
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

Present :

Chair

Cllr S Skivens

Community Councillors

W H Allen, C Coombes, H R Davies, A W Pennington,
Cllr J Scriven, P Slarke

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

Miss Meg Owen, Youth Ambassador

202. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Ms M Britton, Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr T ap Hywel and Mrs M E Sargent.

203. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th March 2016, having been previously circulated, were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

204. **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 : sign required for local shops in Penyrheol. Clerk to chase up how much small sign would cost. (ref : minutes 17.03.16, item 181 b).

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re : price

- (c) The Chairman reported that he and Cllr C Coombes had met with a Highways Officer regarding the various highway problems in Penyrheol. The Officer said that she would speak to various departments to see what could be done about certain issues. They would re-mark the approaches to the crossing outside Cwm Ifor Primary School. They would do a speed survey at the crossing and the top end of Brynglas. There may be a funding route through the school. The problem of the drains would be

looked into.

RESOLVED – To wait to hear from Highways Officer

205. **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. Members agreed to comply with the Code of Conduct for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – Noted (to comply with requirements of the Local Government Act 2000) and to follow Code of Conduct

206. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Chairman reported that vehicles had been broken into in Energlyn Park. A quad had been stolen from First Avenue, Treceynydd. There had also been break-ins in Hendredenny. Cars were parking on the pavement in Heol Graigwen and Heol Aneurin.

RESOLVED : Clerk to report above issues to Police

207. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 16/0266/FULL – 31 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2DB
- Erect side extension
- (b) 16/00205/FULL – Murco Service Station, St Cenydd Rd, Caerphilly CF83 2RP
- Provide external refurbishment to forecourt shop
- (c) 16/0221/FULL – 74 Heol Barri, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LX
- Convert attic and provide new dormer

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

208. **BURSARIES FOR SCHOOLS**

No reply had been received from St Cenydd or Cwm Rhymini to date. The Clerk would follow this up with a phone call.

RESOLVED – Clerk to phone schools

209. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT, END-OF-YEAR BANK RECONCILIATION, ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 31 MARCH 2016**

The quarterly financial statement, end-of-year bank reconciliation and annual accounts for year end 31st March 2016 were presented to Council and agreed as a true record. It was also resolved that Mr Roger Williams would be asked to carry out the internal audit again this year.

RESOLVED – Noted

210. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Due to exam/school commitments the Youth Ambassador had given her apologies. The Chairman reported that US Girls had received a national award and he thanked the Youth Ambassador for all her work on this project.

RESOLVED – Noted

211. **SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES**

The Chairman reported that the sub-committee had completed the shortlisting for the playworkers and play leader. The interviews would be carried out the following Saturday. The Clerk brought up the issue of the living wage and that currently, playworkers' wages were under £7.20, although they had always been above the minimum wage. Even though the minimum wage applied only to those over the age of 25, Councillors did not think it would be fair to pay under 25's less than the over 25's. It was therefore resolved to pay all playworkers the living wage of £7.20 per hour. This meant that the play leaders' hourly rate would have to increase also, as it had always been a certain amount over that of the playworkers' wage.

RESOLVED – To pay all playworkers the living wage and to increase the play leaders' wages in accordance with this

212. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reported that the newsletter was well underway but did ask that Councillors look for articles for the next edition, so that it was not all left to himself and the Clerk to find suitable stories.

RESOLVED – Noted

213. **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.

(c) **General correspondence**

No general correspondence had been received.

RESOLVED – Noted

214. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

St Andrews church meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr C Coombes reported that he had attended :

Highways site meeting.

c) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended :

Hendre governors' meeting;

Site meeting for planning application in Hendredenny.

d) **Various**

Site meeting with Parks Officer;

Site meeting with Highways Officer.

Community Centre Committee meeting.

e) **Various**

Cllr P Slark reported that he had attended :

Newsletter sub-committee meeting.

f) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :

Newsletter sub-committee meeting;

Playscheme shortlisting;

Playscheme interview;

Highways site visit.

215. **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 W H Allen said that he had received a request for help from the resident of 20 Gelli Deg, Penyrheol, whose garden wall was unsafe. CCBC would not repair the wall as she had done a swap.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re : danger of wall

- (d) Cllr C Coombes asked if there was any update on the ID's. Cllr H Davies said that he had looked into it and each ID would cost approximately £2 each. He was asked to go ahead with the ID's and inform Clerk of total cost and what had to be supplied (eg logo) etc.

PTE04/2016 –
Gelli Deg back
wall

RESOLVED – Cllr H R Davies to liaise with Clerk		
(e)	Cllr C Coombes asked about having larger swings in Penyrheol Park. Councillors asked him to obtain a price for the swings from the Parks Department.	
RESOLVED – Cllr C Coombes to obtain price		
(f)	Cllr C Coombes asked if the Clerk could enquire about a dog bin for the compound in Penyrheol.	PTE04/2016 – dog bin Penyrheol compound
RESOLVED – Clerk to request dog bin		
(g)	Cllr C Coombes reported that he had received complaints about the lighting in Heol Tir Gibbon/Heol Graigwen, that it was not bright enough.	PTE04/2016 – Heol Tir Gibbon street lighting
RESOLVED – Clerk to report lighting issue		
(h)	Cllr H R Davies reported that the bushes had been trimmed at the bottom of Hendredenny Hill and a lot of rubbish was now visible.	PTE04/16 – rubbish at bottom of Hendredenny Hill
RESOLVED – Clerk to ask CCBC to tidy up rubbish		
(i)	Cllr H R Davies reported that the area around the Old Zonner Industries had been cleared, but this had been cleared into a large mound and had been left.	PTE04/16 – Old Zonner Industries land clearance
RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC		
(j)	Cllr P Slarke reported that he had again received complaints about the roundabout on the Bowls. He asked if the left hand lane coming up from Caerphilly could be dedicated to left turn only.	PTE04/16 – Bowls roundabout
RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC		
(k)	Cllr J Scriven asked if the Community Council could pay for Trecenydd Field to be marked. The cost was £129.45 and £38 for every re-marking. It was agreed that the Community Council could pay CCBC directly for this service, but the Chairman asked Cllr Scriven to find out how much burning would cost, as this would last longer.	PTE04/16 – bigger bin for Trecenydd Park
(l)	Cllr J Scriven reported that the bin had been put back in the park but that it was not being emptied often enough. He asked if they could have a bigger bin and if the Clerk could find out what the emptying schedule was.	PTE04/16 – fence behind The Grange
(m)	Cllr J Scriven said that CCBC started to do the fence behind the property of 33 The Grange last year but have only gone part of the	PTE04/16 –

<p>way down. Also the trees were overgrown behind The Grange.</p> <p>RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC to see why they have not finished the fence and re : overgrown trees</p> <p>(n) Cllr J Scriven reported that a street sign was missing in Castell Maen/Cleddau Sword Hill</p> <p>RESOLVED – Clerk to report missing sign</p> <p>(o) Cllr S Skivens updated Councillors on the drains in St Cenydd Road and that CCBC were now attempting to sort the problem by increasing the frequency of drain cleaning.</p> <p>RESOLVED – Noted</p> <p>(p) Cllr S Skivens reported that the road surface in Yr Hendre/Energlyn Park was now very bad and that it was now down to the sub-surface.</p> <p>RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC</p> <p>216. <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS</u></p> <p>No acknowledgements had been received.</p> <p>217. <u>DONATIONS</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Aber Valley Wolves</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £200 be approved.</p> <p>218. <u>APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 2016</u></p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Council :</p> <p>(a) Clerk’s salary – April 2016; (b) Clerk’s expenses – April 2016; (c) Inland Revenue – April 2016; (d) Members’ expenses – April 2016.</p> <p>219. <u>ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Penyrheol and Trecenydd Community Centre water rates. Special project for this financial year.</p> <p>220. <u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 19th May 2016 at 7.00 pm, preceded by the AGM at 6.00 pm at Penyrheol Community Centre.</p> <p><u>PLEASE NOTE</u></p> <p>Should there be any queries relating to these minutes would Members kindly contact the Clerk.</p>	<p>street sign Castell Maen/Cleddau Sword Hill</p> <p>PTE04/16 – road surface Yr Hendre/Energlyn Park</p>
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