
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2016**

Present :

Chair

Cllr S Skivens

Community Councillors

Cllr W H Allen, , Cllr H R Davies, Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr T ap Hywel,
Cllr J Scriven, A Pennington, Mrs M E Sargent, P Slarke

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

Miss Meg Owen, Youth Ambassador

133. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ms M Britton and Cllr C Coombes.

134. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Cllr P Slarke informed the Clerk that he had been in attendance at the meeting in November, but his name was not on the attendance list on the minutes. The Clerk apologised for this oversight. Having confirmed that this was the case, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th November 2015, having been previously circulated, were considered and otherwise duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

135. **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 CCCB re : outdoor storage at Penyrheol Community Centre for Flying Start. CCBC's Planning Department will not permit such provision and the officer could not see the problem being overcome without considerable expense. The officer would, however, meet with Planning officers on site to see if the situation could be resolved. (Ref : meeting 19.11.15, item 119 d).
- (c) An email had been received from CCBC regarding siting of bins at the side of the shops in St Cenydd Road. CCBC Officer had liaised with Cllr Jon Scriven with regards to the siting of the bin. (Ref : meeting 19.11.15, item 119 e)

PTE11/2015
– Flying
Start storage
Penyrheol

PTE11/2015
– Bins at
shops in St
Cenydd Road

- (d) An email had been received from CCBC regarding siting of a bin at The Crescent, Trecenydd. CCBC Officer had liaised with Cllr Jon Scriven with regards to the siting of the bin. (Ref : meeting 19.11.15, item 119 f)
- (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).

and The Crescent

PTE11/2015
– Bins at shops in St Cenydd Road and The Crescent

136. **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)

137. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PCSO Katrina Hadsi-Aghalar was in attendance. She reported that Ty Isaf and Bowls Terrace was a Go Safe area until 5th May 2016, which would include five visits per month. Re : the speeding through First and Second Avenue, she had spoken to the businesses in Trecenydd and the speeding seemed to have calmed down after management had spoken to the staff. The number of incidents had decreased, but the number of anti-social complaints had increased slightly. The Your Voice priority would be anti-social behaviour at the Top Shops and St Andrew's Church area. Two anti-social behaviour injunctions had been issued.

PCSO Hadsi-Aghalar had asked about the planned works at the Cedar Tree roundabout. Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that there had been issues with the tenders, which had delayed the works.

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had received complaints that youths had been seen going through gardens in Energlyn Park during the early hours of the morning. He asked if Police could patrol the area.

RESOLVED : Noted

138. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 15/0736/FULL – 26 Maes-Y-Drudwen, Caerphilly CF83 2QG
- Erect two-storey rear extension
- (b) 15/1142/FULL – 11 Clos Maes Mawr, Caerphilly CF83 2UY
- Demolish and rebuild fire-damaged house

- (c) 15/1177/FULL
- Land at Bryn Siriol, Penyrheol, Caerphilly

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), (b) and (c), 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

139. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The quarterly financial statement was submitted and accepted as a true record.

RESOLVED – Accepted as true record

140. **PRECEPT 2016-17**

The income and expenditure for the current year and estimates for 2015/16 were considered and accepted. Due to the potential large project being considered by the Community Council, it had been resolved at the Finance Committee meeting to increase the precept by 2%.

RESOLVED – Precept to be increased by 2%

141. **BURSARIES FOR SCHOOLS**

The Chairman suggested that the Community Council give bursaries to the schools in the area, perhaps for special projects or initiatives. Councillors who act as Governors for the schools to speak to head teachers. Ms Meg Owen also to speak to students at St Cenydd. All to report back to next meeting.

RESOLVED – All to report back to next meeting

142. **WHQS Environmental Improvement Programme**

Ms Bethan Smith, Environmental Officer for CCBC was welcomed to the meeting. She explained that the WHQS Environmental Improvement Programme had been set up to fund and deliver schemes/environmental improvements that predominantly target communities and neighbourhoods in which CCBC's properties are located. In the next few months, Ms Smith would be concentrating on the areas of Penyrheol, Ty Isaf, Ty Nant and Thomasville. She would then be moving on towards the area of Trecenydd towards the end of the year. A discussion ensued on potential projects, such as the skate park in Penyrheol Park, lighting in Court Road, tree problem at Y Felin Ffrwd, planting of wild flowers, shop signage and parking problem in Thomasville. Councillors were asked to think of some more projects/issues and report back to the Clerk, who would forward onto Ms Smith. This item would be placed on the agenda

for the next meeting. Ms Smith would also be talking to other organizations in the area. Consultations would take place in March and all proposals would go before the Project Board, who would make the final decision regarding funding.

RESOLVED – Councillors to contact Clerk with ideas and item to be placed on agenda for next meeting

143. **PENYRHEOL LIVE 2016**

As Cllr Ms M Britton and Cllr C Coombes were not in attendance, this would be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

144. **IMPROVEMENTS TO SKATE PARK**

It had not been possible to acquire funding for the skate park to date, but the sub-committee would be reconvened in the near future to discuss the way forward.

RESOLVED – Noted

145. **FESTIVE LIGHTING**

Councillors discussed the issue of the deterioration of the current festive lights. It was resolved that new lighting would be purchased and that a budget of £5,000 would be set aside for this. Councillors asked if samples could be obtained by the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Clerk to obtain samples of new LED lighting

146. **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT AND SANTA'S VISIT**

The Chairman reported that both events had been successful and thanked everyone for their input. As agreed, Santa's visit would be moving back to Penyrheol for 2016.

RESOLVED – Noted

147. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Ms Meg Owen said that she had received several complaints about the work being carried out by Wales Utility, as this was causing traffic chaos. The Clerk was asked to find out the plans for future works. She also said that the lane from Mill Road, up to the old 49 Club in Trecenydd, to the bridge was dangerous, with wet leaves covering the floor. Ms Owen said that she would be taking a break from Us Girls in order to concentrate on school work.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report issue in lane to CCBC

PTE02/2016
– lane from
Mill Road to
Trecenydd

148. **SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES**

Five staff had left the playschemes due to work commitments, holidays etc. The Clerk had asked CCBC if they would place the job advert on its jobs page on their website, but had been informed that this could only go on the internal website due to financial constraints. The Clerk asked the Chairman if he could speak to CCBC about this and would forward him the email received from CCBC.

RESOLVED – Chairman to look into the issue

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**

An email had been received from CCBC re : free Data Protection/Freedom of Information Awareness Raising session for Town and Community Councils to be held on Thursday, 11th February 2016.

RESOLVED – Clerk to attend

An email had been received from CCBC re : proposal for the Specialist Resource Base for children with hearing impairments at Hendre Junior School. The Clerk was asked to obtain the projected pupil numbers for the next five years. A lot of money had gone into the class at Hendre Juniors, which was also DDI compliant.

RESOLVED – Clerk to ask for projected pupil numbers

(c) **General correspondence**

An email had been received from One Voice Wales re : the Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons.

RESOLVED – Noted

150. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

Community Christmas Concert;

Penyrheol Community Centre meeting;

Your Voice meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended :

Community Christmas Concert;

Santa's Visit;

Your Voice meeting;

Trecenydd Community Centre management meeting;

Trecenydd Community Centre pantomime.

c) **Various**

Cllr S ap Hywel reported that she had attended :

Community Christmas Concert.

d) **Various**

Cllr T ap Hywel reported that he had attended :

Community Christmas Concert.

e) **Various**

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended :

Community Christmas Concert;

Santa's Visit;

School meeting.

f) **Various**

Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended :

Community Christmas Concert;

Santa's Visit.

g) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :

Community Christmas Concert;

Santa's Visit;

Two meetings re : event management for Penyrheol Live.

h) **Various**

Cllr P Slarke reported that he had attended :

Community Christmas Concert.

151. **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 T ap Hywel reported that he had received a complaint about the stile at the top of Hendredenny not being adequate for the disabled. Cllr H R Davies said he would go and have a look and report back.

RESOLVED – Cllr H R Davies to report back

(d) Cllr P Slarke had received a request for a dog bin to be placed in Heol Aneurin by the bus stop.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC with this request

(e) Cllr W H Allen had received a request for a grit bin in Gelli Deg. Grit bins had been requested in the past but CCBC had informed that there were no resources available at present for these.

RESOLVED – Noted

(f) Cllr Mrs M E Sargent raised the subject of a polling station in Penrhos. The Clerk was asked to contact CCBC for an update.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

PTE01/2016
– dog bin
Heol Aneurin

PTE01/2016
– polling
station in
Penrhos

<p>(g) Cllr W H Allen reported that the fence surrounding St Andrew’s Church was broken.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC</p> <p>(h) Cllr J Scriven reported that he had received complaints about dog walking and dog fouling on Penrhos football field. He requested that signs be erected to say no dog walking, as this was a playing field. Clerk to contact CCBC about this issue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC</p> <p>(i) Cllr J Scriven had received complaints about a burnt out van at the back of a house in St Cenydd Road, which was protruding out into the lane. Clerk to contact CCBC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC</p> <p>(j) Cllr J Scriven had received complaints about the rubbish in St Cenydd Community School. Ms Meg Owen said that she would discuss the issue as a possible environmental project with the Welsh Baccalaureate teacher. Cllr H R Davies said that he would also raise the issue with the head teacher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Ms Meg Owen and Cllr H R Davies to report back to next meeting</p> <p>(k) Cllr J Scriven had received complaints about the red skip in Hendre Infants School, which had been there for a long time. Cllr Mrs M E Sargent was asked if she would speak to governors about this issue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Cllr Mrs M E Sargent to speak to governors</p> <p>(l) Cllr J Scriven had received complaints about the amount of rubbish in Trecenydd Community Centre car park. Cllr H R Davies said that he would speak to Mr Steve Hawkins from CCBC about the issue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Cllr H R Davies to speak to Mr Hawkins</p> <p>(m) Cllr H R Davies had received complaints about the dog bin outside the Presbyterian Church on St Cenydd Road. He said that there was a dog bin at the bus stop, which people naturally used as a rubbish bin. The Clerk was asked to contact CCBC with a view to replacing the dog bin with a rubbish bin and placing the dog bin on the path leading to Glenfields.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC</p>	<p>PTE01/2016 – St Andrew’s Church fence</p> <p>PTE01/2016 – dog fouling on Penrhos football pitch</p> <p>PTE01/2016 – burnt out van St Cenydd Road</p> <p>PTE01/2016 – Presbyterian Church dog fouling bin</p>
<p>152. <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS</u></p> <p>No acknowledgements had been received.</p>	

153. **DONATIONS**

a) **Dance Unity Formation Teams**

Cllr Mrs 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;

b) **National Eisteddfod of Wales**

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

154. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2016**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – December 2015 and January 2016;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – December 2015 and January 2016;
- (c) Inland Revenue – December 2015 and January 2016;
- (d) Members' expenses – December 2015 and January 2016;
- (e) Elsbury Access – festive lighting - £3385.20.

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

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting.

156. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 18th February 2016 at Penyrheol Community Centre.

PLEASE NOTE

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

