

# MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 7.00 PM AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Councillors: S Dickens (SD), G Ead (Chair), P Owen Griffiths (PG), T ap Hywel (TaH), Sue ap Hywel (SaH), SJ Skivens (SJS), SL Skivens, L Whittle (LW)

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

#### <u>Minute</u> <u>Item discussed</u> <u>Number</u>

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

Apologies received from ClIrs W H Allen, A Pennington and J Scriven and apologies accepted.

# Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

### 59. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Resolved: Noted**

### 60. To approve minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **Resolved:** To approve previous minutes as a true record

### 61. To discuss Matters Arising

- **61.1** LW asked if anyone had received leaflets regarding the solar farm, as some residents had received them, but no Councillors had received a leaflet. LW to chase officers. (Ref: Minutes 15.07.21).
- **61.2** SD reported that the trimming of trees at Gellidgeg, St Cenydd Road and Hendredenny had not yet been done. Clerk to chase CCBC. (Ref: Minutes 15.07.21, Item 44).

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- **61.3** Bins in Castell Maen: PG reported that he would hopefully be meeting a CCBC Officer on site to discuss. (Ref: Minutes 15.07.21, Item 44.6).
- **61.4** St Cenydd Community School mealtimes: the Chair reported that he would report back to Councillors at the next meeting after seeing how things progressed and settled after the start of the new academic year. (Ref: Minutes 15.07.21, Item 49).

# **Resolved: Noted**

# 62. To discuss Police matters

No Police in attendance.

# **Resolved: Noted**

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

**63.1** LW reported that he had again met with Redrow representatives. Drainage had been connected and Redrow had advised that they would be building and filling the drain by 27th September. LW to report to next meeting with progress.

# **Resolved: LW to report to next meeting with update**

- **63.2** SJS reported that CCBC officers had halted the depositing of rubble at the bottom of Hendredenny.
- **63.3** SJS reported that CCBC were now involved with a case regarding the siting of a residential caravan in Penyrheol.
- **63.4** PG reported that he was due to meet with residents regarding parking on St Cenydd Road.
- **63.5** PG reported that, as a Senedd Member, he would be holding surgeries within the wards, starting with Trecenydd the following day and Councillors were welcome to attend.
- **63.6** PG reported that a bin had been burnt out by the play area in Castell Maen.
- **63.7** SD reported that the bin outside the Londis shop was used constantly and CCBC had to be contacted to empty the bin as it was always overflowing. Another bin was required. The bin outside Energlyn Stores was also constantly overflowing. Clerk to contact CCBC to request additional bins for both sites.

# **Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to request additional bins**

**63.8** SD reported that a dog fouling bin was required in the vicinity of Penyrheol Community Centre. Clerk to contact CCBC to request.

# **Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to request dog fouling bin**

**63.9** SD reported that there was a bin outside the new New Cwm Ifor housing site and contractors were due to erect a low link fence, which would be taken in and

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around the bin. It was requested that the bin be relocated. Chair and SD to liaise to prepare email to CCBC.

# Resolved: Chair and SD to liaise to prepare email to CCBC

**63.10** SD reported that the trees outside Cwm Ifor School, on grass verge, were overgrown. Clerk to contact CCBC to report.

### **Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to report overgrown trees**

- **63.11** TaH reported that he had contacted CCBC regarding overgrown bushes in Hendredenny and they had been cut back.
- **63.12** TaH reported that the grass on St Cenydd roundabout was overgrown and it was resolved that the Clerk would contact CCBC to ask if meadow flowers could be planted on the roundabout.

# Resolved: Clerk to request meadow flowers for St Cenydd roundabout

# 64. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

### 64.1 <u>Events Committee – 09.09.21</u>

The Chair of the Committee reported that the Christmas event had been discussed and it had been agreed that the Clerk would contact Roly Poly Entertainments and other Santa providers. PG reported that Caerphilly Town Council had a sleigh. It had also been agreed that the safety checklist prepared by SJS would be followed when organising the event. An afternoon tea had also been discussed for the elderly at Penyrheol Community Centre. LW asked about residents in other wards and was informed that all residents would be welcome to attend and that other similar events could be arranged after the pilot event. The Chair added that a Christmas event at Penyrheol Community Centre had been discussed, as the Community Centre had purchased an outdoor living Christmas tree and an event to which all residents living within all wards would be invited was discussed. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Roly Poly Entertainments and Cardiff Town Council to discuss the Christmas Santa event.

#### **Resolved:**

### **1.** SD to investigate afternoon tea further and report to next meeting.

2. Clerk to contact Roly Poly Entertainments and Caerphilly Town Council regarding the Santa event.

### 65. To discuss surplus funds

Councillors discussed surplus funds ideas, eg additional bins, mountain bike dirt track etc. It was agreed that a public survey would be carried out, with certain parameters included. SJS and Chair to discuss the survey.

### SJS and Chair to discuss public survey

### 66. To receive Youth Ambassador report

The Youth Ambassador was not in attendance for this meeting.

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# 67. To discuss Communications, Website and Social Media

The production of the Newsletter was discussed and it was resolved that an annual Chair's report would be produced towards the end of the Chair's term of office.

# **Resolved: Annual Chair's report to be produced**

#### 68. To receive update on summer playschemes

The Clerk reported that the summer playschemes had gone very well and Councillors were provided with reports from both playschemes. The Chair of the Playscheme Committee added that the Clerk had worked very hard on the playschemes in order to ensure that they were COVID-safe and the Clerk was thanked for her hard work. It was suggested that the playworkers receive some kind of community award, to be awarded at some sort of event, as they had also worked extremely hard, in difficult circumstances. To be discussed at future meeting.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

### 69. To discuss future litter-picks

PG reported that a litter pick at Castell Maen was taking place once a month. The Chair agreed to arrange another litter-pick within the community.

### **Resolved: Chair to arrange litter pick**

### **70.** To discuss planning applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

# 70.1 21/0714/FULL – 9 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AR

- Erect three storey side extension and detached garage with art studio above

- 70.2 21/0753/FULL 52 Denbigh Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UN
   Erect two storey side extension
- 70.3 21/0780/OUT Ty Nant House, Ty Nant, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2RA
   Erect single storey annex to main house, providing three bedroom accommodation and seek approval of access and scale
- 70.4 21/0787/FULL 56 The Crescent, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2SW
  Erect first floor extension and front porch

# 70.5 21/0846/FULL - 2 Drawbridge Close, Caerphilly CF83 2XP - Erect single storey rear extension

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# Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be made by the Community Council for items 70.1 to 70.5.

# 71. To discuss renewal of photocopier lease

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's five-year lease had come to an end and provided Councillors with a written proposal. The company providing the photocopier had offered a cheaper deal (cheaper lease and cheaper cost per copy). Councillors agreed that this was a very reasonable deal and asked the Clerk to arrange the new five-year contract.

# **Resolved: Clerk to arrange new five-year photocopier lease**

# 72. To discuss planting of trees at Y Felin Ffrwd

LW reported that he had been in regular contact with CCBC on this issue and had been advised that they were planning to plant more trees after the initial trees had died. It was suggested that Councillors could speak to residents to ask if they would like to help plant the new trees. It was also suggested that the Community Council could purchase additional trees out of the surplus fund, to be maintained by CCBC.

Resolved: Chair and LW to liaise to discuss way forward

### 73. To discuss correspondence received

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- 73.1 Email from One Voice Wales regarding Platinum Jubilee Beacons.
- 73.2 Email from Home-Start Cymru regarding Why Do I Campaign.
- 73.3 Email from CCBC regarding Caerphilly Basin Engagement Session

### **Resolved: Noted**

### 74. To discuss CIL funding and arrange Working Group meeting

The Clerk reported that the CCBC CIL Officer was unable to meet face-to-face yet, but had agreed to meet virtually. It was resolved that the Clerk would arrange a virtual meeting.

### Resolved: Clerk to arrange virtual meeting with CCBC CIL Officer

### 75. To discuss requests for grants

### <u>Over 50's Club</u>

# Resolved: In the interest of benefit to the community, a donation of £200 to be awarded

# 76. To approve payments

- 76.1 Clerk's salary October 2021
- 76.2 Clerk's expenses October 2021
- **76.3** Clerk's pension October 2021
- **76.4** Inland Revenue October 2021
- **76.5** Members' expenses October 2021

# 77. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

Planning application at Aneurin Sports Bar

### **Resolved: Noted**

# 78. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.45 pm