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**CYNGOR CYMUNED  
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

**Present :**

**Chair**  
Cllr S Skivens

**Community Councillors**  
Cllr W H Allen, Cllr Ms M Britton, Cllr H R Davies,  
Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr P Slarke

Youth Ambassador : Miss Meg Owen

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

145. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs A Nash and Cllr Mrs M E Sargent.

146. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015, having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

147. **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 there being no ramp at the bus stop by the Scout's hut was discussed. Cllr P Slarke had met with CCBC Highways officers on site and had agreed with the decision that it would be too dangerous to put a dropped kerb from the pavement on that particular stretch of road. However, the officers agreed to consider the possibility of putting in a pelican crossing. (Ref : meeting 19.01.15, item 124 (b)).

RESOLVED : To await decision from CCBC

- (c) Cllr P Slarke said that he had not attended any event, as recorded in the previous minutes. Also, Cllr H Davies said that he had not attended Santa's visit. (Ref : meeting 19.01.15, item 128).

RESOLVED : Noted

**REF**

- (d) Cllr S Skivens reported that he had had a site meeting with Mr Simon Beacham of CCBC to discuss the lack of cleaning of one side of the road in Heol Las. It was agreed that the pavement had not been cleared for a while. It was also suggested by Mr Beacham that the curb on the one side was very low and that part of the problem could be that water was running over the pavement because of this. The area would be placed onto the regular cleaning schedule. He also suggested that Cllr Skivens contact the Highways Department to look at the curb height on the left hand side of Heol Las and to see if storm drains were in correct location. (Ref : minutes 19.01.15, item 130 (b)).

RESOLVED - Cllr S Skivens to contact CCBC Highways Department to discuss

- (e) Cllr Ms M Britton said that the compound in Penyrheol had now been cleaned and she said that she had never seen it so clean. She asked if the Clerk could send an email of thanks to CCBC. (Ref : minutes 19.01.15, ref : minutes 19.01.15, item 130 (b)).

RESOLVED – Clerk to send thanks to CCBC

- (f) Cllr H R Davies reported that he had spoken with CCBC regarding a possible grit bin in Pen-y-dre and the answer was no, CCBC would not be putting any new grit bins out in the future, only the ones they had already agreed. (Ref : minutes 19.01.15, item 129 (c )).

PTE01/2015  
– Grit bins in  
Highfield

- (g) The Clerk had contacted One Voice Wales and presented Councillors with a letter she had received back. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask a representative of One Voice Wales to attend the next meeting to explain the benefits of membership with One Voice Wales. (Ref : minutes 20.11.15, item 119)

RESOLVED – Clerk to invite representative to next meeting

#### 148. **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)

#### 149. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PCSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar and colleague were in attendance at the meeting. She said the Local Policing Team's and residents' main concern was anti-social behaviour, especially at the top part of Penyrheol. She mentioned the Positive Futures initiative, which involved players at Cardiff City Football Club and that she would like to see if she could bring the initiative into Penyrheol Park. She had received communication from the new owners of Treceyndd Snooker Club,

who was very keen to help to keep young people off the streets and offered to donate a cup towards a tournament. She also reported that a joint visit had taken place between the Police and Housing to the children who had shown anti-social behaviour at the Santa's visit event and the children and parents had been spoken to.

Cllr W H Allen said that he was concerned about people taking drugs at the back of the Community Centre. PCSO Hadji-Aghalar said she would arrange for more frequent patrols in this area.

RESOLVED : Noted

150. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 15/0015/FULL – 12 Blaen Ifor, Caerphilly CF83 2NW  
- Construct single-storey extension to form lounge and conservatory
- (b) 15/0039/FULL – 10 Gelli Dawel, Energlyn, Caerphilly Cf83 2QT  
- Erect single-storey side extension
- (c) 15/0068/FULL – 17 Llanddwyn Island Close, Caerphilly CF83 2AS  
- Erect first-storey extension and ground floor extension
- (d) 14/0705/FULL – 13 Clos Gwaun Gledyr, Caerphilly CF83 2BD  
- Erect rear and side extensions
- (e) 15/0003/FULL – 20 Tenby Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UE  
- Construct two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension
- (f) 15/0051/FULL – Ty Croeso, Abertridwr Road, Penyrheol, Caerphilly  
- Carry out alterations to ground floor and provide dormer extension to side of first floor

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 applications (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 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.

RESOLVED – Noted

151. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had attended :

Site meeting with CCBC officer re : cleaning.

b) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended :

Skate park meeting/site visit;  
St Cenydd Governors' meeting;  
Aber Valley Male Voice Choir event.

c) **Various**

Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended :

Skate park meeting/site visit.

e) **Various**

Cllr P Slarke reported that he had attended :

Skate park meeting/site visit;  
Site visit with CCBC officer re : dropped curb.

f) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :

Visit to homeless shelter at St Andrews;  
Skate park meeting/site visit;  
Cedar Tree roundabout public meeting;  
Website training;  
Site visit with CCBC officer re : Heol Las.

152. **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 Ms M Britton reported that she had received complaints from residents about the amount of dog faeces in the Penyrheol area, especially around Penygroes/Penybryn. Cllr H R Davies suggested that the Community Safety Warden could patrol the area. PCSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar said that the Safety Warden did patrol that particular area, but she would ask her to make more visits to that particular area. It was also suggested that an article could be placed into the newsletter, on the website and on the notice board.

RESOLVED – Clerk to put article in newsletter, on website and on notice board and PCSO Hadji-Aghalar to contact the Community Safety Warden regarding the problem

- (c) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton said that she had received more complaints about the area of grass in the middle of Brynglas, Penyrheol. Drivers were using this road to avoid the chicane on the main highway and drivers were speeding down this road, very near to the patch of grass where children played. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact CCBC to arrange a site visit.

PTE01/2015  
– Brynglas  
traffic  
problem

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re : site visit

- (d) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that a resident had complained about a missing sign at the bus stop in Heol Aneurin. It was resolved that Cllr Ms Britton would contact the local bus company.

RESOLVED – Cllr Ms Britton to contact bus company

- (e) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens said that he had concerns regarding the new Energlyn railway station and that some trains do not stop there. Arriva Trains had said that the timetable would increase but that this had not happened. He said that he would ask his colleague to raise the matter in the Assembly. Cllr H R Davies said that he had also phoned Arriva to discuss the problem.

RESOLVED – Cllr S Skivens to speak to colleague regarding raising the issue at Assembly level

### 153. **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 re : the Local Development Plan consultation process and that the LDP was available to view in certain locations.

RESOLVED – Noted

- (c) An email had been received from CCBC re : the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Five Year Strategic Plan and the Clerk presented this to Councillors for information.

RESOLVED – Noted

- (d) An email had been received from CCBC re : Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order 2015 and this was presented for Councillors' information.

RESOLVED – Noted

- (e) An email had been received from CCBC re : the consultation on the White Paper on Local Government in Wales and this was presented for Councillors' information. The Clerk said the consultation would end on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

RESOLVED - Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

No general correspondence had been received

RESOLVED – Noted

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

There were no items to discuss at this particular meeting.

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

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had met with CCBC officers on site. The dangerous branches of the trees had been cut down. CCBC said that the Community Council would have to contact Barclays Bank, to ascertain the financial position with regards to the company who did own the land.

RESOLVED – Cllr Skivens to contact Barclays Bank and to report to next meeting

156. **COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY – REG PHILLIPS**

A notice of casual vacancy had gone out with regards to this vacancy and the closing date was 20<sup>th</sup> February. The Clerk would report back to the next meeting as to whether or not there would be an election.

RESOLVED – Noted

157. **COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION – SIAN WILLIAMS**

One application had been received from Mr Terry ap Hywel for the co-option vacancy. Cllr Ms M Britton proposed that this application be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr W H Allen. Mr Terry ap Hywel was therefore co-opted onto the Penyrheol Trecenydd Energlyn Community Council.

RESOLVED – To co-opt Mr Terry ap Hywel onto the Community Council with immediate effect

158. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador, Miss Meg Owen said that she had attended a skate park meeting and that she had been approached by a young person who wanted to help with any funding applications. She was still in consultation with young people regarding the skate park.

RESOLVED – Noted

159. **PENYRHEOL SKATE PARK**

A skate park working group meeting had been held and also a site visit with officers from CCBC and a skate park manufacturer. An application would be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner Fund and other funding would also now be sourced.

RESOLVED – Noted

160. **SUMMER PLAYScheme**

The Clerk informed Councillors that the playscheme would not be able to be held at St Cenydd Community School due to major refurbishment. It was hoped that the playscheme could be held at Hendre Junior School and Cllr Mrs M Sargent was in contact with the Head Teacher regarding this. The Cwm Ifor application had now been passed by the CSSIW. Everything else was on track.

RESOLVED - Noted

161. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk had received figures from the printer regarding more pages for the newsletter. However, Councillors resolved to keep the same number of pages.

RESOLVED – To keep number of pages the same

162. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

No acknowledgements had been received.

163. **DONATIONS**

a) **Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity**

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

164. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – February 2015;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – February 2015;
- (c) Inland Revenue – February 2015;
- (d) Members' expenses – February 2015;
- (e) SWALEC - festive lights - £510.30.

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

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting.

166. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Penyrheol Community Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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