89. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Ms M Britton, C Coombes, Mrs S ap Hywel, P Slarke.

90. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2016, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

91. **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) Re: CCBC service list. This should have read ‘CCBC service list was getting too long’, not ‘CCBC service list was not getting very long’. (Ref: minutes 19.09.16, item 66 (h).

   RESOLVED – Noted

(c) Re: Aneurin Sports Bar. Clerk was reminded to write to local Health Authority to ask for future plans for the area with regards to development of services. (Ref: minutes 19.09.16, item 64).

   RESOLVED – Clerk to write to Aneurin Bevan Health Board
92. **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)

93. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PC John McDonnell and colleague were present at the meeting, as per agreement. He reported that a similar number of incidents had been reported this year as last year. There had been a reduction in anti-social behavior. However, there was a problem currently in Castell Maen which was being attended to. PC McDonnell asked if Councillors would be willing to hold the ‘Your Voice’ meeting immediately before Council meetings as this seemed to work in other areas. Councillors agreed and the next ‘Your Voice’ meeting would be held on Thursday, 17th November 2016 at 6.30 pm.

RESOLVED : Noted

94. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

(a) 44 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AR
    - Vary condition 6 of Application 07/1266/FULL to convert garage into playroom

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

95. **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 S Skivens reported more issues reported re: Penyrheol Las Farm with the lane allegedly partially blocked and some altercations with the public. The Clerk was asked to send the agreed letter to the Chief Executive of CCBC, copied to the County Borough Councillors and to Gwent Police.

RESOLVED – Clerk to send letter to CCBC Chief Executive

(d) Cllr J Scriven reported a problem with brambles outside the flats in Third Avenue. The brambles were nearly up to the level of the washing lines.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(e) Cllr J Scriven reported problems with the drain outside the flats in Third Avenue. A camera had been put down the drains by CCBC but there was still a problem when it rained, with sewerage coming up through the drain.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(f) Cllr J Scriven reported that vehicles were driving/joyriding over the football field in Trecenydd. There has previously been a barrier there to stop vehicles entering onto the field but this was broken. The Clerk was asked to write to CCBC to ask if the barrier could be replaced.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

96. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

- Senghenydd Mining Disaster Memorial;
- Aberfan Disaster Memorial;
- Church meeting.
b) **Various**

The Chairman reported that he had attended:

Senghenydd Mining Disaster Memorial;

Aberfan Disaster Memorial.

c) **Various**

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended:

Cwm Ifor Governors’ meeting.

d) **Various**

Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended:

Site visit in Trecenydd;

Site visit residents in Third Avenue.

e) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended:

Site visit in Trecenydd;

Site visit residents in The Crescent.

97. **WHQS Environmental Programme**

This Clerk reported that Ms Bethan Smith would be attending the November meeting to discuss further.

RESOLVED – Noted

98. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The quarterly financial statement was presented to Councillors. It was resolved that the budget was on track and would no changes were required.

RESOLVED – To accept the quarterly financial statement as a true record and to stay on track with the budget forecast
99. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that everything was on track for the talent showcase on Friday, 18\textsuperscript{th} November. The Chairman informed Councillors that he would like to donate £100 of his Chairman’s allowance to the charity, ie Energlyn Children’s Hospital. It was also resolved that a further £200 would be donated towards the running of the evening.

RESOLVED - Noted

100. **COMMUNITY CENTRE WATER RATES**

Cllr W H Allen gave the Clerk the names of the persons to contact re: water rates. They would now need to complete a grant application form.

RESOLVED - Noted

101. **SPECIAL PROJECT**

Cllr J Scriven reported that he was in the process of having meetings with interested parties for the former 49 Club project. He and Cllr Skivens would report back when further information was available.

RESOLVED – Cllrs J Scriven and S Skivens to submit proposal

102. **SKATE PARK**

Councillors felt it was important to find out if the WHQS Environmental Programme would be supporting this. They would ask Ms Bethan Evans when she attended the meeting in November.

RESOLVED – Noted

103. **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter was in progress.

RESOLVED - Noted

104. **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

As Councillors had been unable to attend the sub-committee meeting, the following was resolved. Re: Community Concert, tickets would again be £3.00, with all profits going to Chairman’s charities and a bar was required again this year. The Clerk was asked to speak to Aber Valley Male Voice Choir to see if someone from the talent showcase could perform on the evening of the Concert. It was also agreed to hold a Santa event in Trecenydd Community Centre on Saturday, 10\textsuperscript{th} December and another in Penyrheol Community Centre on Sunday, 11\textsuperscript{th} December.

RESOLVED – To discuss at sub-committee meeting
105. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Press Items

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

RESOLVED – Noted

(b) Caerphilly County Borough Council

No correspondence had been received from CCBC.

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) General correspondence

No general correspondence had been received.

RESOLVED - Noted

106. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

Acknowledgements had been received from Undercurrents, St Andrew’s Church and Eisteddfod Y Cymoedd.

107. DONATIONS

(a) 1st Caerphilly Guides

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

(b) GAVO Diversionary Project

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £260 be approved;

(c) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £100 be approved;

(d) Over 50’s Club

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £150 be approved.
108. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016**

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – October 2016;
(b) Clerk’s expenses – October 2016;
(c) Inland Revenue – October 2016;
(d) Members’ expenses – October 2016;
(e) Two wreaths (Senghenydd and Aberfan Disasters) - £90;
(f) New photocopier – future lease payments.

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

No items requested.

RESOLVED - Noted

110. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 17th November 2016 at 7.00 pm, following Your Voice meeting at 6.30 pm, followed by Christmas buffet.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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