
**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 18th MAY 2017**

Present :

Chair

Cllr W H Allen

Community Councillors

G Ead, T ap Hywel, S ap Hywel, J Scriven, S J Skivens,
S L Skivens, L Whittle

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne
Youth Ambassador – Meg Owen

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed re-elected Councillors to the meeting and introduced and welcomed newly-elected Councillors. He also wanted to publicly thank all former Community Councillors : M Britton, C Coombes, H R Davies, M E Sargent and P Slarke for their hard work and dedication over the years and wished them well for the future. Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Dickens and P Owen-Griffiths.

A minute's silence was then held in memory of former First Minister, Mr Rhodri Morgan.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th April 2017, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were duly accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

3. 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) A response had been received from CCBC regarding parking problems in Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol. The only solution would be to provide double yellow lines all along Heol Aneurin, but it was felt that this would cause restrictions and inconvenience to the residents who lived on this road, so it was decided not to take up this option.

RESOLVED – Double yellow lines to be discounted

4. **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)

5. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was no Police presence at the meeting and no police matters were raised.

RESOLVED : Noted

6. **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 again raised the issue of steps needed, leading down to the bus stop in Hendredenny. However, CCBC responded by saying they did not own that patch of land, even though they did do the grass cutting and that the Community Council would have to contact the landowner to discuss the issue of steps.

RESOLVED – Noted

(d) The issue of the burned-out buses in the Aneurin Sports Bar was raised again. Cllr L Whittle said that he would speak to CCBC Environmental Health Department regarding the issue.

RESOLVED – Cllr L Whittle to contact Environmental Health

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- 17/0326/FULL – 50 The Crescent, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2SW
Erect two new build semi-detached houses in garden plot

(b) Appeal against enforcement notice – Heol Las Farm

Appeal against enforcement notices re : excavation of common land to form an animal feeding area and excavation of a trench and the deposition of arisings.

The above planning applications/appeals 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 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 application be noted.

With regards to (b) the Community Council had received many complaints about problems on the common land and roads surrounding Heol Las Farm and that the enjoyment of the beautiful area was being affected. Community and County Borough Councillors were in communication with CCBC about the issues that had been ongoing for a long time and that these talks were still ongoing.

8. **ANNUAL AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The annual audit had now been completed by the internal auditor and no issues had been raised. The Clerk was therefore asked to submit the annual audit to the external auditors. Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel was nominated to provide governance and agreed to check all finances (cheques, bank statements, invoices etc) before every monthly meeting.

RESOLVED – Annual accounts and annual audit were accepted as a true record and Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel would provide governance for the forthcoming financial year

9. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador reported that she had presented the Head Teacher of St Cenydd Community School with the £500 bursary and would present the £100 cheque for the annual Community award. She had been in consultation with the Head Teacher about skate park consultations and said that the Head was happy for Cllr S J Skivens to come into the school to carry out the consultation. The school was also in the process of nominating a new Youth Ambassador and this would be completed by the end of June.

The Chairman thanked the Youth Ambassador for her hard work over the past few years, wished her well with her studies at university and presented her with a £100 book token. The Youth Ambassador thanked everyone for their kindness and for their support during her appointment.

RESOLVED – Noted

10. **WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

There was no news at present about the bid for funding. Further information would be submitted when available.

RESOLVED – Noted

11. **SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES**

The Clerk reported that everything was on track with the summer playschemes.

RESOLVED – Noted

12. **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter was on track and would be printed by mid-June.

RESOLVED – Noted

13. **SKATE PARK**

The working had recently met. Cllr S J Skivens reported that the skate park would not need planning permission if it was to be sited within the current footprint. The next stage would be to hold consultations within the community and at St Cenydd Community School and this would be arranged as soon as possible. Funding options were still being explored but it was now looking more positive.

RESOLVED – Noted

14. **PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS**

Possible locations were discussed. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the organisers of Jack's Appeal to ask where they purchased their defibrillators. Cllr S J Skivens would contact St John to ask if they would come to a meeting to discuss the way forward.

RESOLED – Clerk to contact Jack's Appeal and Cllr S J Skivens to contact St John

15. **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 nominations for representatives of the community centres. It was resolved that Cllr W H Allen would represent the Community Council on the Penyrheol Community Centre committee and that Cllr J Scriven would sit on the Trecenydd Community Centre committee.

RESOLVED – Clerk to inform CCBC

An email had been received from CCBC re : Strategy for Caerphilly Basin stakeholder workshops. Councillors G Ead and S L Skivens said that they would like to attend.

RESOLVED – Clerk to inform CCBC

An email had been received from CCBC with a link to The Good Councillor's Guide.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC re : public appointment for Meat Promotion Wales.

RESOLVED – Noted

An email had been received from CCBC re : Code of Conduct training on 4th July 2017.

RESOLVED - Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

An email had been received from Caerphilly Ramblers re : issues on Eglwysilan Common. It was resolved to collate this information and include with ongoing consultation with CCBC.

RESOLVED – Noted

16. **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr Mrs S ap Hywel reported that he had attended :

Skate park meeting.

b) **Various**

Cllr T ap Hywel reported that he had attended :

Skate park meeting.

c) Mss Meg Owen, Youth Ambassador, reported that she had attended :

Cheque presentation to Caerphilly Children's Centre;

Skate park meeting.

d) **Various**

Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended :

Meeting with residents and County Borough Council officials.

17. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

No acknowledgements had been received.

18. **DONATIONS**

(a) **Bethel Baptist Church**

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

19. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR MAY**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – May 2017
- (b) Clerk's expenses – May 2017;
- (c) Inland Revenue – May 2017;
- (d) Members' expenses – May 2017;
- (e) R Williams – internal audit - £200;
- (f) Penyrheol Community Centre – meeting rooms - £100;
- (g) St Cenydd Community School – annual community award - £100.

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

Update on Aneurin Sports Bar bus issue to be raised under Matters Arising.

RESOLVED – Noted

21. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 15th June 2017
at 7.00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

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