



**CYNGOR CYMUNED  
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021 7.00 PM  
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors: W H Allen (BA), G Ead (Chair), S ap Hywel (SaH), T ap Hywel (TaH), J Scriven (JS), SJ Skivens (SJS), L Whittle (LW)

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

**Minute    Item discussed  
Number**

**79.        To note members' attendance, to receive and approve apologies for absence and to discuss Cllr Pennington's absence due to ill health**

Apologies received from Cllrs S Dickens, P Owen Griffiths and S L Skivens and apologies accepted. Cllr Pennington was unable to attend meetings due to serious ill health. Councillors discussed Cllr Pennington's absence and resolved to grant him a leave of absence for the rest of the financial year.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To approve apologies for absence.**
- 2. To grant Cllr S Pennington a leave of absence until the end of the financial year due to serious ill health.**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**Resolved: Noted**

**81.        To approve minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The Clerk was informed that litter picks were not discussed. (Ref: minutes 16.09.21, Item 69).

**Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record further to above amendment.**

**82.        To discuss Matters Arising**

Trees at y Felin Ffrwd: SJS reported that the trees would be planted by CCBC before Christmas. (Reference: minutes 16.09.21, Item 61.2).

Bins/dog bins: the Chair now had the relevant CCBC officer's name and would contact him asap to discuss additional bins/dog bins in the area. (Ref: minutes 16.09.21, Item 63.7).

**Resolved: Chair to liaise with CCBC officer regarding additional bins/dog bins.**

**83. To discuss Police matters**

Police were not in attendance. Clerk to contact Police to discuss attendance. Again, Councillors reported that 101 was not fit for purpose and asked the Clerk to forward this concern on to the Police.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact Police regarding attendance at meetings**

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

BA reported that a resident in Trecenydd was in need of a ramp outside his house for disability access. Councillors discussed this and said that this should be supplied by CCBC. However, CCBC would not supply a ramp without Social Services/Occupational Therapist recommendation. LW to discuss with CCBC.

**Resolved: LW to contact CCBC to discuss ramp request**

JS reported that it had been agreed in the WHQS programme that a path would be made from the car park in Trecenydd, as residents now had to walk across the grass. Clerk to contact WHQS Officer.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact WHQS Officer to request path**

LW reported that four sites were being considered for the storing/delivery of solar panels and access would be through Penyrheol ward. The solar panels would be delivered on articulated lorries and transferred onto vans for delivery to the site. The four sites under consideration were: the old barracks, Mr Welsh Egg site, Trecenydd Industrial Estate and Pwllypant (Trehir area). Councillors felt that the first three options would cause traffic chaos, but access to the Trehir site would be via the bypass and would be the least disruptive. The site would be required for approximately four months. Clerk to contact CCBC.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC re: preferred storage/delivery site for solar panels**

SJS reported that Community Councillors had attended a meeting of the Castell Maen Residents' Group and had asked the Community Warden to liaise with the group. There was currently challenging behaviour by youngsters in the area, some not from the area. The underpass light had now been repaired. Police were aware of the issues. SJS suggested that Councillors support the group and keep in contact.

## **Resolved: Community Councillors to keep in contact with the Residents' Group**

SJS reported that, legally, fireworks could only be used on certain nights of the year. Fireworks could be extremely loud (up to 120 decibels) and they affected the elderly, vulnerable, people with PTSD and anxiety disorders and domestic and farm animals in a negative way. The use of fireworks was also being used now for longer periods and at different times of the year. Asda was selling silent fireworks and Sainsbury's had decided not to sell fireworks at all. Councillors do not wish to spoil people's fun, especially during these uncertain times, but wished to seek legislation change on fireworks, in order to challenge the widespread misuse that could not be controlled. Councillors resolved that SJS would draft a Community Council statement. LW added that he had attended a meeting regarding fireworks with the Police and Councillors had been invited to go out with the Police and Fire Brigade on bonfire night.

## **Resolved: SJS to prepare statement**

TapH asked for an update on the request for meadow flowers on the St Cenydd roundabout and it was resolved that the Community Council could pay for these, if necessary.

## **Clerk to contact CCBC regarding meadow flowers for roundabout**

### **85. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees**

#### **85.1 CIL Working Group meetings on 11.10.21 and 18.20.21**

The Chair reported that Councillors had received a presentation by the CCBC CIL Officer. The funding had to be spent within five years, or it could be reclaimed. The Working Group discussed the following ideas and this would go out for public consultation to ask for additional, realistic ideas:

Purchase of two bus shelters in Hendredenny.

Contingency fund for non-adopted works on the new development, eg dog bins, grit bins, drain cleaning etc. Councillors agreed, however, that this idea would not be feasible, as the development may not be finished within the five years.

Environmental project to tie a few areas together, eg Angel Lane, behind 49 Club, Hendredenny etc. This could include an environmental walkway, populated with trees, flowers and eco furniture.

Tarmaced pump track (approx £30K), or BMX dirt track (approx. £35-60K). BMX track would need a larger area, on a well-drained, hilly site. Councillors had identified a piece of land and had requested a site meeting with CCBC officers. The BMX track would require maintenance.

Pedestrian footbridge from St Cenydd to Hendre Infants School. A footbridge had been planned a few years' ago, but Welsh Government had withdrawn the money at the last minute. This would be too expensive to fund from CIL monies, but Councillors agreed to prepare a proposal to go to CCBC's Regeneration Board. LW added that he had already written to CCBC Highways to ask for costings.

Highways improvement at the Bowls roundabout and right-hand turn to Penyrheol.

Floodlighting at Aneurin Park and bollard lighting on pathway. Would need to consult with residents and do a feasibility study. Possible funding from FAW.

Councillors were asked to rule out any ideas that were not feasible, so that time was not wasted on obtaining further information if not viable.

It was resolved that Councillors would think of additional ideas and report back to the next meeting.

**Resolved: Councillors to think of additional ideas and report back to next meeting.**

## **85.2** Events Committee on 21.10.21

The Chair reported that Roly Poly Entertainments had been booked for the Santa tour, along with the former Machen Rotary Club sleigh. SJS had liaised with the owner of the sleigh to discuss safety aspects. The sleigh had been refurbished. The cost of the sleigh would be going to local good causes and perhaps Chair's charity. Councillors discussed a Community Council banner for the back of the sleigh. The event would need to be stewarded. SJS and Clerk to plan the routes. The Christmas Memory Tree event had been agreed as Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. An event would take place on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December for residents to decorate the tree decorations, which would be sold for £1 each and all proceeds would go towards Chair's charities. The Chair's charities had been agreed as Caerphilly Mind and Ty Hafan. The event would be advertised on the Community Council's Facebook page and website. Clerk to produce poster. The OAP afternoon tea had been postponed until after Christmas and would take place in Penyrheol and Trecenydd.

**Resolved: Noted**

## **86. To discuss surplus funds**

LW asked if some of the surplus funds could be given to Cwm Ifor Primary School for a project to support pupils with adverse childhood experiences and trauma intervention. The Clerk advised that the Community Council could not give grants to schools for activities taking place during the school day. Clerk/LW to explore further and report back to next meeting.

**Resolved: LW/Clerk to explore further**

## **87. To receive Youth Ambassador report**

The Youth Ambassador asked for an update on the overgrown trees on the pathway in Trecenydd. LW had written to CCBC, who were finding out who owned the land. Chair to chase. The Youth Ambassador also reported an overgrown bush at St Cenydd School, with schoolchildren having to duck underneath it. Clerk to report to CCBC. The Youth Ambassador also asked if a new, larger bin with a lid could be situated in Trecenydd park. Also, Trecenydd

park was in need of a climbing frame for smaller children. Clerk to contact CCBC to ask for costings.

**Resolved:**

- 1. Chair to chase CCBC regarding overgrown trees in Trecenydd.**
- 2. Clerk to report overgrown bush at St Cenydd Community School.**
- 3. Clerk to ask for new bin for Trecenydd park.**
- 4. Clerk to contact CCBC re: climbing frame.**

**88. To discuss Communications, Website and Social Media**

Councillors did not have anything to discuss regarding this item.

**Resolved: Noted**

**89. To approve Quarterly Financial Statement and Accounts**

Councillors approved the Quarterly Financial Statement and updated accounts and it was resolved that the budget did not need updating.

**Resolved: To approve Quarterly Financial Statement and updated accounts and to retain same budget headings and values**

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

The Chair reported that he would organise a litter pick and contact Councillors with the details.

**Resolved: Chair to arrange litter pick**

**91. To discuss Civic Awards**

Councillors were asked to nominate possible Civic Award recipients for the next meeting.

**Resolved: Councillors to think of nominations for the Civic Awards**

**92. To discuss planning applications**

The following planning applications were discussed:

- 92.1 21/0907/FULL – 1 Llwyd-Y-Berth, Caerphilly CF83 8QF**  
**- Erect ground floor disabled accommodation, first floor extension and general reconfiguration of rooms**
- 92.2 21/0954/FULL – 17 Sword Hill, Caerphilly Cf83 2AG**  
**- Convert garage to provide additional living space and additional off-road space**
- 92.3 21/0956/FULL – 6 Clark Quarry Road, Caerphilly CF83 2NE**  
**- Erect single storey side extension, external alterations and create additional off road parking space**

**92.4 21/0965/FULL – Llwyn Cae Bungalow, Gypsy Lane, Groeswen CF15 7UP  
- Demolish existing dwelling and erect new dwelling with associated garage**

Councillors asked the Clerk to request that this application be referred back to Planning Committee due to complaints from residents

**92.5 21/0980/FULL - 19 Sunningdale, Caerphilly CF83 1BB  
- Erect single storey rear extension**

**Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be made by the Community Council for items 92.1 to 92.3 and 92.5. Clerk to request that 92.4 be referred back to Planning Committee due to residents' complaints**

**79. To discuss correspondence received**

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

**93.1 Email from CCBC re: Consultation on Revised Statement of Licensing Policy Gambling Act 2005**

**93.2 Email from CCBC re: Wellbeing Assessment Engagement**

**93.3 Letter from Welsh Government re: Barriers to active participation in local democracy**

**94. To discuss requests for grants**

There were no requests for grants.

**95. To approve payments**

**95.1** Clerk's salary – November 2021

**95.2** Clerk's expenses – November 2021

**95.3** Clerk's pension – November 2021

**95.4** Inland Revenue – November 2021

**95.5** Members' expenses – November 2021

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

CIL public consultation and update on issues on the Common.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.45 pm