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PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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 Mrs M E Sargent, Cllr P Slarke

Youth Ambassador : Miss Meg Owen

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

Four members of Trecenydd New Resident's Association

189. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs A Nash and Cllr A Pennington.

190. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015, having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

191. **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) The issue regarding speed bumps in Caledfryn was again discussed. The Chairman said that this would be incorporated into his letter to/discussions with CCBC regarding traffic issues in the area and brought up at the traffic working group meeting.

RESOLVED – Chairman to incorporate this issue into the letter/discussions with CCBC

192. **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)

193. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PC Watkins was in attendance, along with CSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar and CSO Andrew Taylor. There had recently been reorganisation within the area. The local policing team were now based at Bedwas Police Station and the total of ward officers had increased. Some new initiatives were coming up, such as Positive Futures, run by CCBC, Cardiff City Kicks, run by Cardiff City FC, an event was to be held in Aneurin Park on 1<sup>st</sup> May and a funfair to take place in Aneurin Park on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Members of Trecenydd New Residents Association were also in attendance at the meeting and asked if they could have Police presence at an event that was running in Trecenydd on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The Chairman reported that vehicles were being parked outside Hendre Infants School and this was causing problems and the school was now putting out bollards. PC Watkins said that they would patrol the school to monitor the situation.

The Chairman also reported that Glenfields was now a ‘no cold calling area’ and asked how other residents could access that. He was advised to contact Trading Standards. Clerk to contact Trading Standards.

Ms Michelle Jones, of Trecenydd New Residents Association said that there were problems with motorbikes on Trecenydd Field. PC Watkins said that he would pass on this information and the situation could be monitored.

Miss Meg Owen said that people were having problems on the common land near Heol Las Farm in Penyrheol, with dogs attacking walkers’ dogs.

RESOLVED : Noted by Police representatives

194. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 15/0108/FULL – 33 Court Road, Energlyn CF83 2LT  
- erect garage for the storage of classic cars
- (b) 15/0185/FULL – 30 Holyhead Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly Cf83 2UH  
- erect ground floor extensions to rear and side of property

- (c) 15/0193/CLEU – Nyth Gwennol, Caernarvon Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2RL  
- obtain lawful development certificate for existing conservatory

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 applications be noted.

- (d) Councillors also considered information regarding an appeal submitted for Pen Yr Heol Las Farm to install two wind turbines.
- (e) Councillors also considered information regarding planning application for the surface mine and associated works at Nant Llesg.

RESOLVED - Noted

195. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

Meeting at St Andrew's Church.

b) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had attended :

Penyrheol Tenants' Association meeting.

c) **Various**

Cllr C Coombes reported that he had attended :

Penyrheol Tenants' Association meeting.

d) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended :

Trecenydd Community Centre meeting;

e) **Various**

Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended :

Trecenydd residents' meeting;  
Twinning meeting.

f) **Various**

Cllr T ap Hywel reported that he had attended :

Twinning meeting.

g) **Various**

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended :

Your Voice meeting;  
Trecenydd residents' meeting.

h) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :

Trecenydd residents' meeting;  
Hendredenny Governors' meeting.

i) **Various**

Cllr P Slarke reported that he had attended :

Planning training event.

196. **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 P Slarke had received complaints that Aneurin Park gates were locked during the daytime. The Clerk was asked to contact CCBC to find out why gates were locked.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

- (d) Cllr C Coombes reported that the roundabout was broken in Aneurin Park. Also, in order to get two football pitches in the park, would CCBC be able to turn the pitches around? There were also no toilet facilities in the park, only in the pavilion, which were locked.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re : park

- (e) Cllr H Davies said that there was a blocked drain in West Avenue, Trecenydd, which filled up with rainwater. CCCB had been out to fix it but this had not solved the problem.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

- (f) Cllr C Coombes said that the Council fence had been demolished on the trip in Penyrheol and asked the Clerk to report this.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

- (g) Cllr W H Allen said that the trees in Penyrheol Cemetery had still not been cut back and asked the Clerk to report this.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

- (h) Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel said that one of the street lights in Groeswen Lane was out. The Clerk was asked to report this to CCBC.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

- (i) Cllr T ap Hywel reported fly tipping at the side of the petrol garage on Cenydd Road.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

- (j) A member of the Trecenydd New Residents' Association said that there were no litter bins on the path leading from the community centre to the old 49 Club and asked if it would be possible to have some erected.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

197. **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 regarding Velothon Wales, for Councillors' information.

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

No general correspondence had been received.

198. **TO DISCUSS ANY ITEMS NOT BEING FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY CCBC**

There was nothing to discuss. Councillors requested that this be taken off the main agenda for the future, as this item could be discussed only when needed.

RESOLVED – To take this item off the agenda for the future

199. **TO DISCUSS ISSUE REGARDING OVERGROWN TREES AT Y FELIN FFRWD**

The Clerk had tried to contact Barclays Bank by telephone but was not able to speak to anyone and had to write a letter to Head Office, which she would now do.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write to Barclays Bank and to report to next meeting

200. **COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR ELECTION**

Cllr Carl Coombes had been elected as Councillor for the Penyrheol ward and was welcomed onto the Community Council.

RESOLVED – Noted

201. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT, END-OF-YEAR BANK RECONCILIATION AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 31 MARCH 2015**

The quarterly financial statement, end-of-year bank reconciliation and annual accounts were presented to Council and confirmed as a true record.

RESOLVED – the accounts be accepted as a true record of the financial affairs of the Council for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, fairly representing the financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2015 and that the accounts be duly signed by the Chair and Clerk, along with the cash book and annual return

202. **INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was agreed that Mr Roger Williams would once again act as Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED – Mr Roger Williams to act as Internal Auditor

203. **MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES**

The Clerk had spoken with other Clerks and most were of the opinion that the high fee did not represent value for money. The Chairman asked that this be left on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED – To place on agenda for next meeting

204. **FRUIT AND VEGETABLE COMPETITION**

Cllr P Slarke had spoken to the Chairman of the Allotments Association, who would speak to the members and come back to Cllr Slarke.

RESOLVED – Cllr Slarke to report back to next meeting

205. **PLANTING OF SEEDS/FLOWERS AT ENTRANCE TO EACH WARD**

The Chairman and Cllr Mrs M Sargent would be having a site meeting with the relevant CCBC Officer and bring back to next meeting.

RESOLVED – Chairman and Cllr Mrs M E Sargent to arrange site visit with CCBC Officer and report back to next meeting

206. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador, Miss Meg Owen explained to Councillors about the Us Gils programme, which had been a very successful programme outside of Wales. Councillors asked if the Youth Ambassador would give a presentation when she had more information about the project.

RESOLVED – Youth Ambassador to do presentation at a future meeting

207. **PENYRHEOL SKATE PARK**

The Clerk reported that the skate park working group would be meeting with a representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office regarding the application for funding and she would report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report back to next meeting

208. **SUMMER PLAYScheme**

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Penyrheol playscheme would be taking place at Cwm Ifor Primary School and Treceenydd would take place at Hendre Junior School due to St Cenydd Community School having refurbishment work done, including asbestos work. She and the Play Leader had had to completely resubmit a brand new application as the Treceenydd playscheme was moving premises. A sub-committee meeting to discuss trips etc would soon be held with the playworkers. Everything else was on track.

RESOLVED – Noted

209. **CIVIC SERVICE**

A discussion took place about whether the possible incoming chairman would want a Civic Service. She said that she would rather do something else for the community, so the Clerk would therefore inform Groeswen Chapel that a Civic Service would not be taking place this year.

RESOLVED – Clerk to inform Groeswen Chapel

210. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reported that she now needed articles for the newsletter.

RESOLVED – Noted

211. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgement from the Urdd National Eisteddfod had been received.

212. **DONATIONS**

a) **Aber Valley Wolves**

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

b) **Treceenydd New Residents Association**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £500 be approved.

c) **Penyrheol Bowling Club**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £300 be approved.



213. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 2015**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – April 2015;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – April 2015;
- (c) Inland Revenue – April 2015;
- (d) Members' expenses – April 2015;
- (e) Shrub in memory of Cllr Mrs Anne Collins (£120).

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

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting.

215. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at Penyrheol Community Centre, preceded by the AGM at 6.00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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