MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 18th January 2018

Present:

Chair
Cllr W H Allen

Community Councillors
S Dickens, G Ead, S ap Hywel, P Owen-Griffiths,
J Scriven, S J Skivens, S L Skivens, L Whittle

Youth Ambassador – Georgie Rees
Clerk to the Council - Helen Treherne

134. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

   The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies were received
   from T ap Hywel and A Pennington and were accepted.

   RESOLVED - Noted

135. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

   The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th November 2017, having been
   previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were accepted and signed
   as a true record by the Chairman.

136. **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) There were no matters arising.

   RESOLVED – Noted

137. **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)

138. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PCSO’s Katrina Hadji-Aghalar (KH) and Megan Kerswell (MK) were in attendance. KH reported that there had been no recent reports of anti-social behavior at the Top Shops in Penyrheol. There had been reports of thefts in Caerphilly in general. A leaflet drop had been carried out, pointing out the importance of not leaving anything on view in cars etc. KH said that she had received the report the Clerk had made to the Police of the theft of one of the festive lights. Councillors asked if KH could contact the residents of the houses backing on to the main road where the festive light had been stolen to make enquiries. KH agreed to do this. KH said that she was organising a funfair in Aneurin Park around Easter time and said that an outside company would come in and run the funfair, at discounted prices. The toilet would need to be open and Councillors asked KH to find out the cost of this and, if reasonable, the Community Council would cover this cost.

RESOLVED – KH to find out price of opening of toilets

139. **WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

The Clerk reported that the WHQS panel had met and had agreed funding for the skate park, outdoor gym, some additional equipment in the park, two parking areas (after feasibility studies), two additional parking bays in Heol Aneurin, jet washing wall in Heol Aneurin, painting the railings in Heol Brynheulog, planting bulbs and railings on the Trip installed.

RESOLVED – Noted

140. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

(a) 17/0965/FULL – 18 Morlais Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UG
- Construct a single-storey side extension

(b) 17/0167/FULL – 17 Heol Graig Wen, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2JP
- Erect single-storey side and rear extension

(c) 17/1078/NCC – Unit 41 and 5 (Unit 1-5), Trecenydd Business Park, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2RZ
- Vary condition to extend cladding on south elevation

(d) 17/0889/FULL – Pen-y-Gaer, Groeswen Road, Groeswen CF15 7UT
- Erect side extension and associated external works

(e) Ty Canol Farm, Mountain Road, Abertridwr To Hendredenny Park, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2RL
   Construct new access road

(f) 17/0890/CON – Pen-y-Gaer, Groeswen Road, Groeswen CF15 7UT
- Erect side extension and associated external works
The above planning applications/appeals 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) 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.

141. 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) Various

Cllr S J Skivens asked the Clerk to email CCBC to thank the street-cleaning team for cleaning the pathway from Gellideg to Penybryn.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write to CCBC

(d) Cllr S J Skivens reported that he had received an update on the Common issue. There would be a meeting held between Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas, Gwent Police, CCBC and the Welsh Government. He said there needed to be a more coordinated approach to common land in general. He said that tipping started again on the Common and CCBC said if anyone had any evidence they would follow up.

RESOLVED – Noted
(e) Cllr S ap Hywel said that she had received a complaint that the dog fouling bin was too near the post box in Trecenydd.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(f) Cllr G Ead reported that he had received complaints about the footpath running from Trecenydd to Brynhyfryd, the lighting was very poor and one was not working. Many children used the footpath to go to school. Cllr Ead was advised to obtain the number of the lamppost and ring CCBC.

RESOLVED – Cllr G Ead to ring CCBC

(g) Cll J Scriven reported that he had had requests for a dog fouling bin in First Avenue.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(h) Cllr W H Allen recommended that Cllr S Dickens be nominated to sit on Penyrheol Community Centre management committee as a Community Councillor. This was approved.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

142. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk presented the quarterly financial statement and this was approved. It was also agreed that the budget was on track and no changes were required.

RESOLVED – To approve the quarterly financial statement

143. **PRECEPT 2018/19**

The Clerk informed Councillors that at the Finance Committee preceding the meeting the precept had been set at £59,684.52, which would mean a charge of £13.54 for Band D, ie 3% increase on last year’s precept.

RESOLVED – To note the decision of the Finance Committee

144. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

PCC meeting at St Martin’s Church;
Community Christmas Concert;
Community Santa event;
WWO Concert in St Andrew’s Church;
Carol Service in Gospel Hall;
Service of Light at St Andrew’s Church;
Penyrheol Community Centre committee meeting;
Prem and Dan’s farewell event.
b) Cllr Ms S Dickens reported that she had attended:
   - Community Christmas Concert;
   - Community Santa event;
   - Prem and Dan’s farewell event.

c) Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended:
   - Caerphilly Twinning Committee meeting;
   - Community Christmas Concert;
   - Community Santa event.

d) Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended:
   - Community Christmas Concert;
   - Community Santa event.

e) Cllr S J Skivens reported that he had attended:
   - Community Christmas events;
   - Community Christmas Concert;
   - Meeting re: common land.

f) Cllr S L Skivens reported that she had attended:
   - Planning training;
   - Community Christmas Concert;
   - Community Santa events.

145. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that she had received complaints about the steps in Hendredenny Drive. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to CCBC to ask for a handrail.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write to CCBC

146. **REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Councillors discussed all Christmas events. Cllr S Skivens said that the Santa event was much cheaper than other events and it was agreed that the events continue and be discussed at the next Community Concert sub-committee. It was agreed that everyone enjoyed this year’s Community Christmas Concert and that Caerphilly Male Voice Choir were very good. However, it was felt that it would be a good idea to have different choirs each year. It was therefore resolved that Cor CF1 would be asked to perform at this year’s Community Christmas Concert.

RESOLVED – Cllr P Owen-Griffiths to contact Cor CF1
147. **TRECENYDD PARK**

A discussion took place on Trecenydd Park and what equipment was required. Cllr L Whittle and J Scriven said they would present this information, with costs, to next meeting to discuss.

RESOLVED – Cllrs Whittle and Scriven to present information to next meeting

148. **SKATE PARK**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email to say that the WHQS would fund the skate park for £34,000, along with a total of £15,000 from the Community Council. The next step was now procurement and then arranging meeting with the Focus Group.

RESOLVED – Noted

149. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Press Items**

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

RESOLVED – Noted

(b) **Caerphilly County Borough Council**

Email received from CCBC re : planning stakeholder event;

RESOLVED – To note the above correspondence

(c) **General correspondence**

Email received from One Voice Wales re : Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Section 8 : Local Toilets Strategies.

Email received from One Voice Wales re : Independent Review Panel’s Review of the Town and Community Councils, which had several questions. It was resolved that the Clerk would send the questions to each Councillor and this would be discussed at the next meeting, where one answer to each question would be given from PTE Community Council.

RESOLVED – Clerk to send questions to Councillors

150. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

An acknowledgement had been received from Caerphilly RFC Mini & Junior Section.
151. **DONATIONS**

(a) **Dance Unity Formation Teams**

Cllrs S ap Hywel and Cllr W H Allen declared an interest in this item and took no further part in discussion.

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

(b) **Noah’s Ark**

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

(c) **Llamau**

Cllr S ap Hywel declared an interest in this item and took no further part in discussions.

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

(d) **Penyrheol Community Centre – refurbishment of toilet**

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

152. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY**

It was resolved that the Clerk could conduct business over the Christmas recess.

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – January 2018;
(b) Clerk’s expenses – January 2018;
(c) Inland Revenue – January 2018;
(d) Members’ expenses – January 2018.

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

Guidelines for donations. Review of Town and Community Council questions.

RESOLVED – Noted

154. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 15th February 2018 at 7.00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE**

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