



*CYNGOR CYMUNED  
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL*

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

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

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

**Minute   Item discussed  
Number**

Before the meeting began, the Chair welcomed three residents of Cwm Ifor to the meeting. The residents were concerned about the installation of a solar farm in the area of their homes. The Chair informed Councillors and residents that a feasibility study was being conducted by CCBC and public consultations would also be carried out by the company involved. The Chair explained that the Community Council's role would be limited, in that the final decision would be made by Welsh Government. However, Councillors could forward the views of residents.

LW informed Councillors and residents that, although an alternative power source should be welcomed, Councillors would do their utmost to ensure that the solar farm did not impact on the view of residents in the area of Penyrheol or Abertridwr. LW produced a map that County Borough Councillors had been given and said that he had questioned the price of the feasibility study, but this was a decision that had been taken by the Cabinet. LW explained that County Borough Councillors had been assured that there would be no solar panels placed in the red zone, as that area could be seen from everywhere. The area of contention would be the yellow zone (two or three fields). SJS reported that, as a County Borough Councillor, he had been informed that panels were now much smaller and had a higher output than in the past.

A resident asked about a possible storage facility and Councillors agreed to ask this question. LW added that the Community Council would not support anything that would detract from residents' views and would ask for it in writing that nothing would be built on the red zone, but ideally not on the yellow zones either. There were not many views left in the valley and the view belonged to all. Councillors had asked the solar farm company to provide an exhibition to explain everything to residents, including a step-by-step guide from start to finish. SJS added that consultations would also need to be made with bodies such as CADW, to gauge the environmental impact etc. A lot of work would need to be carried out by the company before getting to the formal planning application stage.

A resident said that he and other residents were apprehensive and concerned and had found out about the project via the media. Must be public consultation and transparency.

Resident: apprehension and concern. They had many questions, eg does it make a noise, would there be a glare, are there health concerns, would it affect house prices etc? This could be spread over many, many acres as it would be the biggest in Wales.

A resident asked what would happen to the solar farm after its 25-year life span. Would it be sold off, or return to farmland? There did not appear to be any other viable options and the location appeared to be set in stone.

The Chair informed the residents that the Community Council would be meeting with the solar farm company to seek answers to all these questions and would be publicising the information via its social media sites. Councillors would stress that public consultation was crucial in order to allay any fears residents may have. SJS added that the company had been criticised for its premature communication, as this had caused alarm.

The Chair thanked the residents for attending and the residents left the meeting.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs W H Allen, S ap Hywel, T ap Hywel and A Pennington and apologies accepted.

**Resolved: To accept apologies for absence**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**Resolved: Noted**

**41. To approve minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Resolved: To approve minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 as a true record**

**42. To discuss Matters Arising**

PG reported that he had had a meeting with the Police Area Commander regarding off road biking and had been assured that this was still high on the agenda for the Police. He had also reported a big issue with the 101 number and was informed that residents could also use Facebook and other social media outlets to report incidents. (Ref: Minutes 17.06.21, Item 25.6).

The Clerk had arranged a meeting with Cadwyn Housing Association for the following day. Councillors to report back to next meeting. (Ref: Minutes 17.06.21, Item 25.7)

**Resolved: Noted**

**43. To discuss Police matters**

No Police in attendance.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

SJS reported that off-road biking in Pentwyn Isaf, Gellideg, Heol Las, on mountain etc was worsening.

SD reported that the hedges and trees on the corner of Gellideg, Penyrheol, towards Pwllypant were overgrown. Clerk to report to CCBC.

SD reported that the trees just past the Dip garage on St Cenydd Road were overgrown and overhanging the pavement. Clerk to report to CCBC.

SD reported that the trees on Hendredenny Drive were overgrown and it was not possible to see cars coming down the hill. Clerk to report to CCBC.

SD reported that bins were being emptied by CCBC staff, but were being left by the side to be collected and these bins were being ripped apart and rubbish scattered. Clerk to report to CCBC.

PG reported that residents at Castell Maen were doing a brilliant job with litter picking on the estate, but this meant that the bins adjacent to the football field were getting piled up. Residents had asked for fencing around the bin, to improve it aesthetically. Litter picking was encouraged by Councillors, but could prove to be an eyesore for residents who lived by the bin. Clerk to ask CCBC for a solution.

JS reported that the grass in Hendredenny on the banking at the turning off Hendredenny Drive was overgrown. Clerk to report to CCBC.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC regarding the above issues**

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

**45.1 Top Shop Committee – 01.07.21**

The Chair of the Committee reported that SD and SJS had drafted a letter to the owners of the problem properties with regards to what improvements the Community Council would like to see. Unacceptable 101 call waiting times had been discussed and Police reps advised trying to report issues via the Facebook page. Details of one property of concern were given to the Police. Safety wardens had been asked to patrol the area. It was important that residents contacted the Police to file a complaint, so that all the issues were logged. An arrest for drug selling was made. There were now six shipping containers at the site and details of these would need to be confirmed. Boundary lines needed to be determined. SJS said there may be a need for Community Council to donate some funds towards the area and this could be discussed at a future meeting if required. The Police were on board with the project.

**Resolved: Noted**

**45.2 Playscheme Committee – 29.06.21**

The Chair of the Committee reported that the playschemes were now on track and thanked the Clerk for the hard work she had put in to making the playschemes possible during the pandemic. The Clerk also thanked the Chair for his support with the risk assessments and other issues. There would be no trips this year, but it was hoped that activities could be brought in to the playschemes.

**Resolved: Noted**

**45.3 Finance Committee – 15.07.21**

The Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the committee had updated the Financial Regulations. There was approximately £46K surplus in the budget and Councillors had discussed some ideas, but there would be a public consultation on how to spend this surplus via social media. The CIL Fund Working Group would meet after the September Full Council meeting, at which CCBC's CIL Officer would advise what the CIL monies could be spent on. It had been agreed to create a calendar of Finance Committee meetings and important finance dates. The quarterly financial statement was also recommended for approval at the Full Community Council meeting.

**Resolved: To approve the quarterly financial statement**

**46. To receive Youth Ambassador report**

The Youth Ambassador reported that a house in Trecenydd Park had overgrown trees which made it difficult for residents to pass. Chair to write to the resident involved. Trecenydd Park had a climbing frame, but it was too large for smaller children. Youth Ambassador to research a suitable climbing frame and forward to Clerk. Councillors congratulated the Youth Ambassador on being elected Deputy Head Girl at St Cenydd Community School.

**Resolved:**

- 1. Chair to write to resident regarding overgrown shrubs/trees.**
- 2. Youth Ambassador to research suitable climbing frame and forward to Clerk.**

**47. To discuss PTECC Facebook page**

The Chair reported that the new Facebook page had received 140 likes already and had reached 444 people. It was agreed that the main action points from each Community Council meeting would be uploaded to the page.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

This item was discussed under Item 45.2.

**Resolved: Noted**

**49. To discuss COVID-19 impact on schoolchildren**

The Chair had raised this issue with Community Councillor PG, the new Member of the Senedd and had also followed up on the reply from St Cenydd Community School's Headteacher.

**Resolved: Noted**

**50. To discuss future litter-picks**

Councillors agreed that a further litter pick was required and a date would be arranged as soon as possible.

**Resolved: Chair to arrange litter pick**

**51. To discuss planning applications**

The following planning applications were discussed:

**51.1 21/0567/FULL – 5 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AR**

- Erect first floor side extension over existing attached garage

**51.2 21/0587/FULL – 4 Henfron, Caerphilly CF83 2NU**

- Erect first floor extension, single storey rear extension and external alterations

**51.3 21/0611/FULL – 41 Sword Hill, Caerphilly Cf83 2AG**

- Erect conservatory to rear of property

**51.4 21/0614/NOTT – Land at Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2PD**

- Erect 18.0m Phase 8 Telecommunications Monopole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancilliary works

**51.5 21/0638/FULL – 43 Brynglas, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2PJ**

- Erect two storey rear extension

**51.6 21/0647/FULL – 31 Ffordd y Maes, Caerphilly Cf83 2DA**

- Erect single storey pitched roof side extension

**51.7 21/0654/FULL – Land within curtilage of 1 Cae Pen y Graig, Caerphilly CF83 2AD**

- Erect new dwelling and associated external works

Councillors asked the Clerk to object to this planning application and ask for it to be considered at a full planning meeting, as there was already one mast in the location.

**51.8 21/0704/FULL – 6 Clark Quarry Road, Caerphilly CF83 2NE**

- Erect two storey side extension and alterations to car parking area

**Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be made by the Community Council for items 51.1 to 51.6 and 51.8, but an objection to be made to 51.7**

**52. To discuss correspondence received**

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

**52.1 Email from RCT County Borough Council re: Revised Local Development Plan**

**52.2 Email from CCBC re: resurfacing update**

**52.3 Letter from One Voice Wales re: Operation London Bridge**

**52.4 Email from CCBC re: Law Commission's Consultation on Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales**

**52.5 Email from CCBC re: Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations**

**Resolved: Noted**

**53. To discuss CIL funding**

Councillors to discuss CIL funding at the next meeting.

**54. To discuss requests for grants**

FC Trecenydd

**Resolved: In the interest of benefit to the community, a donation of £400 to be awarded towards essential equipment**

**55. To approve payments**

- 55.1** Clerk's salary – August and September 2021
- 55.2** Clerk's expenses – August and September 2021
- 55.3** Clerk's pension – August and September 2021
- 55.4** Inland Revenue – August and September 2021
- 55.5** Members' expenses – August and September 2021
- SLCC registration for Clerk – £185

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

No additional items agreed for next meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021, following the summer recess

The meeting was concluded at 8.05 pm