
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER 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 R Phillips,
Cllr Mrs M E Sargent, Cllr P Slarke

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

61. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A Nash.

62. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2013 having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

63. **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 – Cllr Mrs M E Sargent said that she had spoken with Cllr Mrs A Collins's son, who said a bench in Penyrheol Park would be a nice way of remembering Cllr Mrs Collins. Councillors agreed that this would be a nice idea and asked the Clerk to seek prices etc. (Ref : minutes of meeting 19.09.13, item 42 (d)).

RESOLVED : Clerk to seek prices for the bench and report back to next meeting.

- (c) Senghenydd Pit Disaster Centenary – the Chairman had attended the Centenary and had laid a wreath on behalf of the Community Council. It was suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Aber Valley Heritage Committee for arranging such a successful Centenary.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write congratulatory letter to Aber Valley Heritage Committee

64. **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)

65. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was no Police attendance at the meeting. Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that there had been attempted break-ins in Energlyn siphoning of petrol from cars. The Chairman reported that he had received complaints from residents of Energlyn Park that children had been standing at the end of Pentwyn and throwing stones at residents' houses. Cllr Ms Britton reported that she had received complaints that young people were in the park at night, in the vicinity of the youth shelter, taking up and throwing turf.

It was suggested that the Clerk forward email details of the local Police officers to Councillors in order that they could send in any complaints/concerns as soon as they received them.

RESOLVED : Clerk to send Councillors contact details for the local Police

66. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 13/0740/COU – Land at Trecenydd Business Park, Trecenydd, Caerphilly
 - Change the use of land to commercial vehicle hire business
- (b) 13/0689/FULL – 12 Ael-y-Bryn, Energlyn, Caerphilly
 - Erect first floor to bungalow to form new bedroom and en-suite bathroom

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) and (b), 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

- (c) Appeal – Glen Burmie, St Cenydd Road, Trecenydd

The Clerk informed Councillors that an appeal had been submitted with regards to the above application which had been refused planning permission.

RESOLVED - Noted

67. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended the Senghenydd Pit Disaster Centenary Service in Penyrheol Cemetery and a Prince's Trust meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended the Trecenydd Community Centre AGM and the Senghenydd Pit Disaster Centenary Service in Senghenydd.

c) **Various**

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended events at Hendre Junior School.

d) **Various**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a governors' meeting at Hendredenny Park Primary School, two Prince's Trust meetings and both Senghenydd Pit Disaster Centenary services.

68. **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 Mrs M E Sargent again reported on the lack of lighting on the corner of Court Road and Ael-y-Bryn. It was very dark and not a pleasant experience to walk in that area at night. It was agreed the Clerk would contact CCBC about this once again.

RESOLVED – Clerk to ask CCBC for more lighting

Cllr P Slarke said that traffic going from Abertridwr/Senghenydd/Penyrheol via the Bowls roundabout to the St Cenydd roundabout and beyond was getting worse and worse, with tailbacks going all the way up the hill to Penyrheol. A discussion ensued and Councillors

agreed that new houses were being built in the area, but nothing was being done about the infrastructure and the new train station at Energlyn would only worsen the problems. Councillors agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Slarke should draft a letter to the Chief Executive of CCBC, copied to the Planning Department, highlighting the problems. The County Borough Councillors also said they would seek a meeting with the Chief Executive or officers of CCBC to meet to discuss the worsening traffic problems in the Wards.

RESOLVED – Clerk and Cllr P Slarke to draw up letter

Cllr Ms M Britton reported that she had received a complaint from a resident in Heol Aneurin, whose child had cut his knee on the slope where the Police houses used to be, as there were items protruding from the ground.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC

69. **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 regarding Weed Control Week Seven. The Chairman asked Councillors to report any weed control items to the Clerk by the deadline of Monday, 4th November 2013.

RESOLVED – Councillors to report any weed control items to the Clerk

CCBC had formally adopted the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021 (LDP) and as part of the review process there was need to update the Delivery Agreement and CCBC was inviting comments on the Draft Delivery Agreement as part of a six-week public consultation which commenced on 17th October 2013 and would run until 28th November 2013. Councillors were asked to read through the Draft Delivery Agreement and come back to the Clerk with any comments/observations.

RESOLVED – Councillors to report back to Clerk with comments/observations on the Draft Delivery Agreement

(c) **General correspondence**

There was no general correspondence.

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

The Chairman updated Councillors on the project. He had attended a couple of meetings with Prince's Trust. He did have concerns in relation to the lack of names being put forward of young people who were eligible for the project and had been disappointed with the response from certain organizations and CCBC departments. Prince's Trust staff were still in the process of obtaining names of eligible young people for the project, but if sufficient names were not received, the project would have to be postponed. If numbers were low the Chairman would contact neighbouring areas to see if they had suitable young people for the scheme, particularly if they resorted to Community Council area. The Chairman would report back as soon as possible to Councillors regarding whether enough names had been received and whether the project could go ahead.

The Chairman thanked Cllr W H Allen for asking the committee of Penyrheol Community Centre to lower the room hire charges for the project.

Cllr H R Davies also thanked the Chairman for all his hard work in putting the project into place in such a short timescale.

RESOLVED – Noted

71. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk informed Councillors that she was working on items for the Newsletter.

RESOLVED – Noted

72. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SANTA**

The Clerk informed Councillors that she had spoken to a representative of Machen Rotary Club and they had agreed to provide Santa and his sleigh again this year at a cost of £500, date, times and route to be agreed.

The Clerk would be arranging a Community Christmas Concert sub-committee in the near future.

RESOLVED – Noted

73. **CIVIC AWARDS**

Three nominations had been received for this year's Civic Awards. It was agreed that all three nominees would receive an award.

RESOLVED – All three nominees to receive an Award

74. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

The Clerk presented a grand application form that she had drawn up and Councillors agreed with the new format. The only addition would be to ask if the applicant had applied for a grant in the past.

RESOLVED – Clerk to add question to the application form

75. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

The Clerk reported that the following acknowledgements for donations had been received Shelter Cymru, the Disability Can Do Organisation, Caerphilly Town Council – fireworks display, Caerphilly Community Chorus, Eisteddfod yr Urdd Appeal Committee Caerffili 2015, Bowls Allotment Association, Gwent Police – Owl Project, Caerffili and District Twinning Association and the Youth Mission Project.

76. **DONATIONS**

a) **Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £100 be approved

b) **Trecenydd Community Centre – Panto and tea party**

Cllr H R Davies declared an interest as he was a member of the management committee of the Community Centre and took no further part in discussions or decisions.

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

c) **Undercurrents**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £200 be approved

d) **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £100 be approved

e) **Caerphilly Town Council – purchase of speed gun**

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community not to approve a donation on this occasion

77. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2013**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk’s salary – November 2013;
- (b) Clerk’s expenses – November 2013;
- (c) Inland Revenue – November 2013;
- (d) Members’ expenses - November 2013;
- (e) Expenditure for Senghenydd Pit Disaster Centenary;
- (f) Annual fee for website (£29.39);
- (g) Fee to Mazar for annual audit (£372);
- (h) Room hire charges for miscellaneous meetings at Penyrheol Community Centre (£100).

78. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

- a) There was no other urgent business.

RESOLVED – Noted

79. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 21st November 2013 at Penyrheol Community Centre

PLEASE NOTE

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