CYNGOR CYMUNED PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 21st JUNE 2018

Present : Chair

Cllr S Dickens

Community Councillors

W H Allen, G Ead, A W Pennington, S J Skivens, S L Skivens, L Whittle

Clerk to the Council - Helen Treherne Sandra Jones, Penyrheol Community Association Cheryl Howitt, Penyrheol Community Association

Two members of the public were in attendance. Mrs Sandra Jones asked why the proposed skate park was planned to stay on the site of the existing skate park, as this could cause issues with noise, leaves falling from the trees causing safety issues, taking car parking spaces away and the small size of the existing area. Cllr S Skivens replied that negotiations had been ongoing with CCBC, prospective grant organisations and skate park manufacturers for approximately two years and that the working group had been informed by the skate park manufacturer that a larger skate park (like the example in the recent newsletter) could fit into the existing site. The working group had also been informed by CCBC that planning permission may be required if the skate park was moved to another area of the park, but the Clerk had recently been informed that CCBC/WHQS were now looking into moving the skate park to an area beside the play equipment and it did not appear now that planning consent was required.

A discussion ensued and it was resolved that the Clerk contact CCBC/WHQS to ask for a meeting to discuss the skate park in more detail now that the grant had been awarded.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact CCBC/WHQS to arrange meeting

19. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The newly-elected Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies had been received from S ap Hywel, T ap Hywel, J Scriven, P Owen-Griffiths and the Youth Ambassador and were accepted.

RESOLVED - Noted

20. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th May 2018, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were then accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

21. 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) Due to the sudden hospitalisation of the current internal auditor, Mr Ken Williams had agreed to take over the internal audit. Due to the timescale of having to submit accounts to external audit, this decision had been ratified via email prior to Mr Williams undertaking the audit. (Ref: minutes 19.04.18, item 204).

RESOLVED - Noted

22. <u>CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS</u>

<u>Declarations of Interest – Public Register</u>

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)

23. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

There was no Police presence, as previously agreed.

RESOLVED - Noted

24. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

(a) **Various**

Cllr S Skivens reported that motorbikes were still going up onto the mountain.

RESOLVED - Clerk to report to Police

(b) <u>Various</u>

Cllr S Skivens reported that residents had complained of having punctures from tacks left on the road from Heol Last to Pentwyn Isaf. It was not clear if this was a malicious act or tacks falling from a van/lorry.

PTE06/2018 – tacks on road

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC/Police

(c) Various

Cllr S Skivens reported that residents had complained about dog fouling in Yr Hendre and Energlyn Park. This had been reported to CCBC but was an ongoing problem.

PTE06/2018
- dog fouling
Yr Hendre

RESOLVED - Clerk to report to CCBC's Dog Warden

(d) <u>Various</u>

Cllr S Skivens that there was a parcel of land for sale opposite the Ty Isaf estate but Councillors did not think this would be suitable for houses as the land was too steep, going down to the river.

RESOLVED - Noted

(e) Various

Cllr S Skivens reported that lorries had started to go up to the farm at the top of Penyrheol again but these lorries had covers on them so it was not possible to see what was inside.

PTE06/2018 – complaints about lorries

RESOLVED – Clerk to inform CCBC

(f) Various

Cllr S Skivens reported that residents had complained of being verbally accosted by the farmer when walking on the common.

PTE06/2018 – complaints about common

RESOLVED - Clerk to inform CCBC

(g) Various

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had received complaints from residents living in Gelli'r Felin that Bellway were not maintaining the grass verges/bankings as per their agreement. Cllr G Ead said that he would contact Bellway to discuss the issue.

RESOLVED - Cllr G Ead to contact Bellway

(h) Various

Cllr S L Skivens reported that she had received complaints about scrap men going onto people's property to gain access to items.

RESOLVED – Clerk to report to CCBC

PTE06/2018
- scrap men entering premises

25. REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS/COMMITTEES

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended:

Playscheme registration.

b) Various

Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended:

Playscheme registration.

26. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Youth Ambassador had given her apologies and would report back to the next meeting.

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

- (a) 18/0423/FULL Land rear of 9 Caeglas, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2PT
 Erect three bedroom bungalow
- (b) 18/00446/FULL 21 Lansbury Close, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LW
 Alterations to roof including raising height and changing from hip to gable and convert attic to bedroom and ensuite with rear dormer window
- (c) 18/0471/CLPU 6 Energlyn Close, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2QU
 Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed loft converstion

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 (b) and (c), 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 application (a) it was resolved that the Clerk would ask CCBC to refer to full planning committee.

28. **SUMMER PLAYSCHEME**

The Clerk reported that registrations had now taken place for both playschemes and both were full, with children on the reserve list. Everything else was on target.

RESOLVED - Noted

29. WHQS GRANT/SKATE PARK UPDATE

This item was moved to the top of the agenda.

RESOLVED - Noted

30. **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 received re: Strategic Plan for the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service;

Email received re: Well-being Plan;

Email received re: Governor vacancies at schools within the ward. Councillors asked the Clerk to check who was representing the schools at present.

RESOLVED - Clerk to contact CCBC

(c) General correspondence

Email received from One Voice Wales re: Wales' Innovative Practice Conference on 4th July 2018;

Email received from One Voice Wales re: consolidation and amendment of the Use Classes Order and the Permitted Development Order;

Email received from Aber Valley Community Council re: requesting speed lines on the road between Abertridwr and Penyrheol. Councillors asked the Clerk to clarify what was required as there were already speed lines on the approach to Ty Isaf.

RESOLVED – Clerk to contact Aber Valley Community Council

31. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

No acknowledgements had been received.

32. **DONATIONS**

(a) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £300 be granted

(b) Penyrheol Over 50's Club

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

(c) Friends of Elite

RESOLVED – that a donation not be approved as it was not deemed to be of interest to the community, as there was only one member who lived within the wards

33. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR JUNE

The following payments were approved by the Council:

- (a) Clerk's pay rise of 1%, as agreed by the National Association of Local Councils, backdated to April 2018;
- (b) Clerk's salary June 2018;
- (c) Clerk's expenses June 2018;
- (d) Inland Revenue June 2018;
- (e) Members' expenses June 2018;
- (f) Chair's 2017/18 charity donation of £776 to Ty Hafan and £300 to St Andrew's Church;
- (g) Viv Treherne delivery of 5,000 newsletters £500.

34. <u>ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING</u>

Litter project.

RESOLVED - Noted

35. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 19th July 2018 at 7.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE

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