
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2013**

Present :

Chair

Cllr S Skivens (Chairman)

Community Councillors

Cllr W H Allen, Cllr Ms M Britton, Cllr H R Davies, Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel, Cllr A Pennington,
Cllr R Phillips, Cllr P Slarke

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

Member of the Public – Mr John Hackett

80. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A Nash.

81. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th October 2013 having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

82. **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. She was still awaiting a reply on all items.
- (b) Plaque for Cllr Mrs Anne Collins – The Clerk informed Councillors that she had spoken to Simon Beacham of CCBC and he had told her that they could order the bench and have any inscription put on it for the Community Council. Clerk would now need to ascertain what was required on the transcription. As Cllr Mrs M E Sargent was not at this meeting, it would be discussed at the next meeting. (Ref : minutes of meeting 24.10.13, item 63 (b)).

RESOLVED : To discuss at next meeting

83. **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)

84. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PC Steve Dyer and PCSO Ryan Herbert were in attendance at the meeting. The Chairman also introduced and welcomed Mr John Hackett to the meeting. Mr Hackett and residents of Hendredenny had grave concerns about the speed of traffic travelling through the main thoroughfare of Hendredenny and around Hendredenny Park Primary School, especially cars exiting Groeswen Lane. He, himself had had a near miss with a car whilst out walking his dog. Mr Hackett asked if a 'stop' sign could be erected at the end of Groeswen Lane. PC Dyer said that they would carry out speed tests in the near future in Hendredenny and that they had booked cars on numerous occasions parking illegally outside the primary school and the Head Teacher had communicated with parents on this issue several times also. The Chairman said he would speak to Highways about Groeswen Lane. Communication had already been made with Highways regarding the general traffic problems within the wards and this could be added to the list of items for discussion.

PC Dyer and PCSO Herbert informed Councillors that anti-social behaviour was down 8.8% and crime detection was up by 28%. Many burglaries had now stopped since an individual had been arrested, charged and sentenced. Drugs was still a problem in Penyrheol and there was a problem with anti-social behaviour in Castell Maen, which were being addressed.

RESOLVED : Police to carry out speed tests in Hendredenny in the near future and Chairman to speak with Highways about sign in Groeswen Lane

85. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 13/0642/FULL – 67 Blaen Ifor, Caerphilly Cf83 2NW
- Erect conservatory to rear
- (b) 13/0780/FULL – 2 St Cenydd Close, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2TS
- Erect single storey extension to side of dormer bungalow
- (c) 13/0786/FULL – 49 Court Road, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LT
- Erect two-storey rear extension and raised decking area
- (d) 13/0797/FULL – 9 Coed-yr-Eos, Caerphilly CF83 2RS
- Erect detached dwelling with off road parking and associated works

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) and (d), 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

86. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended a Community Centre management committee meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended a curriculum meeting at St Cenydd Community School.

c) **Various**

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had attended a Community Centre management committee meeting and Christmas concert sub-committee meeting.

d) **Various**

Cllr A Pennington reported that he had attended a curriculum meeting at St Cenydd Community School.

e) **Various**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a Christmas Concert sub-committee meeting.

87. **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) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen said that he had received a complaint that the bushes at the Bowls Bus Stop were overgrown and were stopping people from seeing whether or not the bus was coming and the driver also could not see if there was anyone waiting on the bus stop. The passengers also had to come out of the bus stop in bad weather to make themselves seen.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC to ask for bushes to be cut back

88. **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 from CCBC regarding Go2 My Town Project.

RESOLVED – Noted

Reminder that Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Ian Johnston would be giving a talk about Police, Crime and Community issues on Tuesday, 17th December 2013 at Ty Penallta. The Chairman said that he would be attending to represent the Community Council.

(c) **General correspondence**

There was no general correspondence.

89. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The quarterly financial statement was presented to the meeting and approved

RESOLVED – Quarterly financial statement approved

90. **PRINCE'S TRUST – LARGE PROJECT**

The Chairman said the project was now up and running and 11 young people had been chosen to attend the course. Some of the young people lived within the ward and others visited the ward frequently as they had family/ties to the area. There would be a celebration event on Friday, 13th December 2013. Two subjects had already been covered and each young person had achieved at least one certificate each. Eight young people had passed one subject and nine had passed two subjects. At the end of the project, the Chairman would ask the representative from the Prince's Trust to come back to speak at a meeting in order to gauge the success of the project.

RESOLVED – Noted

91. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk informed Councillors that the newsletter was being delivered over the following two weeks. The Chairman reiterated that material was required from Councillors and that it was not solely up to the Clerk to collect material for the newsletter. He asked that Councillors think about items that could go into the next newsletter and to obtain the information required for these items in order to give to the Clerk.

RESOLVED – Noted

92. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SANTA**

The Christmas Concert was well in hand and a meeting of the sub-committee had taken place. The Santa tour would take place on Sunday, 8th December at 6.00 pm at Penyrheol Community Centre, following Santa's tour around Trecenydd. The Clerk informed Councillors that a £200 donation had been received from Persimmon Homes, £100 from Network Rail and £100 from Link Financial Services. Also, United Welsh Housing had kindly donated two boxes of chocolates to give the children from Santa. The Clerk would still have to purchase some chocolates etc to make up the numbers required. Cllr M Britton had kindly agreed to decorate the Santa's grotto at the Centre.

RESOLVED – Noted

93. **JUDGING OF FESTIVE LIGHTS COMPETITION**

It was decided that the judging would not take place this year. It was suggested that perhaps next year a form could be put into the newsletter and anyone wanting to be judged could complete the form and send to the Clerk.

RESOLVED – To discuss judging of festive lights competition in the New Year

94. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

The Clerk reported that the following acknowledgements for donations had been received : Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Trecenydd Community Centre, Undercurrents and Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru.

95. **DONATIONS**

No requests for donations had been received.

96. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2013**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – December 2013;
- (b) Clerk's expenses – December 2013;
- (c) Inland Revenue – December 2013;
- (d) Members' expenses - December 2013;
- (e) Expenditure for Community Christmas Concert;
- (f) Expenditure for Santa's tour.

97. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

- a) There was no other urgent business.

RESOLVED – Noted

98. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 16th January 2014 at Penyrheol Community Centre, preceded by the Finance Sub-Committee at 6.30 pm

PLEASE NOTE

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