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

Present :

Chair
Cllr T ap Hywel

Community Councillors
W H Allen, Ms M Britton, H R Davies, Mrs S ap Hywel, A W Pennington, S Skivens, J Scriven

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

43. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from, Cllrs C Coombes and P Slarke.

44. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th June 2016, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

45. 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 for shops in Troed-y-Bryn, Penyrheol. Cllr H R Davies said that he would check with the Planning Department to see how big a sign could be erected without planning permission. He would report back to the meeting in September. (Ref : minutes 21.04.16, item 204 (b).

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) Cllr S Skivens said that full skip lorries had again been seen going up to Ty Canol Farm. The Clerk would be writing a letter to CCBC informing of this and other related issues.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write letter to CCBC
(d) WHQS Environment programme. The Clerk had received an email from CCBC saying that the programme had changed direction and she would now be linking in with the Housing Offices and Estate Management officers for six months until Christmas to identify ongoing housing maintenance issues that had been flagged up. Once she had identified projects she would come back to a future meeting to discuss. She hoped to revisit larger projects such as the skate park in the New Year when larger consultations would take place. The Tenant and Community Involvement Team would be having a walkabout in Penyrheol on 27th and 29th September. Cllr H R Davies said that he could possibly make 27th September and Cllr Skivens said he could make 29th September.

RESOLVED - Noted

46. 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)

47. POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS

Police were not present at the meeting, as per agreement. Councillors did not have any issues regarding Police matters.

RESOLVED : Noted

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered :

(a) 16/0471/FULL – 5 Coed-Yr-Eos, Caerphilly CF83 2RS
Erect front and side extension and carry out alterations to frontage to create extra off-road parking

(b) 16/0533/LA - Land adjacent to Old Nantgarw Road, Groeswen, Cardiff CF15 7UN
Develop new cemetery for the provision of approximately 2000 burial plots

(c) 16/0495/FULL – Unit 3, Bowls Court, Bowls Terrace, Penyrheol, Caerphilly
Provide external alterations and install plant and extraction flue

(d) 16/0501/OUT – Land at Cae Nant Gledyr, Caerphilly
Erect four residential properties and associated works
(e) 16/0529/FULL – Land off Beddau Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AD
Erect building to accommodate gas-fired standby electricity generators

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), (c), (d) and (e), 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

49. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The quarterly financial statement was presented and discussed and budgets were reviewed. It was resolved that the quarterly financial statement be accepted as a true record and that budgets were on track and no changes would be made to the budget.

RESOLVED – Budget on track and no changes to be made

50. **BURSARIES FOR SCHOOLS**

The Clerk reported that St Cenydd Community School, Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni and Cardinal Newman Catholic School were on board and further discussions would take place.

RESOLVED - Noted

51. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador said that there was a lot of youth talent in the area and suggested that a showcase by arranged. She would prepare a report on the possibilities and present to a future meeting. She was also congratulated on attaining the position of Head Girl at St Cenydd and for winning the Community Council’s annual award for service to the community.

RESOLVED - Noted

52. **SUMMER PLAYSCHMES**

The Clerk reported that there the CSSIW error in deregistering the playscheme at Hendre Junior School had now been resolved. Everything else was on track for both playschemes and both schemes were full, with children on the waiting list. It was hoped that most of these children would be able to attend due to holidays etc.

RESOLVED – Noted
53. **COMMUNITY CENTRE WATER RATES**

Cllr W H Allen said that he would find out how much the water rates for both centres were and report back to next meeting.

RESOLVED - Noted

54. **SPECIAL PROJECT**

One of the suggestions for a special project was Trecenydd Park. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

55. **SKATE PARK**

The Clerk would call a meeting of the sub-committee after the summer recess.

RESOLVED – Noted

56. **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 re: changes to bus routes L and M.

An email had been received re: objections received re: proposed bus stop works adjacent to 2 Cae Ysgubor in Hendre and it had been decided not to proceed with the proposed bus stop works at this location.

(c) **General correspondence**

An email had been received from organisers of the National Eisteddfod, inviting a representative to a buffet reception on 1st August 2016. Cllr H R Davies said that he could possibly attend the event.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner, inviting Councillors to attend a meeting to discuss joined-up working and the local Police service. Cllr W H Allen and Cllr Terry ap Hywel said that they could attend and Cllr H R Davies said that he could also possibly attend.

RESOLVED - Noted
57. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

- Community Liaison meeting;
- Playscheme registration;
- Club 707 meeting;
- Penyrheol Community Centre management meeting;
- Housing site visit.

b) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had attended:

- Playscheme registration;
- Armed Forces Day.

c) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended:

- Abertridwr Road site visit;
- Armed Forces Day;
- St Cenydd Community School presentation evening;
- Popsy appeal charity event in Presbyterian Church.

d) **Various**

Cllr S ap Hywel reported that she had attended:

- Playscheme registration;
- Armed Forces Day.

e) **Various**

Cllr T ap Hywel reported that he had attended:

- Armed Forces Day;
- Playscheme registration.
f) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended:

St John meeting.

g) **Various**

Meg Owen reported that she had attended:

St Cenydd Community School presentation evening.

58. **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 H R Davies raised the continuing issue of fly infestation in Hendredenny. He suggested that a letter be written to CCBC Environmental Health.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC about the issue

(d) The Youth Ambassador reported that there was a lot of rubbish strewn between the Dip Garage and St Cenydd Community School. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact CCBC and also Margaret Reed, CCBC Enforcement Officer.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC and Margaret Reed

(e) Cllr S Skivens reported that the road at the bottom of Energlyn Park was disintegrating.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC
(f) Cllr S Skivens reported that the speed sign on Heol Las had never worked. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact CCBC.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC**

(g) Cllr W H Allen that the requirement to turn left when coming down Heol Aneurin down to the roundabout was not clear enough. Clerk to contact CCBC.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC**

(h) Cllr J Scriven reported that there was a broken bin on the path on Trecenydd field.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC**

(i) Cllr J Scriven reported that CCBC had brought the goal posts out of storage but that they were scratched. Clerk to contact CCBC to see about repainting.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC**

(j) Cllr J Scriven reported that there was rubbish between Penyffordd car park and old age complex. He asked if this could be cleared and also placed onto CCBC’s cleaning rota.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC**

(k) Cllr J Scriven said that he had received complaints about cars parking on the pavement in Third Avenue, Trecenydd.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC and Police**

(l) Cllr J Scriven said that he had received complaints about conifer trees overhanging gardens in First Avenue from the industrial estate. Cllr H R Davies said that the owners of the estate were Duvan Management. The Clerk would contact CCBC and give these details to them.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC**

(m) Cllr J Scriven said that he had received complaints about drivers driving up on the pavement in First Avenue. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact CCBC and the Police.

**RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC and Police**
(n) Cllr J Scriven said that he had received complaints that the painting had not been completed following rendering of houses in East Avenue.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

59. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgement had been received from Abertridwr Ladies Bowling Club, Shelter Cymru, CHAD, Caerphilly Town Council and Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community.

60. **DONATIONS**

No request for donations had been received.

61. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016**

The following payments were approved by the Council:

(a) Clerk’s salary – July and August 2016;
(b) Clerk’s expenses – July and August 2016;
(c) Inland Revenue – July and August 2016;
(d) Members’ expenses – July and August 2016;
(e) St John Ambulance – Chairman’s charity - £450;
(f) Playscheme expenditure.

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

It was resolved that WHQS would be discussed at the next meeting.

63. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 15th September 2016 at 7.00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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