MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY 2017

Present :

Chair
Cllr T ap Hywel

Community Councillors
W H Allen, Mrs S ap Hywel, A W Pennington, S Skivens, P Slarke

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne
Youth Ambassador – Meg Owen

122. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ms M Britton, C Coombes, H R Davies and J Scriven.

123. MINUTES OF MEETING

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

124. 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) An email had been received from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to say that Penyrheol would be part of phase one of the schemes to be taken forward in the forthcoming years. They were aware of issues relating to the premises of the GP surgery in Penyrheol and were considering options available to them. Cllr H R Davies also said that this issues had been brought up in CCBC’s Social and Wellbeing Committee meeting.

RESOLVED - Noted

(c) Re : the bench in storage, it was resolved that this would be used in Hendredenny.

RESOLVED – Noted
125. **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)

126. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was Police representation at the meeting. PCSO Hadji-Aghalar said that incident of crime had decreased since the previous year, but that anti-social behavior had increased. The number of burglaries to sheds, garages etc had also increased. There had also been anti-social behaviour in Pentwyn Isaf regarding youths climbing up on scaffolding. There were a number of initiatives at the moment to try and tackle anti-social behavior in the wards.

Cllr S Skivens reported that there were still problems with LGV’s going up to Heol Las Farm, with lorries full of skips going up and down. Within a certain time frame 18 lorries had been seen going to the farm and they had gone up full and come back down empty, which had left deposits of mud/slurry on the road. Cllr Skivens said that he was informing residents to phone in to CCBC if they encountered any problems.

RESOLVED : Noted

127. **WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

An email had been received from Ms Bethan Smith to say that they had conducted a walkabout in Penyrheol and there were a number of projects that would be looked into. She said she would attend a skate park meeting to discuss the options available. Ms Smith said that she would attend the meeting in March to give a further update and that she would be doing a walkabout in Trecenydd towards the end of the year to identify possible options.

RESOLVED – Ms Smith to return to future meeting with more information and to attend skate park meeting

128. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

(a) 16/1008/FULL – 3 Harlech Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2TR
- Proposed single storey rear kitchen extension and front porch

(b) 16/1044/NOTA – Ty Canol Farm, Mountain Road, Caerphilly CF83 2RL
- Create an area on the farm land as to store silage bales
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) 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.

RESOLVED – Noted

129.  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 again reported the bad condition of the main road in Y Hendre and said that one resident had witnessed two cars drive into his hedge.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(d) Cllr P Slarke reported that he had received more complaints regarding speeding at Ty Isaf. This was in the hands of Gwent Police.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

(e) Cllr P Slarke reported that he had received complaints about the new LED lights in the street and that residents felt that, whilst the light was bright in front of the lamppost, it was too dark behind the lights, which resulted in dark spots in the street, which could lead to more crime.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC
(f) Cllr P Slarke said that the style at the top of Hendredenny, going onto the mountain was not suitable for people with a disability and asked if anything could be done to change this.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

130. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The quarterly financial statement was presented to Council, which showed monies spent in the last quarter and bank balances. It was resolved that everything was on track and that the budget did not have to be amended.

RESOLVED – Budget not to be amended

131. PRECEPT 2017/18

At the Finance Sub-Committee it had been resolved to raise the precept by 2% to allow for more money to be made available for the skate park and special project. This had been decided because even with this 2% increase the Community Council still had one of the lowest Community Council precepts within the County Borough and would only mean an increase per household of approximately 30p per year. Cllr P Slarke asked for it to be recorded that he was not in favour of the increase.

RESOLVED - Noted

132. REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

a) Various

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

Community Christmas Concert;

Caerphilly Gospel Hall Christmas Carol Service;

Groeswen Christmas Service;

St Andrews Church Service;

Talent Showcase at St Cenydd.

b) Various

Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended:

Talent Showcase at St Cenydd;

Princess Diana Awards;

Christmas events;

Caerffili Twinning Committee meeting.
c) **Various**

Cllr T ap Hywel reported that he had attended:

- Princess Diana Awards;
- Christmas events;
- Caerffili Twinning Committee meeting.

d) **Various**

Miss Meg Owen, Youth Ambassador, reported that she had attended:

- Christmas events;
- Talent showcase;
- Princess Diana awards.

133. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that the talent showcase had been very successful and had raised a total of £500 towards Caerphilly Children’s Centre. The cheque was presented to the Centre and the Youth Ambassador and the Clerk were given a tour of the Centre. The Chairman thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of the Community Council. She also thanked everyone for nominating her for the Princess Diana Award. She reported that she had thought she was attending the awards ceremony as a delegate, but had been overwhelmed to discover that she was the recipient of the award and that family and Community Councillors were at the back of the hall as a surprise.

RESOLVED – Noted

134. **REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

It was resolved that a Community Christmas Concert sub-committee would be held to discuss the Christmas events.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange sub-committee

135. **SPECIAL PROJECT**

There was no update yet on the proposed former 49 Club project. Cllr Skivens and Cllr Scriven would report back when further information was available.

RESOLVED – Cllrs J Scriven and S Skivens to submit proposal
136. **SKATE PARK**

It was resolved that a sub-committee meeting would be called and that Ms Bethan Smith, WHQS, representative of Penyheol Residents’ Association, CCBC Parks Department and youth and resident representatives would be invited to attend. It was suggested that this meeting be held before the next Community Council meeting at 6.00 pm.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange sub-committee meeting

137. **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 to inform of dates of meetings to filter and prioritise the issues raised in the Well-being Assessment required under the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The Clerk asked Councillors to let her know if they would like to attend any of the meetings so that she could inform CCBC.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received to inform that the community cleansing team would be in the area during week commencing 27th February. The Clerk asked Councillors to let her know if there were any areas that needed to be added to the list. Areas identified at the meeting were Gypsy Lane, Energlyn Park, Pentwyn Isaf and Groeswen Lane.

RESOLVED - Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

The Clerk presented correspondence regarding defibrillators within the community and asked if Councillors would like to look into this. It was resolved that Cllr S Skivens would ask a member of St John’s Ambulance to come and talk to Councillors regarding the best options.

RESOLVED – Cllr S Skivens to speak to St John’s

A poster had been received from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board re: public meetings to share views and ideas about a range of health issues.

RESOLVED – Noted
A poster had been received from Enable re: a fundraising concert on 4th February 2017.

RESOLVED - Noted

138. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgements had been received from HTCP Group 99 and GAVO.

139. **DONATIONS**

(a) **Dance Unity Parent and Support Group**

Clrs B Allen, S ap Holvey and T ap Holvey declared an interest and took no further part in discussions.

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

(b) **Caerphilly & District Twinning Association**

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

140. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY**

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – January 2017;
(b) Clerk’s expenses – January 2017;
(c) Inland Revenue – January 2017;

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

No items requested.

RESOLVED - Noted

142. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 16th February 2017 at 7.00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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