
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 19th NOVEMBER 2015**

Present :

Chair
Cllr S Skivens

Community Councillors
Cllr W H Allen, Cllr Ms M Britton, Cllr C Coombes, Cllr H R Davies,
Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr T ap Hywel, Cllr J Scriven

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

Miss Meg Owen, Youth Ambassador

112. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs M Sargent.

113. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th October 2015, having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

114. **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) A reply had been received from Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council which informed that they would be sending a team to the GP Surgery in Troed-y-Bryn in the next few weeks with regards to the unsafe state of the building. The email also requested clarification on which departments Councillors had heard were going to be moved to the Royal Gwent Hospital, as they were not aware of any service changes. The Clerk would reply to this request. (Ref : meeting 15.10.15, item 98 c).
- (c) An email had been received from CCBC regarding a crossing on Mill Road to say that a speed survey had been carried out and that there would be no merit in undertaking a further survey at the location. Cllr P Slarke said that it was the CCBC officer that had suggested the crossing as a dropped kerb could not be installed. Clerk to go back to CBCC. (Ref : meeting 19.02.15, item 147 b)

PTE06/2014
– no ramp at
bus stop by
Scouts hut

- (d) A reply had been received from CCBC re : overgrown trees in Penyrheol Cemetery. There was currently an ongoing planned cyclical survey of all trees at CCBC cemetery sites. The email described which trees would be attended to and which ones would not. (Ref : meeting 21.05.15, item 3 i)
- (e) A reply had been received from CCBC Development Control Manager re : Pen yr Heol Las Farm re : planning application 15/0604. In this case it was determined that prior approval was not required, based on the information submitted with the application and further details provided by the applicant, together with a site inspection. If the building were not to be carried out in accordance with the details supplied, the Council could take further action. (Ref : meeting 15.10.15, item 95 a).

115. **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)

116. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PCSO's Katrina Hadsi-Aghalar and Caroline Haes were in attendance. They informed Councillors about the date of the next Your Voice meeting. They reported that 519 incidents had been recorded during the past two months, compared to 659 in 2014. However, more anti-social behaviour incidents had been reported. Cllr W H Allen mentioned about the scaffolding around St Andrew's Church and that children were climbing the scaffolding. This had been phoned in and Police had been responding. Cllr J Scriven reported speeding in First Avenue. PCSO Hadsi-Aghalar said that she would speak to the manager at the factory to ask him to speak to the employees about this issue. Cllr C Coombes said there was still an issue of speeding on the crossing outside Cwm Ifor Primary School and asked for Police attendance.

RESOLVED : Noted

117. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 15/0639/FULL – The Hay Barn, Cwarrau Mawr Farm Lane, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2LN
- Erect two-storey rear extension
- (b) 15/0696/FULL – 9 Ynys Bery Close, Caerphilly CF83 2AZ
- Erect first floor extension
- (c) 15/1064/FULL – 19 Denbigh Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UN
- Erect a double storey extension to the side

- (d) 15/1066/NOTD – 11 Clos Maes Mawr, Caerphilly CF83 2UY
- Demolish detached dwelling
- (e) 15/1073/FULL – 12 Heol Cwm Ifor, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2EU
- Erect two-storey extension
- (f) 15/1081/FULL – 39 Graig-yr-Wylan, Caerphilly CF83 2QE
Demolish ground floor utility room and construct two-storey 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 (b), 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), Councillors said they were concerned about the frequency of applications from this applicant. They were concerned that this outbuilding should be in keeping with the area and did not know what the size and proportions of the building would be and what its purpose would be. Clerk to contact Planning Department to ask these questions.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re : (b).

118. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

Two Penyrheol Community Centre meetings;

Two St Andrew's Church meetings;

Children's choir competition.

b) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had attended :

Community Centre meeting;

Remembrance Service;

Christmas Concert meeting.

c) **Various**

Cllr C Coombes reported that he had attended :
Remembrance Service;

d) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended :
Remembrance Service;
Trecenydd Community Centre management meeting;
St Cenydd governors' meeting.

e) **Various**

Cllr S ap Hywel reported that she had attended :
Christmas Concert meeting;

f) **Various**

Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended :
Christmas Concert meeting.

g) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :
Remembrance Service;
Christmas Concert meeting.

119. **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 Ms M Britton said that Londis had been there for 25 years now and asked if Clerk could contact CCBC to see if sign could be erected by Community Centre to point people in the direction of the shopping parade in Troed-y-Bryn.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

- (d) Cllr Ms M Britton said that she had had a meeting with Flying Start staff, who had informed her that they were having difficulty with storage at Penyrheol Community Centre. They asked if they could have a container between the toilets and storeroom. Clerk to contact CCBC re : this issue.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

- (e) Cllr J Scriven said that there was always a lot of rubbish in the back lane behind St Cenydd Road. He asked if a big bin could be placed at the side of the shops on St Cenydd Road.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

- (f) Cllr J Scriven reported that bins were needed by The Crescent in Trecenydd, by the 49 Club.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

- (g) Cllr J Scriven reported that there were two BT lampposts in East Avenue and that one was not being used. It was suggested that Cllr Scriven ring BT to discuss the issue.

RESOLVED – Cllr Scriven to contact BT

- (h) Cllr J Scriven said that there was a big red BIFFA bin outside the Community Centre, which was restricting access to the pavement as it was always left outside. Cllr H R Davies said he would raise this issue at the next Community Centre management meeting.

RESOLVED – Cllr H R Davies to raise issue at next Community Centre management meeting

120. **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 : Politicians in Planning Association.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received re : guidance for allotments and community-led gardening projects.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received re : advertisement for appointment for Chair of the Arts Council of Wales.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received re : Wales Commissioner to the Equality & Human Rights Commission.

RESOLVED – Noted

A letter had been received re : Autumn/Winter weed control. The Chairman asked Councillors to feed back any requirements to the Clerk by Monday, 23rd November.

RESOLVED – Noted

A flyer had been received re : Give As You Live.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received re : National School Meals Week.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received re : Stage 2 Improvement Plan 2014/15 of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

An email had been received from Elsbury Ltd to say that 15 festive lights were now broken and irreparable. The Clerk presented six options to Councillors. It was resolved to go with option four, which was to set aside a budget every year to purchase so many new fixtures per annum. The Clerk was asked to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Clerk to place on agenda for next meeting

121. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador, Miss Meg Owen reported that she had received complaints about Angel Lane being dangerous, with fallen leaves and branches coming off the trees. Cllr H R Davies said he had contacted CCBC about this issue. If the issue had not been resolved within a week he would contact CCBC again.

RESOLVED – Cllr H R Davies to contact CCBC if issue not resolved

122. **PENYRHEOL LIVE 2016**

Cllr M Britton reported that they now had the forms which would need to be completed and returned to CCBC. They had been in contact with one of the organisers of Mega Day, who had offered assistance.

Cllr Ms M Britton said she would report to next meeting with an update.

RESOLVED – Cllr Britton to report to next meeting

123. **IMPROVEMENTS TO SKATE PARK**

There was nothing to report on this item at present

RESOLVED – Noted

124. **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT**

The Chairman asked for assistance in putting out chairs for the Community Concert and also asked for help on the evening. He also asked for assistance for the Santa event.

RESOLVED – Noted

125. **CIVIC AWARDS**

It was resolved that two awards would be given this year to Ms Aurelia Jones, pianist for the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir and Rev Sue Brown, retired minister of St Andrew's Church. These awards would be given out at the Community Concert.

RESOLVED - Noted

126. **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter was in the process of being delivered.

RESOLVED - Noted

127. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgement of donation had been received from Llangollen International Eisteddfod and Pleasant Place OAP's.

128. **CLERK PENSION – NEW REGULATIONS**

The Clerk reported that she had received documentation re : the new pension regulations and would report to Community Council when she received further information.

RESOLVED - Noted

129. **DONATIONS**

a) **Caerffili and District Twinning Association**

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

b) **Trecenydd Community Centre - pantomime**

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

130. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2015 AND OVER CHRISTMAS RECESS**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – November 2015;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – November 2015;
- (c) Inland Revenue – November 2015;
- (d) Members' expenses – November 2015;
- (e) J & P Davison – newsletter - £1418;
- (f) County Borough Supplies – stationery/paper - £68.77.

Permission was granted to the Clerk to conduct business over the Christmas recess.

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

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting.

132. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 21st January 2016 at Penyrheol Community Centre, preceded by the Finance Committee.

PLEASE NOTE

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

