
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 23rd JULY 2018**

Present :

Chair

Cllr S Dickens

Community Councillors

W H Allen, G Ead, A W Pennington, S J Skivens, S L Skivens, L Whittle

Clerk to the Council - Helen Treherne

Two members of the public were in attendance : Mr Kevin Dart and Mr Colin Boaler. Mr Dart said that people were driving through Penyrheol at excessive speeds. Inspector Gavin Clifton said that Gwent Police did carry out local operations with regards to speeding, illegal parking etc but were unable to police areas on a continuous basis and once the Police presence had decreased, the speeding and illegal parking continued. He did say, however, that the Police operations would continue and that regular operations were carried out at local schools for illegal/dangerous parking and that CCBC would be taking over civil enforcement parking in April 2019.

Mr Dart was also concerned about the amount of litter within the ward and the lack of litter pickers available. Cllr S Dickens said that she had complained to CCBC about the lack of litter pickers in the area. Cllr J Scriven said that Councillors had discussed at previous meetings a litter-picking project. Mr Dart said that he would be willing to take part in any litter-picking project and the Clerk said she would inform him of dates etc. The Clerk also mentioned that CCBC were regularly contacted regarding litter problems in different areas and the cleansing team were regularly updated on problem areas.

Mr Boaler reported drivers speeding through the main thoroughfare of Hendredenny and cars parked on the bend which caused visual obstruction. Cllr L Whittle said that the Community Council had paid for the three speed signs to be erected some years ago. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Clive Campbell in the Highways Department of CCBC to ask for a survey. Mr Boaler said that physical measures needed to be put in place as it was difficult to change behaviour. Cllr L Whittle said that Machen residents had a speed gun and that this option could be considered.

Mr Chris Johnson was also in attendance. His TV production company would be filming an episode of The Crown at Groeswen Chapel on 2nd October 2018 and he wanted to pay a courtesy visit to the Community Council to explain what would be happening. They would be using Caerphilly Garden Centre and the Whitecross car park to park their vehicles. Filming would take approximately one week and local residents would be kept updated of any lane closures.

- RESOLVED –
1. Clerk to inform Mr Dart of litter-picking dates
 2. Clerk to liaise with CSO Hadji-Aghalar regarding possibility of residents' speed gun
 3. Clerk to contact CCBC Highways re : possible survey for Hendredenny
 4. Councillors to continue to inform CCBC of litter hotspots

36. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies had been received from G Ead, P Owen-Griffiths, S J Skivens and S L Skivens and were accepted.

RESOLVED - Noted

37. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st June 2018, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were then accepted and signed as a true record by the Chair.

38. **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 W H Allen asked about progress on the bench for Aneurin Park. The Clerk said that CCBC were obtaining prices. (Ref : minutes 17.05.18, item 6(g)).

RESOLVED – Noted

39. **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)

40. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

The matter relating to an anti-social issue within the ward was discussed, whereby windows had been smashed, anti-social behavior regularly reported, violent behaviour witnessed etc. Inspector Clifton reported that Gwent Police were taking action with regards to any laws being broken and were liaising with the enforcement officers at CCBC and that statements would need to be taken, but as it was a Council tenant issue, action would need to be taken by CCBC with regards to any evictions. He advised that residents should continue to contact the Police to report any incidents as a record would need to be kept. Councillors reported that residents were wary about putting their names to paper,

but Councillors would continue to liaise with CCBC Housing Department to try to resolve the issue.

Inspector Clifton reported that there had been a slight increase in officer probationers who were going through their 10-week training. There had been a push to have more officers in order to have eight officers per shift. There had been 5-6 officers per shift but the number was now up to seven. There was plenty going on over the summer. There were still problems with anti-social behavior in the town centre and Inspector Clifton would like to attend the next taxi licensing committee meeting if possible to see if Gwent Police could work with taxi operators with regards to the top of town problems. Anti-social behaviour had decreased but there was an increase in vehicle crime.

RESOLVED – Councillors to continue liaising with CCBC Housing Department

41. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

There were no members' items.

42. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS/COMMITTEES**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

Penyrheol Community Centre meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr S Dickens reported that she had attended :

Presentation evening at St Cenydd Community School;

c) **Various**

Cllr S ap Hywel reported that she had attended :

Caerphilly Town Twinning meeting.

43. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that she had received complaints about drivers speeding out of the lane by St Cenydd Community School. Cllr T ap Hywel said that he had requested a stop sign via CCBC but the request had not been successful. The Youth Ambassador had also received complaints about dog mess in Aneurin Park. Cllr L Whittle suggested that CCBC be asked how much dog bins costed. The Youth Ambassador reported that she had attended a meeting with the Head Teacher of St Cenydd and that the litter-picking project would be discussed at her next meeting and it was hoped that she could get students involved in the project. A rota/incentives etc were discussed but the litter-picking project would be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting. The Youth Ambassador also reported continuing complaints about speeding outside St Cenydd Community School. An email had been received by the Clerk

from CCBC to inform that officers would meet with Councillors when the speed survey results had been received.

RESOLVED – Clerk to ask for more dog bins in Aneurin Park

44. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 18/0509/FULL – 19 Lansbury Close, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LW
- Change rear flat roof to pitched roof
- (b) 18/0516/FULL – The Old Granary, Old Nantgarw Road, Caerphilly CF15 7UN
- Erect a new link building between existing stable and hay barn
- (c) 18/0556/NCC – Land at Grid Ref 312984 186278 Old Nantgarw Road, Groeswen
- Vary condition 02 of planning consent 16/0533/LA (develop a new cemetery)

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), (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.

45. **SUMMER PLAYScheme**

The Clerk reported that everything was on track for the summer playschemes.

RESOLVED – Noted

46. **WHOS GRANT/SKATE PARK UPDATE**

Resolved that a meeting be called between all interested parties for October.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange meeting

47. **LITTER PICKING PROJECT**

In Cllr S J Skivens' absence it was resolved to postpone to next meeting.

48. **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 re : Consultation of Sport and Active Strategy for Caerphilly;

Email received re : Governor vacancies at schools within the ward.

- RESOLVED – 1. To agree that Ms Lynne Newman continue to be governor at Hendredenny Park Primary School.
2. To discuss vacancies at Hendre Junior School at next meeting when more Councillors available.

(c) **General correspondence**

No general correspondence received.

49. **GDPR UPDATE**

Councillors had been presented with the new Data Protection Policy for adoption. They were also presented with the Councillor Privacy Notice and asked to sign the Councillor Information Form, relating to what private information they would like to be kept on file.

RESOLVED – To adopt the new Data Protection Policy and to complete the Councillor Information Forms

50. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk presented the quarterly financial statement, budgets were on track and no changes would be made to the budget.

RESOLVED – To accept the quarterly financial statement and not to make any changes to the budget

51. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

Acknowledgements had been received from Eisteddfod Y Cymoedd and Penyrheol Over 50's Club.

52. **DONATIONS**

(a) **Caerphilly Town Council - fireworks**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £1750 be granted, on condition that more recognition was received

53. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – July and August 2018;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – July and August 2018;
- (c) Inland Revenue – July and August 2018;
- (d) Members' expenses – July and August 2018;
- (e) Playscheme expenditure.

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

Condition of the buildings at the top of Penyrheol. To invite Mr Rob Hartshorn, CCBC, to next meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

55. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 20th September 2018 at 7.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE

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