

**Cyngor Cymuned
Penyrheol Trecenydd Energlyn
Community Council**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillors: W H Allen (WA), S Dickens (SD), G Ead (GE), T ap Hywel (TapH), P Owen Griffiths (PO), J Scriven (JS), S J Skivens (SJS), S L Skivens (SLS), L Whittle

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

Minute		Action
139.	To receive Chair's welcome and receive and agree apologies for absence	
	Apologies received from Cllrs S ap Hywel and A W Pennington and both apologies were accepted. Resolved: To accept above apologies	
140.	To discuss issues brought up by members of the public	
	No members of the public present. Resolved: Noted	
141.	To approve minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st November 2019	
	The minutes of 21 st November 2019 were approved as a true record. Resolved: To approve minutes as a true record	
142.	To discuss matters arising	
142.1	TapH reported that there were still parking issues at Hendredenny Park Primary School and parents were now parking on and churning up the grass verge. However, incidents of car scratching had reduced. (Ref: minutes 21.11.19, item 124).	
142.2	The Clerk reported that an email had been received from CCBC Officer to say that no road safety measures would be implemented in Brynglas as there was no record of any incidents. SJS to return to residents to ask about incidents involving cars, dates etc. (Ref: minutes 21.11.19, item 125.3).	
142.3	JS reported that he had attended a site visit with Cllr T ap Hywel, Mr John Fisher and a CCBC officer at Trecenydd roundabout, but no changes were to be made by CCBC. The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the last plans and drawings of Trecenydd roundabout had not been representative of the markings that had been implemented. It was resolved that Clerk would contact CCBC to	

	query this. (Ref: minutes 18.04.19, item 175). Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to query plans/drawings	
143.	To discuss Police matters	
143.1	SD reported an ongoing issue with off-road bikes, with bikes, quads, 4x4's constantly using the trip in Penyrheol. The path at the bottom of Graigwen was unpassable due to mud. SD had rung 101 three times and was informed that they would try and send a PCSO along, but it needed someone who could make an arrest. Clerk to chase WHQS re: barriers. Resolved: Clerk to chase WHQS re: barriers for the trip	
144.	To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors	
144.1	TapH reported that residents were opposed to the bench being sited in Hendredenny. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask CCBC officers to resite in Trecenydd Park.	
144.2	SJS reported that the traffic light sequence at the Cedar Tree roundabout had been altered and there was now no gap between one set of lights changing between the other. Drivers were now finding it very difficult to exit from Pwllypant Hill. SJS had emailed Highways.	
144.3	SJS reported that Councillors and residents were very concerned about the closure of Trehir recycling centre. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to CCBC to express concerns and that it was a counter-productive exercise that would see an increase in fly tipping costs.	PTE01/2020 – Closure of Trehir Recycling Centre
144.4	SJS expressed concern at the potential withdrawal of funding for crossing patrols. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to CCBC, objecting to this withdrawal.	PTE01/2020 – withdrawal of crossing patrols
144.5	JS reported concerns regarding the former 49 Club site. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to CCBC asking for an update.	PTE01/2020 – former 49 Club site
144.6	GE reported that the lane from Brynhyfryd to the former 49 Club was full of mud, leaves etc and that children used it to walk to school. Clerk to write to CCBC asking for it to be cleaned.	PTE01/2020 – lane between Brynhyfryd and former 49 Club
145.	To receive reports on Councillor attendance at meetings/committees	
145.1	TapH reported that he had attended a site visit with a CCBC officer at Trecenydd roundabout and the Finance Committee meeting.	
145.2	SD reported that she had attended the Christmas events.	
145.3	SLS reported that she had attended the Christmas events.	
145.4	JS reported that he had attended a site visit with a CCBC officer at Trecenydd roundabout and the Christmas events.	

145.5	SJS reported that he had attended the Christmas events and the Finance Committee meeting.	
145.6	PO reported that he had attended the Christmas events and the Finance Committee meeting. Resolved: Noted	
146.	To approve the quarterly financial statement	
	The Clerk presented the quarterly financial statement, which Councillors approved and resolved that the budget was on track and no adjustments required. Resolved: To approve the quarterly financial statement	
147.	To approve 2020/21 precept	
	SJS, as Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee had met prior to this meeting and it had been resolved to recommend an increase of 3% in the 2020/21 precept. This increase was in line with inflation and Councillors had agreed that the increase should be kept as low as possible, but still allow the Community Council to carry out its business, hence only the rise in line with inflation. Resolved: To approve the 3% increase in the 2020/21 precept. Clerk to inform CCBC of the rise.	
148.	To discuss the Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems duty	
	It was agreed that an Environment/Biodiversity committee would be set up at the next AGM. The Clerk was also asked to enquire with CCBC the cost of water fountains being placed in parks to fill single use water bottles. Resolved: 1. To set up new Environment/Biodiversity committee at next AGM. 2. Clerk to contact CCBC to ask about cost of water fountains	PTE01/202 – cost of water fountains
149.	To discuss appointment of Youth Ambassador	
	SJS reported that the closing date had been extended January 2020 and he would report back to the next meeting. Resolved: Noted	

150.	To discuss planning applications	
	The following planning applications were discussed:	
150.1	19/0911/FULL – 33 Court Road, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LT - Erect front porch and rear extension	
150.2	19/0984/FULL – 10 Bryn Owain, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2NY - Erect single storey conservatory at rear of property	
150.3	19/0987/FULL – 33 Cae'r Fferm, Caerphilly CF83 2QB - Erect single-storey side extension for use by a disabled person	
	Resolved: In the general interest of the community that: having been previously circulated to Councillors, no comments or objections to be made to CCBC in respect of applications	
151.	To receive update on litter picking project	
	It was resolved that a litter-pick would take place on Saturday, 15 th February and the route would be along St Cenydd Road. Councillors to meet at Penyrheol Community Centre at 10.00 am. Resolved: Noted	
152.	To discuss Community Christmas events and Civic Awards	
	Councillors were very grateful Mr Jonathan Murphy for making the Welsh cakes for the Santa event, who had asked that payment for making them be given to the Chair's charity. Clerk to write thank-you letter to Mr Murphy. Arrange committee meeting. Rename committee to Events Committee. Resolved: 1. Clerk to write thank you letter to Mr Murphy. 2. Clerk to arrange Christmas Events Committee	
153.	To discuss correspondence received	
	The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:	
153.1	Email from One Voice Wales re: changes to planning and related application fees consultation document.	
153.2	Email from Caerphilly Miners Centre re: volunteering.	
153.3	Email from Utility Aid UK re: its work.	
153.4	Email from CCBC re: Green Infrastructure.	
153.5	Patients' Voice News Bulletin.	

	Resolved: 1. To forward Utility Aid UK letter to community centres 2. All other correspondence noted	
154.	To approve donations	
154.1	<u>Wales Air Ambulance Charity</u> Resolved: in the interest of benefit to the community, a donation of £200 to be awarded (Local Government Act 2000, s.2 – Wellbeing)	
155.	To approve payments	
	<p>The following payments were approved by the Council:</p> <p>Clerk’s salary – December 2019 and January 2020 Clerk’s expenses – December 2019 and January 2020 Inland Revenue – December 2019 and January 2020 Members’ expenses – December 2019 and January 2020 – none</p> <p>Resolved: To approve all above payments</p>	
156.	To agree items to be discussed at next meeting	
	<p>No items to be added to agenda of next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: Noted</p>	
157.	To agree next Council meeting	
	<p>Date of next meeting agreed as Thursday, 20th February 2020 at Penyrheol Community Centre at 7.00 pm.</p> <p>Resolved: Noted</p>	
	The meeting was concluded at 8.15 pm	