MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2017

Present :

Chair
Cllr W H Allen

Community Councillors
S Dickens, G Ead, S ap Hywel, T ap Hywel, P Owen-Griffiths, A Pennington,
J Scriven, S J Skivens, S L Skivens, L Whittle

Youth Ambassador – Georgie Rees
Clerk to the Council - Helen Treherne

112. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting. No apologies received.

RESOLVED - Noted

113. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th October, having been
previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were 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) Cllr S J Skivens reported that he had written to CADW regarding the
common land/Senghenydd Dike and had asked for an officer to attend
(Minutes 20.10.17, item 89 (h)).

RESOLVED – Noted

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.
116. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

Police representatives were present at the meeting. Anti-social behaviour at Castell Maen had been an ongoing issue. A Public Protection Area had been issued around Penyrheol Top Shops, whereby fines of up to £100 could be issued by Council Wardens to people over the age of 10 years. There had been no trouble on Halloween. Cllr T ap Hywel reported the continuous illegal parking outside schools and was informed that monthly patrols/enforcements were made to each school by the Police.

**RESOLVED – Noted**

117. **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) **Various**

Cllr S J Skivens reported off-road bikers were causing problems in Penyrheol and up towards Heol Las. There had been a few near-misses and one gentleman had nearly crashed his car to avoid a bike. The Police had very little power with regards to chasing/stoppping illegal off-road bikes. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to CCBC to ask if they would work with the Community Council. It was also resolved that the Clerk would write to the Chief Constable.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to write to CCBC and Chief Constable**

(d) Cllr J Scriven said there was still a problem with dog fouling in Trecenydd and it was resolved that the Clerk would write to the Dog Warden to ask if she would patrol Trecenydd.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC Dog Warden**

PTE11/2017 – Common land

PTE11/2017 – dog fouling Trecenydd
(e) Cllr S Dickens asked if a dog fouling bin could be placed outside Penyrheol Community Centre.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

118. REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

a) Various

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

Hendre Junior School re: defibrillator;
Community Council sub-committee meeting;
CAT meeting at St Andrew’s Church;
Penyrheol Community Centre meeting;
Remembrance Service in Caerphilly

b) Cllr Ms S Dickens reported that she had attended:

Community Christmas sub-committee meeting;
Remembrance Service in Caerphilly;
Hendre Junior School re: defibrillator.

c) Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended:

Community Christmas sub-committee.

d) Cllr P Owen-Griffiths reported that he had attended:

Remembrance Service in Caerphilly.

e) Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended:

Community Christmas sub-committee.

119. WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Clerk reported that the skate park would be discussed at the WHQS meeting on 2nd December. Trecenydd would be the next area to be considered.

RESOLVED - Noted

120. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

(a) 17/0872/FULL – 58 Denbigh Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UN
    - Erect single storey side extension

(b) 17/0808/FULL – 4 Gelli’r Felin, Caerphilly CF83 2LF
    - Erect single-storey rear kitchen extension
The above planning applications/appeals 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) and (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.

With regards to (c) Councillors asked the Clerk to report to CCBC that Councillors had concerns about the amount of cars accessing and exiting the site, onto an already gridlocked road. They were also concerned about the visual impact, noise and over-use of water and sewerage facilities.

121. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador had just begun her term and therefore did not have any updates.

RESOLVED – Noted

122. **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter had been printed and was being delivered to residents.

RESOLVED – Noted

123. **SKATE PARK**

The skate park had been discussed under item 119. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

124. **PWLLYPANT ROUNDABOUT**

Cllr L Whittle reported that he had attended a meeting with 41 representatives of businesses within the Caerphilly basin. CCBC had promised that between 9th and 23rd December all parking within Caerphilly would be free for up to two hours and that two lanes would be open throughout December.

RESOLVED – Noted

125. **ISSUES ON THE COMMON**

This item had been discussed in item 114 b).

RESOLVED – Noted
126. **CIVIC AWARDS**

Nomination forms had been received for the Civic Awards and it had been decided to give awards to the ladies who ran Trecenydd Youth Club, Groeswen Committee and Sharon and Phil Mock.

RESOLVED – Clerk to purchase the Civic Awards

127. **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

The Christmas events were all in hand and had been discussed at the recent sub-committee, the minutes of which had been circulated and agreed as a true record.

128. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Press Items**

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

RESOLVED – Noted

(b) **Caerphilly County Borough Council**

Email received from CCBC re : vacancy for Independent Member of the Public Health Wales NHS Trust.

Email received from CCBC re : Carers’ Rights Day

Email received from CCBC re : Draft Budget Proposals for 2018/19

RESOLVED – To note the above correspondence

(c) **General correspondence**

Email received from One Voice Wales re : The Ombudsman’s Casebook.

Email received from One Voice Wales re : Review of the Community and Town Council Sector.

Email received from Aneurin Bevan UHB re : consultation document about Older Adult Mental Health services in Gwent.

Email received from Aneurin Bevan UHB re : Thoracic Surgery Services in Wales.

RESOLVED – To note the above correspondence

129. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

No acknowledgements had been received.
130. **DONATIONS**

(a) Caerphilly RFC Mini & Junior Section

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

131. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER AND AUTHORISATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS OVER CHRISTMAS RECESS**

It was resolved that the Clerk could conduct business over the Christmas recess.

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – November and December 2017
(b) Clerk’s expenses – November and December 2017;
(c) Inland Revenue – November and December 2017;
(d) Members’ expenses – November and December 2017;
(e) Christmas events expenditure.

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

No items to be discussed at next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

133. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 18\(^{th}\) January 2018 at 7.00 pm, preceded by Finance meeting at 6.15 pm

**PLEASE NOTE**

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