

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th JUNE 2021 7.00 PM **At Penyrheol Community Centre**

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

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

Minute Item discussed Number

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

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs W H Allen, T ap Hywel and A Pennington and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

21. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

The Clerk declared an interest in Item 12 on the agenda, planning application storage facility for Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club, as she was General Manager of the Club.

Resolved: Noted

22. To approve minutes of meeting held on 20th May 2021

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2021.

Resolved: To approve minutes of 20th May 2021 as a true record

23. To discuss Matters Arising

- 23.1 The Clerk reported that she had chased CCBC regarding replacement of the roundabout in Trecenydd Park and had been informed that this would be done within the next few weeks. (Ref: Minutes 20.05.21, Item 6.3)
- 23.2 PG reported that he had spoken with a surgery representative at Castell Maen, who had suggested the defibrillator be placed either at the Travel Lodge or Lidl. PG to follow up. (Ref: minutes 15.04.21, Item 163.5).

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Resolved: Noted

24. **To discuss Police matters**

There was no Police presence at the meeting, as per agreement.

Resolved: Noted

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

SD reported that the lane at the bottom of Heol Graigwen, towards Cefn-v-Lon was very overgrown and the bushes had pushed the fences down and the footpath could no longer be seen. Clerk to report to CCBC.

Resolved: Clerk to report overgrowth of trees to CCBC

25.1 SD reported that she had received complaints regarding parking when there were sporting events held in Aneurin Park. Councillors said it was pleasing to see the park being used, but that the parking issue would need to be looked at.

Resolved: Clerk to look into parking issues

25.2 LW reported that the trees at Y Felin Ffrwd had been taken away, but that the mature trees fence between residents and the road, promised by CCBC, had not materialised as they could not source the trees required. It was agreed that County Borough Councillors should chase CCBC and report to next meeting.

Resolved: County Borough Councillor to chase CCBC and report back to next meeting.

25.3 PO reported that a patch of grass in Drum Tower View that did not get cut and the Clerk was asked to query with CCBC why this was the case.

Resolved: Clerk to guery with CCBC

25.4 SS reported that a resident had passed information regarding an off-road biker causing a nuisance to Police.

Resolved: Noted

25.5 SS reported that there were still issues on the common, especially Eqlwysilan, where Police had been involved.

Resolved: Noted

25.6 SaH reported that there had been anti-social behaviour in Hendredenny and Police had been informed. Councillors added that it was very difficult to get through on the 101 number and one Councillor had waited 40 minutes to get through before having to give up. PG said that he had a meeting with the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner and would raise this issue and report back to the next meeting.

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Resolved: PG to report back to next meeting

25.7 JS reported that there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour at The Grange Flats in Trecenydd lately. Armed Police had been called and there was regular fighting and anti-social behaviour and rubbish piled outside the flats, an area that had previously been well-kept. The Clerk was asked to write to Cadwyn Housing Association, the owners of the properties to ask for a site meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Cadwyn Housing Assocition to ask for a site meeting

26. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

26.1 Playscheme Committee

The Chair of the Committee reported that all vacant playworker posts had now been filled. There had been no increase in COVID-19 restrictions. Risks were being mitigated as much as possible, eg no trips, more outdoor activities, children to be placed in bubbles etc. A meeting with Leaders and Playworkers had been arranged to discuss activities and COVID-19 protocols. It was agreed that arrangements would carry on, unless further restrictions were introduced by the Welsh Government.

Resolved:

- 1. Clerk/Chair of Committee to proceed with arranging the summer playschemes, unless further restrictions were introduced.
- 2. To agree for Clerk to purchase necessary items for the summer plasychemes.

27. To receive Youth Ambassador report

Councillors discussed students at St Cenydd Community School having to eat their lunch outside the building. The Chair had forwarded a draft letter to the Headteacher for Councillor approval. If no further comments received, Chair to send letter by end of the week. The Youth Ambassador offered to follow up on the letter if required.

Resolved: Chair to send letter to Headteacher of St Cenydd Community School by the end of the week

28. To receive social media update

The Chair reported that he would be setting up the new Community Council Facebook page and asked for recent photos of Councillors to upload.

Resolved: Noted

29. To receive update on summer playschemes

The Clerk reported that registration days had been agreed as 5th and 7th July. The Playscheme Committee had met and arrangements were now continuing unless further restrictions were introduced by Welsh Government.

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Resolved: Noted

To receive update on newsletter 30.

The Clerk reported that the newsletter would be delivered to residents within the next two weeks, alongside the Chair's leaflet.

Resolved: Noted

31. To discuss planning applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

- 31.1 21/0310/FULL - 16 Clos Cwm Garw, Caerphilly CF83 2BG convert garage into living space and alterations to parking area
- 21/0479/FULL 23 Y Felin Ffrwd, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2RB 31.2 erect single storey front extension
- 31.3 21/0493/FULL - 8 Cae Du Mawr, Caerphilly CF83 2NT erect single storey side extension, single storey front extension and alterations to front parking area
- 31.4 21/0502/LA – Ty Ni, Caledfryn Way, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2BW erect single storey occupancy studio apartment to assist with supervised care of children/young adults in existing grounds of Ty Ni Care Home
- 31.5 21/0538/FULL – 2 Coed-y-Wennol, Caerphilly Cf83 2QL Erect first floor side extension
- 21/0551NOTA Gwaun Gledyr Uchaf, Old Nantgarw Road, Caerphilly 31.6 Erect agricultural building
- 31.7 21/0382/FULL – Aneurin Park, Penyrheol, Caerphilly Install 20ft shipping container adjacent to existing changing rooms for storage of training and playing equipment. The Clerk declared an interest in this item, as she was General Manager of the Club. Councillors agreed that storage was needed by the club and that any storage container needed to be secure. However, Councillors asked that a more aesthetically-pleasing container be sourced.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Planning Department to convey Councillors' concerns

31.8 Prior to planning application: letter from WHP Telecoms to install 10.8m Phase 8 monopole c/w wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. County Borough Councillors had already strongly objected to the plans due to the monopole being very large and unsightly.

Resolved: Noted

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be made by the Community Council for items 31.1 to 31.6

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32. To discuss correspondence received

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- **32.1** Agenda of Town and Community Council Liaisons Committee
- **32.2** Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council Patients' Voice News Bulletin
- **32.3** Email from CCBC re: community cleansing week beginning 26th July 2021

33. To discuss frequency of committee meetings

Councillors agreed that the Finance Committee should meet more regularly, in order to discuss CIL monies etc. It was also agreed that a separate project working group would be set to discuss the CIL funding and County Borough Councillor Margaret Sargent would like to be a member of the group. The group's remit would be to discuss ideas and consult with residents and other public bodies. A Finance Committee meeting to be arranged to discuss the CIL budget. Members of the Working Group would be as follows: LW, SD, JS, GE, SapH, SJS and Cllr Margaret Sargent. Clerk to arrange meeting during the summer, for group to discuss initial ideas. The Clerk reported that a CCBC Officer would be attending the September meeting to inform Councillors of the CIL process.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve remit of CIL Working Group.
- 2. Clerk to arrange Finance Committee meeting.
- 3. Clerk to arrange CIL Working Group meeting.

34. To discuss CIL funding

This item was discussed under Item 33.

35. To discuss requests for grants

35.1 SD reported that defibrillator pads were no longer free of charge due to the pandemic. Councillors agreed to pay for replacement pads for Trecenydd and Penyrheol community centres and Hendre Junior School.

Resolved: Community Council to pay for replacement defibrillator pads.

35.2 SJS reported that The Training Office was offering to supply defibrillators at cost price, or on a lease basis. Clerk to upload advert to website.

Resolved: Clerk to upload advert to website

36. To approve payments

- **36.1** Clerk's salary July 2021
- 36.2 Clerk's expenses July 2021
- **36.3** Clerk's pension July 2021
- **36.4** Inland Revenue July 2021

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- Members' expenses July 2021 36.5
- Summer playscheme expenditure 36.7

To agree items to be discussed at next meeting 37.

No additional items to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

38. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 15th July 2021

The meeting was concluded at 8.05 pm