



**CYNGOR CYMUNED**  
**PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020 AT 7.00 PM**  
**The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Present:** Councillors: W H Allen (BA), G Ead (GE), S ap Hywel (SaH), T ap Hywel (TaH), P Owen Griffiths (Chair), A Pennington (AP), SJ Skivens (SJS), SL Skivens (SLS), L Whittle (LW)

**Also present:** Helen Treherne (Clerk)

Minute		Action
16.	<b>To receive Chair's welcome and receive and agree apologies for absence</b>	
	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apology for absence received from Cllr Susan Dickens, who had intended to attend the virtual meeting, but whose technology had failed when attempting to join the meeting.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Apology accepted. As Cllr Dickens had tried to enter the meeting, this absence would not count towards the six-month rule.</b></p>	
17.	<b>To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	No declarations of interest received.	
18.	<b>To approve minutes of virtual meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020</b>	
	<p>The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 were approved as a true record.</p> <p><b>Resolved: To approve minutes as a true record</b></p>	
19.	<b>To discuss matters arising</b>	
	No matters arising.	
20.	<b>To discuss Police matters</b>	
	<p>The Chair, SJS and the Clerk had met virtually with PS Jonathan Pursey and CSO Sarah Barbour on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The following complaints had been received prior to the meeting and were discussed:</p> <p>Drones hovering over gardens in Hendredenny. CSO Barbour said that the DroneSafe UK website had information on how to report drones. Clerk to inform Hendredenny residents via Facebook.</p>	

	<p>Car scratching in Hendredenny: PS Pursey said that no complaints had been received since lockdown and since cameras had been installed. If residents had any more incidents, they were asked to report to 101.</p> <p>Speeding on narrow road between Hendredenny and Abertridwr. Police to liaise with CCBC's Highways Department to ascertain the speed limit. If it was national speed limit, Police/CCBC to investigate whether it would need to have a speed restriction. Also, Police to patrol the area.</p> <p>Off-road bikes/quads in Penyrheol: PS Pursey reported that there would be an upcoming multi-agency operation taking place during the summer. He asked that residents supply the Police with any images/registration numbers they had and that this would be treated in complete confidence.</p> <p>Issues with the Common above Penyrheol/Energlyn: SJS reported that there were two separate issues on the Common and that Natural Resources Wales and Gwent Police were investigating. One of the issues was also impacting on the Llanbradach wards. The investigations were continuing and SJS to report to next meeting with any updates.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour and drug use/supply in Penyrheol. This had been reported by several residents and PS Pursey said that this would be investigated and the area patrolled.</p> <p>PS Pursey reported that they were short-staffed due to COVID-19 and that the CSO was also covering the St James's ward.</p> <p>PS Pursey informed Councillors of the planned Black Lives Matter protests on the following Saturday.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Noted</b></p>	
<b>21.</b>	<b>To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors/COVID-19 update</b>	
	<p>GE reported that Virgin Media were currently installing cables in the area, but no notification had been given to residents and he asked who would have given authorisation. He was informed that CCBC's Highways would have given permission and GE said that he would contact them. If CCBC had informed the Community Council about the planned works, Councillors would have been aware and prepared for queries from residents.</p> <p><b>Resolved: GE to contact CCBC Highways Department</b></p>	
<b>22.</b>	<b>To discuss food banks</b>	
	<p>The Chair reminded Councillors that, at the previous meeting, it had been resolved that he, SJS and LW would look into food banks. They had subsequently prepared a report for the meeting. He said that the incidence of people visiting food banks was increasing and that there</p>	

may be need for long-term provision, not just during the COVID-19 pandemic. SJS said that there would need to be a well-structured, tried and tested system, with good administration and very good supply chains. The Connect Life Church in Caerphilly was a fully-registered scheme under the Trussell Trust, but that they would benefit from financial assistance and more volunteers. PTE residents benefited from the service. There was also another food bank operated by St Cenydd Road Presbyterian Church, which was also well-structured, but not a fully registered scheme.

The report recommended the following:

1. Cllrs from PTE should be encouraged to act as volunteers and work with the organisers of the food banks at St Cenydd Road Presbyterian Church or the Connect Life Church Centre in Caerphilly, to establish greater understanding of how the schemes are organised and administered. The intent would be to assist the development of a registered and recognised scheme, with financial and volunteers' structures in place for PTE. This would ensure a sustainable provision for the community.

**Resolved: Approved**

2. Councillors could receive a presentation from the Trussell Trust, CCBC Regeneration Team, or Citizen's Advice Bureau on the support to food bank provisions in the area, or for access by clients from PTE.

**Resolved: PO/SJS/LW to arrange presentation from the Trussell Trust in the first instance**

3. PTE could develop ongoing support to the food bank held at the Connect Life Church in Caerphilly, initially as a regular monthly financial contribution, as long as it could be demonstrated that PTE residents were receiving support. This should be monitored monthly and should be a set amount. The initial amount might be set at £100 a month. Also, as St Cenydd Road Presbyterian Church had already received a grant, Councillors to work with St Cenydd Road Presbyterian Church if they wished to become registered.

**Resolved: it was unanimously agreed to grant £100 per month to the Connect Life Church (pending proof of use by PTE residents) and to work with St Cenydd Road Presbyterian Road if they wished to become registered**

4. In the medium term, consideration for further food banks in PTE area could be considered once the local need, administrative burden, financial burden and volunteer structures were understood. This may not be possible at this stage of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions, but Councillors could begin to plan.

**Resolved: Approved**

5. All Councillors should be encouraged to lobby for the reduction of poverty across the area and in the UK in general.

	<b>Resolved: Approved</b>	
<b>23.</b>	<b>To ratify decision regarding summer playschemes</b>	
	<p>The Chair reported that, very regrettably, the Playscheme Committee had unanimously agreed that the summer playschemes should be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to ensure the safety of the children and because it would not have been fun for the children with all the restrictions that would have been necessary. The Committee had agreed to meet in August to consider whether some form of activities/trips could be done in the October half-term, if social distancing measures were no longer in place. Clerk to inform residents via Facebook.</p> <p><b>Resolved: To ratify the Committee's decision to cancel the summer playschemes and for the Playscheme Committee to meet in August to consider some form of trip/activity in the October half-term</b></p>	
<b>24.</b>	<b>To discuss correspondence received</b>	
	<p>The Clerk reminded Councillors that all correspondence had previously been emailed, including CCBC updates on COVID-19. The Clerk said that she would continue to send Planning applications via email.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Noted</b></p>	
<b>25.</b>	<b>To discuss requests for grants</b>	
	<p><b><u>Caerphilly Twinning Association</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved: in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of £200 be approved. (Local Government Act 2000, s.2 – Wellbeing)</b></p>	
<b>26.</b>	<b>To approve payments</b>	
	<p>Clerk's salary – June 2020  Clerk's expenses – June 2020  Inland Revenue – June 2020  Members' expenses – June 2020</p>	
<b>27.</b>	<b>To agree items to be discussed at next meeting</b>	
	<p>Food banks and issues relating to the Common.</p> <p>It was also resolved that a Community Christmas Events Committee be arranged for July.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Noted</b></p>	
<b>28.</b>	<b>To agree date of next Council meeting</b>	

	Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020. Meeting to be held virtually unless Government advises otherwise.  <b>Resolved: Noted</b>	
	The meeting was concluded at 8.00 pm	

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