



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: J Davies-Ellis, A Minton, SJ Skivens, SL Skivens

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

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr S J Skivens was elected as Acting Chair. He welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs R Barry, S Dickens, G Ead, E Llewellyn, J Scriven and L Whittle and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept above apologies for absence

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

No declarations of interest received.

Resolved: Noted

180. To approve minutes of previous meeting

Councillors approved minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2023.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

181. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

182. To discuss Police matters

CSO Elliot Williams reported that there had been a big spike in anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Troed-y-Bryn and Pleasant Place areas of Penyrheol, but ASB had reduced considerably in the past two to three weeks. A Strike 2 ASB had also been issued in Trecenydd. A minor fire had been set in Druids Close. A person had been arrested on recall and there had been a neighbourhood dispute, leading to one of the tenants moving out of the area. Drugs warrants had also been issued.

A total of 16 dogs had been seized in the last six weeks. Some puppies had been returned to their owners as they did not contain banned breeds. Further warrants were

planned for the next few weeks. Some funding had been received by Gwent Police to try to tackle the issue and spread awareness. Cllr S J Skivens added that it was hoped that the Community Council could work jointly with Gwent Police on the matter. He had submitted a project plan to Gwent Police and had discussed this with Sargent Pursey. The plan would be circulated to Councillors once agreed with Gwent Police. CSO Williams had created a responsible dog ownership survey for the Penyrheol areas. Clerk to forward Cllr S J Skivens's email address to CSO Williams. Councillors added that legislation around the behaviour of dogs in public places needed to be strengthened and CSO Williams replied that this was being brought up at Senedd level by the local AM and at Westminster level by the local MP. Councillors agreed in principle to providing funding to tackle the dog issue in the area, if required. Police did have some powers to deal with the behaviour of dogs in dangerous places, even if they were not a banned breed. Cllr Minton reported issues with dogs on the common, including dogs being attacked.

CSO Williams reported that Skateboarding UK had run an event in Aneurin Park which would continue fortnightly. The Clerk informed CSO Williams that Cllr Ead (in his absence) would like to discuss the possibility of a summer barbecue in the park with him.

Resolved:

- 1. Clerk to forward SJS's email address to CSO Williams.**
- 2. Cllr S J Skivens to circulate dog project plan to Councillors.**
- 3. Cllr G Ead to discuss possibility of summer barbecue with CSO Williams.**

183. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

There were no items brought up by Councillors.

184. To discuss Community Empowerment Fund

The Chair reported that two further applications had been submitted for funding.

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had attended the Events Committee meeting. Cllr S L Skivens reported that she had attended the Events Committee meeting. Cllr S J Skivens reported that he had attended a site meeting in Hendredenny, a meeting with Gwent Police regarding the dog issue and the Playscheme Committee meeting.

Resolved: Noted

186. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

186.1 Events Committee held on 13.02.23: in the absence of the Chair of the Committee, a Committee member reported Councillors had reviewed the Santa events and it had been resolved not to do the Santa tour this year. This year's Christmas events would consist of a Brunch with Santa at Penyrheol and Trecenydd community centres and a Christmas concert, combined with the Tree of Life event.

186.2 Playscheme Committee held on 16.02.23: the Chair of the Committee reported that the meeting had not been quorate, therefore Councillors at the full Council meeting gave approval for the summer playschemes to go ahead. Job adverts for Play Leader and playworker vacancies had been prepared. The pay rate would, as usual, increase to keep in line with the living wage. A debrief meeting was planned regarding the previous year. Registration would take place in June, at which Councillor support would be required. It had previously been suggested to look into the possibility of online registration, but it was essential that this would be a fair system for all, especially those not online. It was suggested that Cllr Ead look into this possibility.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve summer playschemes.**
- 2. Cllr Ead to be asked to look at fair online option to do registrations.**

187. To discuss Communications, Website and Social Media

No issues brought up regarding communications, website and social media.

Resolved: Noted

188. To discuss CIL Funds

The Clerk reported that she had asked CCBC for details regarding ongoing costs for the proposed landscaping project on Hendredenny Drive and was informed that these details would need to be discussed further. Councillors agreed that the CIL Working Group should meet to discuss all the possible projects.

Resolved: To convene a meeting of the CIL Working Group

189. To discuss biodiversity action plan

Cllr Minton had updated the Biodiversity Action Plan, which included targeting several areas within the wards to improve road and path verges, plant trees, create ponds etc. Cllr Davies-Ellis asked about health and safety risks of ponds and was informed that these risks would be taken into consideration. Several schools now had ponds and they were most beneficial for biodiversity. Fencing would need to be sourced. Cllr Minton had spoken to some residents, who were interested in the plan. The Acting Chair asked how areas would be identified and Cllr Minton replied that some areas had already been identified to pilot, that this would be a five-year plan and carbon savings would be made. The Acting Chair suggested that the Council link in with schools and Cllr Minton replied that he had already contacted St Cenydd Community School. Councillors agreed to discuss further at next meeting.

Resolved: To discuss further at next meeting

190. To discuss Youth Ambassador applications

Two of the three candidates for the Youth Ambassador vacancy were in attendance at the meeting. The other candidate had attended the Events Committee meeting. The Acting Chair explained why the Community Council felt a Youth Ambassador was essential. The two candidates were students at St Cenydd Community School and both were on the Student Council. Both candidates spoke about issues that young people faced on a day-to-day basis. Councillors discussed the vacancy after the candidates had left and it was agreed that a Youth Forum would be formed with the three candidates.

Resolved: Clerk to ask candidates if they would be willing to serve on the Youth Forum and ask them to attend next full Council meeting

191. To discuss planning applications

191.1 23/0041/FULL: Llwyn Cae Bungalow, Gypsy Lane, Groeswen, Cardiff CF15 7UP

Demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement two-storey dwelling with associated off-street parking and landscaping

Councillors felt that this should be referred to full planning due to previous objections.

191.2 23/0042/COU: Celtic Energy Ltd, 9 Beddau Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AX

Change the use from offices to dental surgery

- 191.3 22/0713/RET:**
Retention of change of use of land for leisure park farm and retention of associated buildings and infrastructure.

Councillors felt that this should be referred to full planning.

- 191.4 22/1051/FULL: The Old Granary, Old Nantgarw Road, Cardiff**
Erect rear single-storey extension

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections to be raised to items 191.2 and 191.4, but items 191.1 and 191.3 be referred to full planning committee

192. To discuss correspondence received:

Email from Welsh Water re: online launch of new biodiversity report.

Email from CCBC re: Trinity Fields School.

Email from One Voice Wales re: The Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales

Resolved: Noted

193. To discuss requests for grants

No applications for grants received. Councillors considered whether to give a grant to Caerphilly Children's Centre to add to that collected during the Santa tour, but decided to wait until more information was received on the future of the centre. It was resolved, however, that the Clerk forward the monies collected on the Santa tour to the centre.

Resolved: Noted

194. To discuss litter-pick group

To be added to agenda of next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

195. To approve the following payments:

- 195.1** Clerk's salary – March 2023
- 195.2** Clerk's expenses – March 2023
- 195.3** Clerk's pension – March 2023
- 195.4** Inland Revenue – March 2023
- 195.5** Members' expenses – March 2023
- 195.6** Stationery (2 boxes of A4 paper and paperclips) - £71.86

Resolved: To approve the above payments

196. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

Biodiversity next steps.

Resolved: Noted

197. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 16th March 2023 at 7.00 pm.
The meeting was concluded at 8.55 pm.