



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 15th JUNE 2023 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: G Ead, J Davies-Ellis, E Llewellyn (Chair), SJ Skivens, SL Skivens, L Whittle

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apology for absence received from Cllr A Minton. Apology accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

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

Cllr G Ead declared an interest in Item 52 as he was on CCBC's Planning Committee. He took no part in discussion on this item.

Resolved: Noted

42. To approve minutes of previous meeting

Councillors approved minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th May 2023.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

43. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

44. To discuss Police matters

PCSO Williams commended the ongoing work in preparation of the local dog initiative open event on 1st July and he would forward the poster to Gwent Police's Communications team. The Dogs Trust had offered their services to do free school work, ie how to look after your dog etc. An event was planned to take place in Penyrheol Community Centre and PCSO Williams had also contacted the local schools.

PCSO Williams reported that schoolchildren were going to St Andrew's Church to do some planting/tidying up. An afternoon of sports was planned for 3rd and 10th August, linking in with the playschemes.

The South Wales Fire Service representative reported that there had been several fires within the area. National Rivers Wales had served notice on a club owner. There had been some refuse fires at the Top Shop area in Penyrheol and there was some background work going on relating to that. Gwent Police would add this area onto the patrol diary. A Councillor said he had contacted Environmental Health and the Health and Safety Executive on the issues at the club, as there were concerns, particularly in relation to asbestos.

A Councillor asked if there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour due to the nice weather and was informed that there had been an affray in Trecenydd. Gwent Police had received calls to Hendredenny in respect of break-ins to a derelict building. A Trading Standards warrant had been issued regarding dog breeding. Cllr Skivens asked for the assistance of as many Community Councillors as possible at the local dog initiative open day and said a lot of work had been carried out to make the day a success.

A Councillor reported anti-social behaviour in Pleasant Place lane, ie issues with motorbikes, knocking/smashing windows etc. Gwent Police would increase their patrol in the area and had asked CCBC to put the streetlights back on and for cameras to be installed.

The Neighbourhood Watch Officer reported that she would be at the open even on 1st July, along with the Crime Prevention Officer and that it would be Neighbourhood Watch Week. New members were joining and she asked if councillors knew of anyone willing to come forward and set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. A Councillor said that he would be happy to look at setting up a group for his estate.

Resolved: Noted

45. To receive Youth Council report

The Youth Council were not in attendance due to revising for exams.

Resolved: Noted

46. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

A Councillor reported that he had sent an email to CCBC regarding issues at the new car wash.

Resolved: Noted

47. To receive reports on meetings/events attended by Councillors

SJS reported that he and other County Borough Councillors had met with the Director of Education to discuss Caerphilly Children's Centre and they had made some progress. He had also attended playscheme interviews, registrations and trips meeting. LW had attended the Children's Centre meeting and pump track drainage meeting. SLS reported that she had attended both playscheme registrations. EL reported that she had attended the playscheme trips meeting.

Resolved: Noted

48. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

Playscheme Committee held on 5th June 2023: The Playscheme Committee Chair reported that a meeting to discuss playscheme trips had been held. There was still an issue with regards to playwork qualifications and lack of courses available, which the Clerk was still trying to resolve.

Resolved: Noted

49. To discuss CIL Funds

A Councillor reported that the drainage report had been received and issues identified. Councillors were still trying to resolve this issue. The Clerk informed Councillors that another amount of £871.68 had been received in CIL funding.

Resolved: Noted

50. To discuss way forward for Biodiversity action plan

As Cllr Minton was not in attendance, Councillors agreed to discuss at next meeting.

Resolved: To discuss at next meeting

51. To discuss summer playschemes

Please refer to item 48 above.

52. To discuss planning applications

52.1 23/0264/FULL: land adjacent to woodlands, 13A Golwg y Coed, Caerphilly – Erect two-storey house with ancillary and external works

Councillors reported on issues at this site, eg removal of trees, dumping of material with no record what was being dumped, lack of drainage, some sort of pond draining directly into river, damaged hedgerows. Councillors resolved that this should be referred to full planning committee. A number of objections had also been received from residents.

52.2 23/0327/HH46: Heol Tir Gibbon, Penyrheol, Caerphilly – Erect two storey side extension

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, a letter of objection to be sent to CCBC regarding item 52.1. No objections to 52.2

53. To discuss correspondence received:

No correspondence received.

Resolved: Noted

54. To discuss requests for grants

There were no requests for grants.

55. To discuss non-attendance of Community Councillor

The Clerk reported that the deadline for the three-month extension given to Cllr M Watts due to ill health had now passed. Cllr Watts had been unable to write or sign a letter of resignation, but had expressed his desire to resign as he felt he was not able to carry out his duties as Community Councillor due to his declining health. Councillors therefore resolved to declare a casual vacancy. Clerk to advertise vacancy as soon as possible. Councillors also wished to thank Cllr Watts and wished him all the best for the future.

Resolved: To declare a casual vacancy and Clerk to advertise as soon as possible

56. To approve the following payments, including approval to purchase three defibrillator batteries:

- 56.1** Clerk's salary – July 2023
- 56.2** Clerk's expenses – July 2023
- 56.3** Clerk's pension – July 2023
- 56.4** Inland Revenue – July 2023
- 56.5** Members' expenses – July 2023
- 56.6** The Clerk reported that the batteries on the three defibrillators within the wards had come to the end of their life (five years) and needed replacing. Councillors approved this expenditure of a total of £738)
- 56.7** Expenditure for local initiative dog open event

Resolved: To approve the above payments

57. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

There were no items to be discussed at next meeting

Resolved: Noted

58. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 20th July 2023 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.25 pm.