



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 7.00 PM**

**The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Present:** Councillors: S ap Hywel (SaH), T ap Hywel (TaH), P Owen Griffiths (Chair), SJ Skivens (SJS), SL Skivens (SLS), L Whittle (LW)

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

**Minute   Item discussed  
Number**

**160.      To note members' attendance and to receive and approve apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apology received from Cllrs W H Allen, G Ead, A Pennington and J Scriven and apologies accepted.

**Resolved: To accept apologies for absence**

**161.      To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

The Clerk declared an interest in item 174.1 as she was General Manager of Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club and her husband was Director of Rugby.

**162.      To approve minutes of virtual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Resolved: To approve minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true record**

**163.      To discuss Matters Arising**

**163.1**      Off-road bikes: A Councillor reported that they had been given two addresses for owners of off-road bikes. A Councillor had received further complaints regarding motorbikes riding through a housing estate and the Councillor advised that residents should obtain video evidence, if safe to do so. Councillors should also reinforce the message on social media. (Ref: minutes 18.03.21, item 148).

**Resolved: Noted**

**163.2**      Social media: Clerk to meet with GE to discuss further. (Ref: minutes 18.03.21, item 152).

**Resolved: Noted**

- 163.3** Build up of rubble at Golwg Y Coed: A Councillor reported that a Highways Enforcement Officer had visited the site. (Ref: minutes 18.03.21, item 154.4).
- 163.4** SJS reported that he had engaged with the new Police Engagement Officer and had highlighted issues within the wards. (Ref: minutes 18.03.21, item 155.4).
- 163.5** Defibrillator: The Chair reported that he had visited the area of Castell Maen, would contact the GP's surgery and other companies to discuss further and report to next meeting. (Ref: minutes 18.03.21, item 155.6).

**164. To discuss Police matters**

A Councillor reported that off-road bikes were still a major issue. Clerk to report to Police.

**Resolved: Clerk to further report off-road bike issue to Police**

**165. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors/COVID-19 update**

- 165.1** A Councillor reported that the bus shelter in Heol Aneurin had been covered in mud and grass, as off-road bikers had ridden across the grassed area. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact CCBC to ask whether the car park could be increased, which would stop off-road bikes riding across it and also provide much-needed car parking for residents.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC re: car park request**

- 165.2** A Councillor asked if the grit bin at the top of Glanffrwd, Penyrheol, could be secured, as it was constantly being displaced and residents had to refill the grit bin with the tipped-out grit. Also, a grit bin was needed near Cefn Y Lon/Graigwen/Ty Bach.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC re: grit bins**

- 165.3** A Councillor reported that there was still an issue with the common at the top of Penyrheol, with tankers heading up there 8/9 times per day. This had been reported to Natural Resources Wales.

**Resolved: Noted**

- 165.4** A Councillor asked if the Clerk could secure some fly tipping posters from CCBC.

**Resolved: Clerk to obtain fly tipping posters from CCBC.**

- 165.5** A Councillor commended the productivity of CCBC's cleansing team, who had caught up with work not done due to the pandemic and were maintaining it to a very good standard. The Clerk was asked to contact CCBC to ask them to thank the cleansing team.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to communicate thanks to cleansing team.**

**166. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees**

No committees had been held since previous meeting.

**167. To approve Quarterly Financial Statement**

Councillors reviewed and approved the Quarterly Financial Statement. It was agreed that the budget was on track and no changes to be made.

**Resolved: To approve Quarterly Financial Statement**

**168. To receive Youth Ambassador report**

Youth Ambassador not in attendance.

**Resolved: Noted**

**169. To receive social media update**

Clerk to meet with GE to discuss further and report back to next meeting.

**Resolved: Clerk to meet with GE to discuss further**

**170. To receive update on summer playschemes**

The Chair of the Playscheme Committee reported that COVID-19 conditions were improving. Plans were underway for the playschemes and these would continue unless restrictions were introduced by Welsh Government. The advert had gone out for playworker vacancies and the Playscheme Committee would meet to discuss registration.

**Resolved: Noted**

**171. To receive update on newsletter**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that articles were required by 10<sup>th</sup> May. A Councillor reported that the Civic Awards would be presented in readiness for photos for the newsletter.

**Resolved: Noted**

**172. To discuss planning applications**

The following planning applications were discussed:

- 172.1** 21/0213/NOTA – Ty Isaf Farm, Abertridwr  
- Erect galvanised steel around farm buildings

LW reported that he had written to CCBC to query this application. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to CCBC, objecting to the application due to the fact that this was not a working farm, that it would begin to link two communities and would be building in open countryside.

**Resolved: Clerk to write to CCBC to object to this planning application**

- 172.2** 21/0229/FULL – The Hay Barn, Cwarrau Mawr Farm Lane, Penyrheol, Caerphilly  
- Erect single storey side extension and two storey rear extension
- 172.3** 21/0256/FULL – 10 Cae Marchog, Caerphilly  
- Erect rear and side single storey extensions
- 172.4** 21/0263/FULL – 21 Kidwelly Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly  
- Demolish existing garage and erect single extension with integral garage
- 172.5** 21/0084/FULL – 18 Coed Leddyn, Pwllypant, Caerphilly  
- Convert loft

**Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be made by the Community Council for items 172.2 to 172.5**

**173. To discuss correspondence received**

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- 173.1** Electoral reform newsletter
- 173.2** New Audit arrangements
- 173.3** Renewal of Disclosure Agreement under the Police Act 1997 with CCBC
- 173.4** Temporary Closure Notice for Heol Cwm Ifor

**Resolved: Noted**

**174. To discuss requests for grants**

Councillors considered the following application for a grant:

**174.1 Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club**

The Clerk declared an interest in this item, as she was General Manager of the Club and her husband was Director of Rugby. As the meeting was virtual, the Clerk was unable to leave the room, but she took no part in discussions.

**Resolved: In the interest of benefit to the community, a donation of £400 to be awarded (£200 for general running of the club and £200 towards the setting up of four new teams: two U10s, a men's and a women's team).**

**175. To approve payments**

- 175.1** Clerk's salary – May 2021
- 175.2** Clerk's expenses – May 2021
- 175.3** Clerk's pension – May 2021

- 175.4** Inland Revenue – May 2021  
**175.5** Members' expenses – May 2021

**176. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting**

Councillors agreed that the next meeting would take place face-to-face if Welsh Government guidelines allowed.

**Resolved: Noted**

**177. To agree date of next Council meeting**

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, preceded by the AGM.

**Resolved: To agree date of next meeting as Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 pm, preceded by the AGM at 6.00 pm.**

The meeting was concluded at 8.05 pm