

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16th JUNE 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Councillors: S Dickens (SD), G Ead (Chair), J Scriven (Chair), SJ Skivens (SJS), SL Skivens (SLS), L Whittle (LW)

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

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

Eight members of the public were in attendance. A spokesperson for the residents showed Councillors a video of a speeding car with a loud, backfiring exhaust which was causing a noise nuisance to residents in Caledfryn and he said that residents were at their wits' end. The PC in attendance said that they could deal with speeding, but in terms of equipment, they were not trained to check exhausts, but that Traffic police had been informed. The person concerned had already received a Section 59. Police could not seize a car from video evidence. The spokesperson added that he had written to various organisations, including CCBC and the Police Commissioner, but had received no reply. He was advised to ask for a reference number when contacting CCBC and that CCBC's Environmental Health Department had equipment to monitor the noise levels. Councillors could then follow up the issue with a reference number. Residents were also advised to report every incident to the Police, either via 101, Facebook, email etc, as it was important that every incident be recorded. Residents added that the noise levels were not acceptable and that they had had enough. Residents agreed to log and report every incident and County Borough Councillors agreed to then chase up complaints made to CCBC. It was also agreed that the spokesperson would forward the letter sent to the Police Commissioner to the Clerk.

Resolved:

- 1. Residents to log and record every incident and report to the Police.
- 2. Spokesperson to forward letter sent to Police Commissioner to Clerk.
- 3. County Borough Councillors to chase up complaints made to CCBC once reference numbers were obtained.

Councillors held a two-minute silence for Cllr Bill Allen, who had recently sadly passed away. A Councillor said that Cllr Allen had been a Councillor for many years, had immense stature within the community and had been highly regarded. He would be sorely missed by his family, friends and community. A Councillor added that he was the epitome of a good person living within the wards, who had carried on working for the community to the end. A memorial day would be held on Sunday, 10th July to unveil a plaque at Penyrheol Community Centre, where Cllr Allen had been Chair of the Committee member for many years.

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

Apologies received from ClIrs Rachel Barry, Emma Llewellyn and Jayne Davies-Ellis and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept above apologies for absence

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Signature of Chair: _____

Date: _____

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in item 57 as he was a member of the Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

47. To approve minutes of meeting held on 26th May 2022

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2022.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

48. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

49. To discuss Police matters

The PC and CSO reported that no community tension had been reported since the sentencing in the dog attack case. A Councillor said that it was important for the CCTV at the Top Shops to be retained, as it had provided vital evidence in the case. The PC added that it had been key to prosecution showing the behaviour of the dog. Criminal damage had been reported at Pleasant Place, Penyrheol and the Police had urged CCBC to keep the lighting on in old aged pensioners' complexes. Racial incidents at the Top Shops had also been reported and video evidence used. Councillors informed the Police that there had been a story on Facebook about an early-hours knife attack in Penyrheol Park. A Councillor also reported break-ins on St Cenydd Road. The Police added that there was an ongoing drugs issue in Trecenydd, which they were in the process of dealing with.

Resolved: Noted

50. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

SD reported that the lane behind Heol Fawr in Penyrheol leading to Bowls Lane was now unpassable, was full of rubbish and was attracting rats. The overgrown trees were also pushing residents' fences down. JS agreed to a site visit with SD.

Resolved: JS to meet on site with SD to discuss way forward

51. To receive reports on meeting/events attended by Councillors

SD reported that she had attended both playscheme registrations, playscheme trip meeting and the Jubilee celebrations at Hendre Junior School. SJS reported that he had attended both playscheme registrations. SLS reported that she had attended both playscheme registrations. JS reported that he had attended the Jubilee celebrations at Hendre Junior School.

Resolved: Noted

52. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees: **Playscheme Committee held on 13.06.22:** The Chair of the Committee reported that the Committee had met with playworkers to discuss ideas for trips and equipment needed for the summer playschemes.

Resolved: Noted

53. To discuss Communications, Website and Social Media

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Community Council had to produce an annual report and Councillors agreed to discuss at next meeting.

Resolved: To discuss publication of annual report at next meeting

54. To discuss CIL Funds

Councillors agreed that the CIL Working Group needed to meet. LW reported that he would be meeting with two CCBC officers to discuss the possibility of planting shrubs on the banking of Hendredenny Drive. It was agreed that Councillors would chase CCBC officers regarding the dirt track etc.

Resolved: Councillors to chase CCBC officers re: dirt track

55. To discuss Youth Ambassador vacancy

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should post the advert for the Youth Ambassador vacancy and purchase a ± 25 voucher as a thank you to the outgoing Youth Ambassador. The advert would be circulated around the secondary schools.

Resolved: Noted

56. To discuss possible carnival

Councillors agreed that it was too late to plan for this year, but that it could be discussed by the Events Committee at a future meeting.

Resolved: Events Committee to discuss at future meeting

57. To discuss planning applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

- 57.1 22/0407/OUT: Land adjacent to 1 Penyffordd, Trecenydd, Caerphilly

 Erect 2 x 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings
 Councillors discussed the application and said that parking in the street was already an issue and volume of traffic would only worsen if more houses were built. There would also be an effect on drains/sewerage. The houses would be built within the garden of an existing house and would not be in keeping with the other dwellings.
- **57.2** 22/0148/FULL: 20 Morlais Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly - Erect single storey side and rear extension
- **57.3** 22/0463/COU: Land at St Cenydd Motors, St Cenydd Road, Caerphilly Change to Class B1 for valeting and hand-washing
- **57.4** 22/0467/FULL: 74 Heol Y Barri, Energlyn, Caerphilly Construct dormer conversion
- **57.5** 22/0483/FULL: 22 Pembroke Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly - Erect single-storey rear extension

Resolved: In the general interest of the community:

- 1. An objection to be raised to Item 57.1, as per above reasons
- 2. No objections to be raised to Items 57.2 to 57.5

Date: _____

58. To discuss correspondence received

No correspondence received.

Resolved: Noted

59. To discuss requests for grants

No requests for grants received.

60. To discuss litter-pick group

GE reported that he had now received 20 litter pickers, hoop, bags etc, which would be stored at Penyrheol Community Centre. Councillors agreed that a litter pick would take place once a month, with CCBC picking up the rubbish from the community centre. It was agreed to hold a litter pick on the last Saturday of every month. GE would post these dates on the Council's Facebook FB page. A risk assessment would be carried out. The first date was agreed as Saturday, 25th June at 10.00 am, from the Bowls to St Cenydd roundabout and everyone to meet at Penyrheol Community Centre.

Resolved: Litter pick to take place on Saturday, 25th June

61. To approve the following payments:

- **61.1** Clerk's salary July 2022
- **61.2** Clerk's expenses July 2022
- **61.3** Clerk's pension July 2022
- **61.4** Inland Revenue July 2022
- 61.5 Members' expenses July 2022
- 61.6 Playscheme expenditure
- **61.6** Purchase of photocopier paper
- **61.7** Zurich Insurance the Clerk had obtained quotes for the annual insurance to ensure value for money. Councillors approved the Zurich Insurance quote as it was the cheapest quote and covered everything that was required. To be paid in July on renewal date

Resolved: To approve the above payments

62. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Report would be discussed at the next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

63. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 21st July 2022.

The meeting was concluded at 9.05 pm.