



CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM
The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Present: Councillors: Susan Dickens (SD), G Ead (GE), S ap Hywel (SaH), T ap Hywel (TaH), P Owen Griffiths (Chair), J Scriven (JS), SJ Skivens (SJS), SL Skivens (SLS), L Whittle (LW)

Also present: Tyler Scriven (Youth Ambassador), Helen Treherne (Clerk)

Minute		Action
43.	To receive Chair's welcome and receive and approve apologies for absence	
	The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr W H Allen and Iestyn Jones, Youth Ambassador. Resolved: To accept apologies.	
44.	To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	No declarations of interest received.	
45.	To approve minutes of virtual meeting held on 16th July 2020	
	The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 16 th July 2020 were approved as a true record. Resolved: To approve minutes as a true record	
46.	To discuss matters arising	
	The Clerk informed Councillors that an email had been received from CCBC Highways Department in reply to the request for the speed limit on the B4600 to be reduced. The Officer stated that the B4600 route in the vicinity of Penrhos roundabout was subject to a 40mph speed limit and therefore would not be affected by the new change in speeds limits in 2023. It was agreed that the Chair would respond to this email, as Councillors were concerned about the speed of some vehicles in that vicinity. It was also resolved that JS and the Chair would try to obtain video footage to record the speeding vehicles. (Ref: Minutes 16.07.20, item 34.1) Resolved: 1. Chair to respond to CCBC's email. 2. JS/Chair to try to obtain video footage of speeding vehicles.	

47.	To discuss Police matters	
47.1	A Councillor raised the issue of cars parked on either side of Heol Las every evening, which was getting worse with flat-bed trucks, 4x4 vehicles etc parking on the pavement and banking. There had been some near-misses. The Clerk was asked to email CCBC.	PTE09/20 – Cars parked on pavements in Heol Las
47.2	A Councillor reported that a car was consistently parked on double yellow lines coming out of First Avenue in Trecenydd, which blocked the bus stop. Cars were also parked on the junction coming out of Second Avenue, which was deemed to be dangerous. Clerk to ascertain out who to contact in CCBC.	PTE09/20 – Cars parked on double yellows in Trecenydd
47.3	A Councillor reported that drivers of vehicles were still driving on pavements in First Avenue. It was suggested that more bollards are sited there, due to the dangers posed by drivers mounting pavements at speed. JS to ascertain how many bollards would be needed and to report back to next meeting. Resolved: 1. Clerk to contact CCBC re: cars parked in Heol Las. 2. Clerk to contact CCBC re: cars parked on double yellow lines in Trecenydd. 3. JS to ascertain how many bollards needed in First Avenue.	Clerk Clerk JS
48.	To approve quarterly financial statement	
	Councillors reviewed the quarterly financial statement and agreed that there was no need to amend the budgets. Resolved: To approve the quarterly financial statement and continue in line with current budgets	
49.	To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors/COVID-19 update	
49.1	The Youth Ambassador reported that she had been approached regarding the lack of social distancing between teenagers. TS to speak to Headteacher of St Cenydd Community School.	
49.2	A Councillor reported that many complaints had been received regarding the mobile testing centre at Caerphilly Leisure Centre. There had been waiting times of 4-5 hours and there were no facilities available for those waiting for tests. Some had been told to go to Carmarthen, latecomers were driving past waiting cars, which caused some altercations. There was no prioritising, which left some diabetics without their insulin, people with no food etc. The Leisure centre had been open to usual customers. SJS had written to CCBC's Chief Executive. Clerk to write to Chief Executive and Health Board.	PTE09/20 – Mobile Testing Centre
49.3	A Councillor reported that, before work had started to remove and repair the bridge at St Cenydd roundabout, he had asked CCBC to look into making the bridge DDA-compliant, but it still was not. A Councillor had also asked about Court Road and Pwllypant bridges, as they had been built at the same time as the other, but was informed that they	

<p>49.4</p> <p>49.5</p> <p>49.6</p>	<p>did not need repair/refurbishing. It was agreed that the three County Borough Councillors should contact CCBC to ask if there were any funds available to make the bridges were DDA-compliant.</p> <p>A Councillor reported that there had been two collisions at the crossing outside Cwm Ifor School in the past two weeks. The speed and volume of cars was considerable. It was agreed that the Clerk should collate a list of all highways issues within the wards and ask Highways Officers to attend a meeting/site visit. Contents of list to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Councillors were asked when they wished to hold the AGM and it was agreed that this would be held in October 2020. It was also agreed that the current Chair's term of office be extended until the 2021 AGM in May 2021.</p> <p>A Councillor reported on cars and volume of traffic speeding through Glanffrwd in Penyrheol. Issue to be added to list being compiled by Clerk.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TS to speak to Headteacher regarding social distancing. 2. Clerk to write to CCBC Chief Executive and Health Board re: mobile testing centre. 3. County Borough Councillors to contact CCBC re: making bridges DDA-compliant. 4. Clerk to collate list of highway issues. 5. AGM to be held in October 2020 and Chair's term of office to be extended until May 2021. 	
<p>50.</p>	<p>To discuss food banks</p>	
	<p>The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from St Cenydd Presbyterian Church to inform that the food bank at the church was still ongoing, despite rumours to the contrary. It was agreed that SD would visit the church, as the Community Council had a duty to ensure that public funds were being used in a responsible manner.</p> <p>SJS reported that the Connect Life Church had not provided the information requested yet. Clerk to ask representative of Trussell Trust to attend next virtual meeting.</p> <p>Councillors discussed an email received from the BMMR Parish Trust, asking the Community Council to sign up as a referral partner. It was agreed that this would be up to the Councillors as individuals, as it could mean asking referees about their home life/finances etc. It was agreed that Councillors should visit the website and decide as individuals whether or not they wished to become referrers.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SD to arrange to visit St Cenydd Presbyterian Church. 2. Clerk to invite Trussell Trust representative to next meeting. 3. Councillors to visit BMMR Parish Trust website. 	

51.	To discuss issues arising on common land above Penyrheol	
	SJS reported that there had been no recent activity and would provide an update at the next meeting. Resolved: Noted	
52.	To discuss planning applications	
	The following planning applications were discussed:	
52.1	20/0616/FULL – 11 Coed-yr-Eos, Caerphilly - erect front porch extension	
52.2	20/0637/FULL – 27 The Crescent, Trecenydd, Caerphilly - erect front porch and garage	
52.3	20/0650/FULL – 19 Sword Hill, Caerphilly - erect single-storey rear extension	
	Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be made by the Community Council	
53.	To discuss correspondence received	
	The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:	
53.1	Email from Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council regarding the Executive Meeting in September 2020.	
53.2	Email from One Voice Wales regarding virtual training dates.	
53.3	Email from Aneurin Bevan Health Board regarding opening of new hospital.	
	Resolved: Noted	
54.	To discuss requests for grants	
	Councillors agreed that this item be deferred to next meeting. Resolved: To defer item to next meeting	
55.	To receive report on Playscheme Christmas Committee meeting held on 27th August 2020	
	The Chair of the Committee reported that the Committee had reviewed the situation and it had been agreed to suspend all activities due to the ongoing pandemic. This meant that the budget for the 2020 playscheme remained unspent. It was agreed that the funds would be transferred back to the general budget and the committee would meet in due course to discuss how this money could be earmarked, perhaps with additional activities in 2021, or additional activities during the summer 2021 playscheme.	

	Resolved: Committee to discuss and approve playscheme budget spend at future meeting	
56.	To receive report on Community Christmas Committee meeting held on 27th August 2020	
	<p>The Acting Chair of the Committee reported that the indoor Christmas events had been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and concern for the residents of the ward.</p> <p>The Committee had agreed to pursue a different event, ie Santa touring the streets on his sleigh, as they felt that this would be safer for the community. Committee to meet again and report back to next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: Noted</p>	
57.	To discuss Clerk's pension	
	<p>The Clerk asked Councillors to consider paying an employer's contribution towards her pension and this was agreed. Clerk to look into this and report back to next meeting with figures.</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to investigate pension payments</p>	
58.	To approve payments	
	<p>Clerk's salary – September 2020 Clerk's expenses – September 2020 Inland Revenue – September 2020 Members' expenses – September 2020 ICO - £40</p> <p>Resolved: To approve the above payments</p>	
59.	To agree items to be discussed at next meeting	
	<p>The following items were agreed for next meeting:</p> <p>Christmas events. Grants process. Issues with private flats at top of Penyrheol.</p> <p>Resolved: Noted</p>	
60.	To agree date of next Council meeting	
	<p>Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 15th October 2020, including AGM.</p> <p>Resolved:</p>	
	The meeting was concluded at 8.00 pm	