Before the start of the meeting proper, the Chairman welcomed Mr Proctor, a local resident and keen skateboarder, regarding possible funding avenues for Penyrheol Skate Park. Mr Proctor said that there were numerous good parks around, but it would depend on how much money was to be spent on the equipment. There was a good skate park in Skewen and Neath. Mr Proctor suggested trying the Lottery, Sports Legacy for Wales and Landfill tax avenues. He said he would do some more research and get back to Councillors. In the meantime, the Clerk would email to Mr Proctor the information on the half pipe on which a price had been obtained. Mr Proctor said he would be happy to sit on a sub-committee to move things along.

RESOLVED – Mr Proctor to come back to the Clerk with further funding avenues and a sub-committee to be formed to discuss further

57. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr W H Allen, Cllr Ms M Britton, Cllr A W Pennington, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr P Slarke and Cllr Ms S Williams.

58. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th July 2014 having been previously circulated were considered and duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

59. **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 Clerk informed Councillors that she had received a reply from CCBC regarding the dog fouling bins in Hendre. The litter bin had been installed back onto its post at Hendre and a work instruction had been issued to the Highway Department to install a dog fouling bin on the grassed area side of 69 Blaen Ifor Penyrheol. (Ref : meeting 17.07.14, item : 42 (d)).

RESOLVED : Noted

(c) The Clerk informed Councillors that she had received a reply from CCBC regarding the disintegration of Court Road. The carriageway met CCBC’s intervention criteria for repair, the footway would need a slurry sealing in time, so the area would be placed on the resurfacing programme for slurry sealing and the area would be monitored. (Ref : meeting 17.04.14, item : 163 (3)).

RESOLVED : Noted

(d) The Clerk informed Councillors that she had received a reply from CCBC regarding the request for a bus stop in Pwllypant. The request would be added to the list of outstanding requests, subject to consultation with the residents and the site being suitable. (Ref : meeting : 19.06.14, item : 26 (c)).

RESOLVED : Noted

(e) The Clerk informed Councillors that she had received a reply from CCBC regarding obstructive parking in Brynglas. The officer had passed the concerns on to the Police. (Ref : meeting : 19.06.14, item : 26 (d).

60. **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)

61. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

PCSO’s Ryan Herbert and Rhys Lee were in attendance. They reported that five people were on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, three from the Penyrheol area had breached their contracts three times that particular week. They would now be receiving full ASBO’s.

Cllr Skivens reported that there were issues in Penyrheol Park at night and that motorbikes were starting to appear again. Whatever the Police had done had worked last time but they were now beginning to creep back again. He also said that residents were still complaining about the speeding at Ty Isaf. Cllr H R Davies said there were still problems with people parking outside Hendredenny Park Primary School. Also youngsters were starting to congregate again in the underpass at Castell Maen. Cllr Mrs A Nash reported that someone was trying to get into the containers held on the former 49 Club site.
PCSO Ryan Herbert said he would look into all the issues mentioned above.

Councillors then had a discussion about seemingly lack of officers available within the ward and it was decided that the Chairman would write a letter to the Chief Constable, copied to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

RESOLVED : Chairman to send letter to Chief Constable

62. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

(a) 14/0424/FULL – 27 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2DB
    - Erect orangery style conservatory

(b) 14/0499/FULL – 14 Ynys Bery Close, Caerphilly CF83 2AZ
    - Erect conservatory to the rear

(c) 14/0497/FULL – 2 Cwrt Garth, Black Prince Road, Caerphilly
    - Erect conservatory to rear

(d) 14/0501/FULL – 8 Denbigh Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly
    - Erect a double-storey side extension to existing dwelling

(e) 14/0503/FULL – 44 Brynawel, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2EX
    - Construct a single-storey side garage and fitness area

(f) 14/0533/FULL – 55 The Crescent, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2SU
    - Erect two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension

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) and (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.

Permission for development had been granted to erect a new building for agriculture and tack room at Gwaun Gledyr Uchaf Farm, Old Nantgarw Road, Caerphilly.

Refusal of planning permission to erect agricultural workers dwelling at Pen Yr Heol Las Farm, Heol Las, Energlyn, Caerphilly.

63. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr H R Davies reported that he had attended:

Trecenydd Community Centre committee meeting;

Pwllypant roundabout improvement meeting.
b) **Various**

Cllr Mrs A Nash reported that she had attended:

Trecenydd Community Centre meeting.

c) **Various**

Cllr Mrs M E Sargent reported that she had attended:

Youth Ambassador/Chairman’s Children’s Party meeting x 2;

Pwllypant roundabout improvement meeting.

e) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended:

Youth Ambassador/Chairman’s Children’s Party meeting x 2;

Pwllypant roundabout improvement meeting;

Transport meeting.

64. **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 S ap Hywel said that the bushes from the post box to Hendredenny junction seriously needed cutting back. Cllr H R Davies said that he had already informed CCBC of this.

RESOLVED – Noted
(d) **Various**

Cllr Mrs A Nash said that she had had to clean up a lot of rubbish that had spilled out of the bins at Hendre Infants School, as the bins had been put outside the main gates, instead of in their designated area.

RESOLVED – Noted

(e) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens said that the gas canisters had finally been removed from outside 47 Heaol Aneurin, Penyrheol. He also said that a letter could be sent to the Fire Officer to say that the temporary fire officer had done very well.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write to Fire Officer

65. **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 the five-man community cleansing team. The Chairman asked that if anyone had any areas of concern to report, to give feedback to Clerk.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC regarding the Medium Term Financial Planning for 2014-2017. The Chairman asked if anyone had any comments to contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy. Ms Lisa James, Senior Planner would be attending the meeting of 16th October to explain in more detail.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC regarding the Reorganisation of Local Government White Paper.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC outlining how to get involved in CCBC’s budget consultation.

RESOLVED – Noted
General correspondence

A copy of The Patient’s Voice had been received.

Information on the National Marine Plan had been received.

RESOLVED – Noted

66. TO DISCUSS ANY ITEMS NOT BEING FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY CCBC

There were no items to discuss at this particular meeting.

67. TO DISCUSS ISSUE REGARDING OVERGROWN TREES AT Y FELIN FFRWD

Councillors discussed the issue further. The Chairman said that he had discussed the matter with Mr Paul Harris of CCBC. If it could be shown that the property was owned, CCBC would do the work and bill the owner. The Clerk had obtained the title deeds from the Land Registry and it was decided that the Chairman would go back to CCBC for the last time to discuss the issue and to see whether any financial assistance would be forthcoming.

RESOLVED – Chairman to report back to next meeting

68. NEWSLETTER

The Clerk informed Councillors that articles for the newsletter were now required. The Chairman asked Councillors to submit articles as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Clerk would arrange a sub-committee.

RESOLVED – Councillors to submit articles as soon as possible.

69. CHILDREN’S PARTY/YOUTH AMBASSADOR

The Chairman asked that as many Councillors as possible be available on the day to help prepare and to be present during the party itself. A sub-committee had been held to discuss details. A letter had gone to secondary schools regarding the Youth Ambassador and replies were expected by the end of September. The Clerk had provisionally booked Machen Rotary Club for Sunday, 7th December for the Santa visit and Penyrheol Community Centre had been booked.

RESOLVED – Councillors to let Clerk know of their availability for the children’s party.

70. SUMMER PLAYSHEMES

The Clerk presented a report on the summer playschemes which had gone very well. There was a problem with the swimming venue again, so an alternative venue would have to be looked at for next year. The Council had been unsuccessful in obtaining an Awards for All grant this year.

RESOLVED – Report noted
71. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

   It was decided that a sub-committee meeting would be held in September to discuss. The date had been arranged as Friday, 5th December.

   RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange sub-committee meeting

72. **PRINCE’S TRUST REPORT**

   A report had been received from the Prince’s Trust on the recent project. Councillors discussed the report and were very pleased with the outcome of the initiative. It was suggested that a press release could be done and that the results could be put on the Council’s website. It was also suggested that other Community Councils could be contacted about the initiative.

   RESOLVED – Chairman to write press release and letter to other Community Councils

73. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

   No acknowledgments had been received.

74. **DONATIONS**

   a) **Caerphilly Junior Netball Club**

      RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £50 be approved;

   b) **Caerphilly Town Council – firework display**

      RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £1,750 be approved.

75. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014**

   The following payments were approved by the Council:

   (a) Clerk’s salary – September 2014;
   (b) Clerk’s expenses – September 2014;
   (c) Inland Revenue – September 2014;
   (d) Members’ expenses – September 2014;
   (e) Chairman’s Children’s Party expenditure.

76. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

   There was no other business.

77. **NEXT MEETING**

   RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 16th October 2014 at Penyrheol Community Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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