



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st JULY 2022 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: J Davies-Ellis (JD), S Dickens (SD), G Ead, E Llewellyn (EL), SJ Skivens (SJS), L Whittle (LW)

Also present: PCSO Elliot Williams, Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

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

Apologies received from Cllrs J Scriven, S Skivens and R Barry and apologies accepted. GE acted as Chair in the absence of the Chair, Cllr J Scriven. Due to the sad passing of the Vice-Chair, Cllr W H Allen, Cllr E Llewellyn was nominated and seconded as Vice-Chair.

Resolved:

- 1. To accept above apologies for absence.**
- 2. To elect Cllr E Llewellyn as Vice-Chair.**

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in item 82 as he was a member of the Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

66. To approve minutes of previous meeting

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2022.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

67. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

68. To discuss Police matters

PCSO Williams reported that there were ongoing issues following the dog attack in Penyrheol, which were being dealt with and regular patrols were being carried out. There had been further reports of anti-social behaviour at the Top Shops in Penyrheol and issues with off-road bikers. Cllr Skivens reported that he and Cllr Dickens had carried out a site visit at the Top Shops and the Top Shops Working Group would be reconvened as soon as possible. The Acting Chair asked if a dispersal order would be possible and was informed that this was a possibility if the correct process was followed. There was a Public Space Protection Order already in place. Cllr Whittle reported that Jac Lis's

classmates had held an awards ceremony and the specially-constructed bench was now ready. Cllr Whittle asked if Gwent Police was taking any action about these kind of dangerous dogs and was informed that there were only a certain number of banned breeds in the UK, but action could be taken against dangerous dogs and photos could be forwarded to the Dog Liaison Officer. A warrant could be granted to seize the dog for testing. Cllr Skivens added that it was not always the breed of dog, but the way it was brought up and dogs tended to be used as status symbols. The Acting Chair added that the CCTV footage at the Top Shops had been useful in the recent case. Cllr Skivens reported that off-road bikers were still an issue and was informed that there was an article about a campaign in Townhill, Swansea, whereby if anyone knew where these bikes were stored, who was transporting/riding them etc, they could contact the Police and warnings could be issued. PCSO Williams reported that Police surgeries would be making a comeback and a fun day was being held in Aneurin Park on 1st August.

Resolved: Noted

69. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Dickens reported overgrown trees at the Dip Garage and outside Cwm Ifor Primary School. The Acting Chair agreed to report to CCBC.

Cllr Skivens reported that he had accompanied Groundwork Wales and volunteers on a river-cleaning exercise. Japanese Knotweed had been found on the banks of the river from Abertridwr to the Dip Garage and people had been fly tipping directly into the river.

Resolved: Acting Chair to report overgrown trees at Dip Garage and Cwm Ifor Primary School

70. To discuss quarterly financial statement

The Clerk submitted the quarterly financial report for consideration and it was resolved to approve the report and no amendments to the budget were required.

Resolved: To approve the quarterly financial report

71. To discuss Community Empowerment Fund

The Acting Chair reported that the four County Borough Councillors had access to funding from the Community Empowerment Fund. Cllr Whittle said that part of these funds would be used to pay for Jac Lis's memorial bench and he had also received an application from The Children's Centre in Energlyn and for a cooking project. Cllr Ead had received an application for a Men's Shed and Cllr Skivens a query regarding the allotments. Community Councillors were asked to think of good causes/organisations who could benefit from this funding and the Acting Chair would also upload a post to the Council's Facebook page.

Resolved: Acting Chair to upload post about Community Empowerment Fund to Council's Facebook page

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

No meetings/events had been attended by Councillors since the previous meeting.

73. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

No committees had been held since the previous meeting.

74. To discuss Communications, Website and Social Media

The Clerk reported that she would draft the Annual Report and add to agenda of next meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to draft Annual Report

75. To receive verbal reports on meetings/events attended by Councillors

Cllr E Llewellyn thanked everyone for attending and preparing for Cllr W H Allen's memorial service. Cllr Whittle added that it had been a wonderful day for a wonderful person and it had been a great turnout. Cllr Skivens reported that he had attended the litter pick and river clean. The Acting Chair reported that he had attended the litter pick.

Resolved: Noted

76. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of following Committees

No committees had been held since previous meeting.

77. To discuss Communications, Website and Social Media

There was nothing to report on communications at this meeting.

78. To discuss CIL Funds

Cllr Whittle reported that he had asked for costings from CCBC for landscaping on the banking of Hendredenny Drive, which would need ongoing management. Cllr Llewellyn reported that residents of Hendredenny would be interested in doing something for the children of the estate. The Acting Chair reported that a positive meeting had been held with CCBC regarding the pump track, with a further meeting to be held in September. He also reported that a feasibility study for the pump track had been carried out and the project would need planning permission. Cllr Whittle reported that he had asked for costings for bus shelters in Hendredenny.

Resolved: Noted

79. To discuss co-option of Community Councillor

No requests for an election had been forthcoming, hence Community Councillors resolved that a co-option would take place. Two applications had been received for consideration for co-option. Both applicants had submitted pen pics - which were considered and discussed - and, although the other applicant's pen pic received positive feedback from Councillors, an unanimous decision was made to co-opt Aneurin Minton due to the skills he possessed, which were deemed useful for and what was needed by the Community Council.

Resolved: To co-opt Aneurin Minton to the Community Council

80. To discuss Youth Ambassador vacancy

The Clerk reported that she would contact the schools in the new academic year.

Resolved: Clerk to contact schools in new academic year

81. To discuss summer playschemes

The Chair of the Playscheme Committee reported that staff were now in place for both playschemes and a meeting had been held to discuss trips. Registration evenings had taken place and both playschemes were full, with a reserve list. It was hoped to get

every child into the playscheme at some point during the four weeks. Due to the increase in utility costs, Councillors agreed to increase the fee to Cwm Ifor Primary School and Hendre Junior School from £500 to £800 for the hire of their premises.

Resolved: To increase hire fee to £800

82. To discuss planning applications

82.1 The following planning application was considered:

22/0571/FULL: 13 Llanddwyn Island Close, Caerphilly CF83 2AS.
- Convert internal garage to kitchen and storage area

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be raised

83. To discuss correspondence received

83.1 Email from One Voice Wales re: Pethau Bychan Nature Hub.

83.2 Email from One Voice Wales re: Future Wales, The National Plan 2040

83.3 Email from CCBC re: Statutory Consultation on Parking Restrictions within the Penyrheol Ward

83.4 Email from Silviculture re: Woodland Creation

83.5 Letter re: planning pre-application for Meadows Farm Village Retreat

83.6 The Clerk reported that Hendredenny Park Junior School had a vacancy for a Minor Authority governor. No Councillors showed an interest in taking up the vacancy, therefore the Clerk was asked to inform the governing body that they could appoint on behalf of the Community Council.

83.7 The Clerk also reported that Hendre Junior School also had a vacancy for a Minor Authority governor. As above, Clerk was asked to inform school's governing body that they could appoint on behalf of the Community Council.

Resolved: Clerk to inform Hendre Junior School and Hendredenny Park Primary School's governing body that they could appoint on behalf of the Community Council

84. To discuss requests for grants

A request for grant was received from Caerphilly and District Twinning Association.

Resolved: In the interest of benefit to the community, a grant of £100 to be approved

85. To discuss litter-pick group

The Acting Chair reported that he had organised another litter-pick and Cllr E Llewellyn reported that she would be leading a community litter pick on the Hendredenny estate the following Saturday.

Resolved: Noted

86. To approve the following payments:

- 86.1** Clerk's salary – August and September 2022
- 86.2** Clerk's expenses – August and September 2022
- 86.3** Clerk's pension – August and September 2022
- 86.4** Inland Revenue – August and September 2022
- 86.5** Members' expenses – August and September 2022
- 86.6** SLCC subscription for Clerk - £215

Resolved: To approve the above payments

87. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

Biodiversity action plan to be added to agenda.

Resolved: Noted

88. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 15th September 2022, following summer recess.

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm.