefore resolved to wait until the New Year to find out what was happening.

RESOLVED – Noted

113. **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter had been printed and was being delivered to residents. The Clerk was congratulated on another excellent newsletter.

RESOLVED - Noted

114. **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Everything was on track for the Christmas events and Councillors were asked to help out at the Community Christmas Concert and the Santa events.

RESOLVED – Noted

115. **CIVIC AWARDS**

Community Councillors had been asked to nominate potential awardees for the Civic Awards. It was resolved that Peggie Leigh, who had raised thousands of pounds for various charities including Velindre, Marie Curie and Poppy. The second award would go to Mr David Lancaster, who had raised thousands of pounds for the Royal British Legion.

RESOLVED - Noted
116. **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 to inform that CCBC were carrying out enhancement works in the Caerphilly area and that the bus stop in the Caledfryn area would now be improved.

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

Patients Voice News Bulletin had been received from Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council.

RESOLVED - Noted

117. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgements had been received from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and the Over 50’s Club.

118. **DONATIONS**

(a) **HCTP Group 99**

An application was received from the above group who arranged holidays for children with special needs and they were trying to raise money for children who otherwise would not get a holiday. Even though the group was only raising money for one child at the moment from the PTE Community Council wards, Councillors resolved that £1,000 would be granted. The Clerk reminded Councillors about the benefit to the community as it was only one child, but Councillors resolved that they would still like to grant the £1,000, as they felt it was a very worthwhile cause, these children with a disability would not otherwise get a holiday and in the future there could be more children from the wards involved and that they wanted to give the money to the organisation as a whole.

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £1,000 be approved;
A letter had been received from GAVO to say that they had been unable to carry out the Half Term diversionary activity due to communication issues. They therefore asked if the donation could be utilized for the same activity, with the focus on ‘my community’, aimed at a selected group of children who were at risk of offending.

RESOLVED - Agreed

119. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS**

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – November and December 2016;
(b) Clerk’s expenses – November and December 2016;
(c) Inland Revenue – November and December 2016;
(d) Members’ expenses – November and December 2016;
(e) Newsletter production and printing - £1272;
(f) Newsletter delivery - £500;
(g) Christmas events.

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

No items requested.

RESOLVED - Noted

121. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 19th January 2017 at 7.00 pm, preceded by the Finance Sub-Committee at 6.30 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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