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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> MARCH 2015**

**Present :**

**Chair**  
Cllr S Skivens

**Community Councillors**  
Cllr W H Allen, Cllr H R Davies, Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr T ap Hywel  
Cllr A Pennington, Cllr Mrs M E Sargent, Cllr P Slarke

Youth Ambassador : Miss Meg Owen

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

	<b><u>REF</u></b>
<p>Before the meeting proper, Mr Lynn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales gave a presentation on the benefits of becoming a member of One Voice Wales. Councillors were concerned that the joining fee was very high and Mr Cadwallader said there was an offer on at the moment of 50% reduction for the first year. After the presentation, the Chairman thanked Mr Cadwallader for attending.</p>	
<p>167. <b><u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Ms M Britton and Cllr Mrs A Nash.</p>	
<p>168. <b><u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and the extraordinary meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014, having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>169. <b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>(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.</p>	

- (b) The issue regarding speed bumps in Caledfryn was again discussed. Cllr P Slarke said that the speed bumps had been moved but they were not positioned correctly and vehicles were going over the speed bumps in the middle so as not to damage their cars. This was causing a hazard to the cars coming in the opposite direction. An email had also been received from a resident, expressing concerns about the speed bumps. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask CCBC Highways officers for a site visit.

RESOLVED – Clerk to ask CCBC Highways officers for site visit

- (c) A letter had been received from CCBC’s Head of Engineering Services in reply to the letter sent by the Chairman regarding traffic concerns. Councillors still felt that the reply to the concerns was not acceptable and it was resolved that a meeting of the traffic working group would be called to discuss the issues further.

RESOLVED – Clerk to call meeting of traffic working group

- (d) A reply had been received regarding the speed of vehicles in Brynglas, Penyrheol. A speed survey would now be carried out by CCBC. It was suggested that an access-only sign be placed in Brynglas, in order to prevent drivers using it as a way to bypass the chicanes on Heol Aneurin.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

PTE01/2014 –  
speed bumps  
Caledfryn

PTE02/2015 –  
Brynglas traffic  
problem

170. **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)

171. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was no Police presence at the meeting, as per agreement. An email had been received from PCSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar, informing that the new version of PACT would now be ‘Your Voice’. She asked Councillors for one issue they would like considered within their area. Cllr W A Allen said that a large group of youths was congregating outside Penyrheol Community Centre and had been doing something to the door. It was resolved that the Clerk would submit this issue to PCSO Hadji-Aghalar.

PCSO Hadji-Aghalar also said that a meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April to discuss issues raised by the public. Cllr Mrs M E Sargent said she would attend this meeting. There would also be an opportunity to question Inspector Jones on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015. Cllr S Skivens said he would attend this event.

RESOLVED : Noted

172. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 15/0094/FULL – 26 Brynawel, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2EX  
Erect rear single-storey extension to existing dormer bungalow

The above planning application was 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), 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.

- (b) Councillors also considered information regarding an appeal submitted for Pen Yr Heol Las Farm to install two wind turbines.

RESOLVED - Noted

173. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

Penyrheol Community Centre meeting;  
Meeting at St Andrew's Church.

b) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended :

Trecenydd Community Centre meeting;  
LDP inspection at Caerphilly Library;  
Community Council Liaison meeting at Ty Penallta;  
Visit to new football field in Penrhos.

c) **Various**

Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that she had attended :

LDP inspection at Caerphilly Library.

d) **Various**

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended :

Inspection of LDP at Caerphilly Library.

e) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :

Visit to new football field in Penryhos.

174. **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 said that he had received a request from residents in Pleasant Place, Penyrheol for a grit bin to be placed there, as it was very icy in the winter and this was an old aged pensioner complex. They had approached CCBC about the issue, but had not been successful in obtaining a grit bin. They also wanted a dog fouling bin to be erected. It was mentioned that if there were disabled people living in the complex, CCBC would come and grit the complex as a matter of course. Cllr S Skivens would speak to the residents to find out exactly where they would like the dog fouling bin and grit bin to go and the Clerk would contact CCBC to request these items.

RESOLVED – Cllr S Skivens to contact residents and Clerk to contact CCBC

- (d) Cllr S Skivens had received a request for new signage to be placed on Bowls Close as it was very confusing for deliveries etc now that the signage was not there. Clerk to contact CCBC regarding signage.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC re : new signage

PTE03/2015 –  
Pleasant Place  
grit bin/dog bin

PTE03/2015 –  
Bowls Close  
signage

- (e) Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that the speed bumps/chicanes coming up Pwllpyant Hill were starting to disintegrate and asked the Clerk to report to CCBC.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

PTE03/2015 -  
speed  
bumps/chicanes  
Pwllpyant Hill

175. **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 regarding sponsorship of Bands in the Park. The total cost to the Community Council would be £346. Councillors decided on this occasion to sponsor the event for £346, but said that next year, as a special project, an event to be held in Penyrheol Park could be arranged. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – to sponsor Bands in the Park this year for £346 but to look at holding an event in Penyrheol Park next year

(c) **General correspondence**

An email had been received from Planning Aid Wales to inform of a free planning training workshop to be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Penallta House, at 5.00 pm. The Chairman asked for a volunteer to attend the workshop and Cllr P Slarke said that he would attend. The Chairman would also attend.

RESOLVED – Cllrs P Slarke and S Skivens to attend the planning workshop

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

A flower and vegetable competition was suggested, for which the Community Council could sponsor the prizes. Cllr P Slarke to contact the Allotment Association to discuss further.

RESOLVED – Cllr P Slarke to contact the Allotment Association and report back to next meeting

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent asked whether flowers could be planted at the entrance of each side of the Community Council boundaries. Cllr P Slarke also suggested that schools could be involved in this. It was resolved that the Clerk would email CCBC to ask whether the planning of such flowers/seeds would be possible.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

177. **TO DISCUSS ISSUE REGARDING OVERGROWN TREES AT Y FELIN FERWD**

Cllr S Skivens asked the Clerk to contact Barclays Bank to ascertain the current situation and report back to next meeting.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact Barclays Bank and to report to next meeting

178. **COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR ELECTION UPDATE**

An election for the Penyrheol ward would be taking place on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

RESOLVED – Noted

179. **MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES**

A discussion took place following the presentation by Mr Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales. It was still felt that the joining fee was high. It was resolved that the Clerk would speak to other Clerks regarding membership and what they actually got out of the membership and Cllr S Skivens would speak to a colleague and both would report back to next meeting.

RESOLVED – Clerk and Cllr S Skivens to speak to colleagues and report back to next meeting.

180. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador, Miss Meg Owen said that she had attended Question Time at Ty Penallta. She said many of the young people there did feel a little intimidated in that kind of environment and suggested that it might be a good idea to speak to the young people within their workshop environment, in little groups, instead of there being an open floor.

Miss Owen said that she was involved in the Us girls' project, encouraging them to get involved in more projects, such as sports activities etc, in order to improve confidence and socialising skills, to prepare them for the future. It was resolved that the Community Council would support this project. Miss Owen would email a blog to the Clerk to put onto the website.

RESOLVED – Youth Ambassador to email blog to Clerk

181. **PENYRHEOL SKATE PARK**

The Clerk said that she was awaiting more quotes from Mr Tim Proctor, who was contacting several skate park equipment companies. Cllr H Davies mentioned the Area Forum Budget and suggested that £5,000 could go towards Trecenydd and £5,000 towards Penyrheol Skate Park. Cllr Mrs M Sargent suggested submitting a business case to a local company for a grant of £500. It was resolved that Cllr S Skivens, Cllr Mrs M E Sargent, Cllr T ap Hywel and the Clerk would get together to put together a business plan after the general election.

RESOLVED – Meeting re : business plan to be arranged after general election

182. **SUMMER PLAYScheme**

The Clerk informed Councillors that she had attended CSSIW to put in a brand new application for the playscheme to be held at Hendre Junior School. A final approval was required from the Governors. The Clerk would report back to next meeting with decision.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report back to next meeting

183. **NEWSLETTER**

The Chairman was disappointed to report that the Newsletter sub-committee had been abandoned as it had not been quorate and reminded Councillors of their responsibility to attend such sub-committees. The Clerk said that she did have enough material for this issue and would carry on with those articles.

RESOLVED – Noted

184. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

No acknowledgements had been received.

185. **DONATIONS**

a) **Urdd National Eisteddfod**

A request had been received from the organisers to ask if the Community Council could provide further funding, as this year's Eisteddfod would be held in the Caerphilly borough. It was suggested that a sum of £500 be donated in this financial year and £500 in the next financial year. It was then suggested that a total of £1,000 be given this year, for this year and next. This was agreed.

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £1,000 be approved.

186. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2015**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – March 2015;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – March 2015;
- (c) Inland Revenue – March 2015;
- (d) Members' expenses – March 2015;
- (e) One Voice Wales Finance course for Clerk - £40 (agreed at this meeting).

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

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting.

188. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Penyrheol Community Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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