



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: R Barry, J Davies-Ellis, S Dickens, G Ead, E Llewellyn (Chair), J Scriven, SJ Skivens, L Whittle

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting and welcomed Nicolas Owen, new Community Councillors.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs E Llewellyn and SL Skivens and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

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

Cllr G Ead declared an interest in item 92 and took no part in discussions, as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

81. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

Katherine Watkins of The Meadows Farm Village addressed the meeting. The farm had received 60,000 visitors the previous year and had many different animals, eg meerkats, prairie dogs, armadillos etc. They also had a reptile room. The farm was a not-for-profit organisation and Ms Watkins asked the Community Council for help in advertising its services and for ideas on how the farm could benefit the community. The farm had many volunteers. The aim was to help people in the community, eg with wellbeing days, visits for people having a tough time during the present financial climate, the elderly, the young, people with disability etc. The farm was about to have charity status. The farm had plans to expand and also had a zoo licence (as it had some exotic animals),but had been facing planning delays. Cllrs Ead and Whittle agreed to contact CCBC to enquire about the planning delays.

Councillors discussed different ways it could help the community farm and it was agreed that a tree-planting day would take place in November. Cllr Minton to coordinate with Ms Watkins and also try to involve the schools. SJS also to pass on contact information to the Eco Hwb and Caerphilly Carers in Crisis. Councillors also to visit the farm to see how they could help further.

Resolved:

- 1. Cllrs Ead and Whittle to contact CCBC to enquire about planning delays.**
- 2. Cllr A Minton to liaise with Katherine Watkins regarding a tree-planting day in November.**
- 3. Visit to farm to be arranged.**

82. To discuss Police matters

PCSO Elliott Williams informed Councillors that he would be leaving the wards to undertake a new role on the Police Online Investigation Team. Cllr Dickens thanked him very much for his hard work, very often going above and beyond and doing an amazing job. She said he had achieved far more than his predecessors. This was echoed by all councillors. Cllr Skivens said that undertaking partner initiatives was difficult, but PCSO Williams had gone above and beyond. Cllr Skivens thanked him for his work on the local dog initiative, especially as the LEAD initiative had been launched that day. PCSO Williams replied that it had been an honour to work within the wards and liaise with councillors. Educational material had been produced for the dog initiative and partnerships made with organisations such as the Blue Cross for workshops, dog training etc. Owners would now receive a letter if their dog was thought to be behaving dangerously and would then receive a final letter if no improvement in six months. This would be followed by Acceptable Behaviour contracts.

Cllr Dickens reported that the former Aneurin Sports Bar safety fencing had been removed and windows had been smashed. Cllr Dickens was very concerned that people could now freely enter the building and that it was very unsafe. Councillors were also concerned about possible asbestos within the building, especially as demolition had been started by the owner. County Borough Councillors agreed that they would contact CCBC/Health and Safety Executive urgently as Councillors were very concerned about the current situation.

PCSO Williams reported further anti-social behaviour in the Top Shops area. Residents at the new Ffordd Newydd flats were also experiencing anti-social behaviour from some residents. He had spoken to United Welsh representatives, who had sent an ASB survey to residents. PCSO Williams asked that if Councillors knew of any residents who had Ring door bells, dashcam footage etc, to ask them to come forward. Certain tenants had also been reported to United Welsh via email.

Cllr J Scriven reported some youth driving around on motorbikes. PCSO asked him to ask residents for any footage available for 'reason to believe'. The youths could then be arrested and brought in for interview. Also number plate information would be useful.

Cllr Ead reported anti-social behaviour behind the Ty Isaf estate and issues with one particular person.

PCSO Williams reported that a bad assault had taken place at the Top Shops.

Resolved: County Borough councillors to report the Community Council's concerns to CCBC/Health and Safety Executive regarding former Aneurin Sports Bar

83. To approve minutes of previous meeting

Councillors approved minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2023.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

84. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

85. To receive Youth Council report

Youth Council representative were not available to attend this meeting.

Resolved: Noted

86. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

CLlr Dickens reported that safety fencing had been removed from the former Aneurin Sports Bar. County Borough Councillors to email CCBC Building Control and Health and Safety Executive about serious concerns.

CLlr Dickens reported continuous fly-tipping at Top Shops. Builders were emptying trucks, residents ordinary waste, appliances etc. CCBC owned the land. It was costing CCBC to constantly clear it and Councillors suggested permanent gating. Clerk to arrange Top Shops Working Group meeting.

CLlr Owens reported that residents had complained about fly tipping in Llanfabon Close and parking issues.

CLlr Skivens reported on the Lead initiative launch and thanked everyone who had helped with the local dog initiative.

Resolved: Clerk to arrange Top Shops Working Group meeting

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

CLlr SJ Skivens had attended a Playscheme Committee meeting, Lead initiative launch and site visit to Caerphilly Children's Home. CLlr Ead reported that he had attended the visit the Children's home. CLlr Dickens reported that she had met with CCBC re: Top Shops issues. JS reported that he had attended the same meeting.

Resolved: Noted

88. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

No committees had been held since the last meeting.

89. To discuss CIL Funds

CLlr Whittle provided an update on the pump track initiative. Councillors had met CCBC officers and were awaiting a further update from them with regards to the drainage issue. CCBC Parks Department were due to give costings for the Hendredenny Drive landscaping initiative in mid-October.

Resolved: Noted

90. To receive update on Biodiversity action plan

Councillors agreed to carry out a walk-around to look at where to build trees/wild shrubs etc. Schools would then be contacted to become involved in tree-planting initiative. A date for a walk-around in Penyrheol was arranged for Saturday, 14th October at 10.00 am, meeting at Penyrheol Community Centre. Another estate would be visited in November.

Resolved: Councillors to carry out walk-arounds in all wards

91. To review summer playschemes

91.1 CIW Inspection Report for Trecenydd playscheme

Councillors reviewed the CIW inspection report and thanked the Clerk for her hard work. There were a few recommendations that could be easily rectified, but overall the report had been very good and the playschemes had been successful.

91.2 Trecenydd playscheme report 2023

The Clerk presented Councillors with the Trecenydd playscheme report.

91.3 Penyrheol playscheme report 2023

The Clerk presented Councillors with the Penyrheol Playscheme report.

Resolved: Noted

92. To discuss planning applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

**92.1 23/0409/HH – 26 Golwg Y Coed, Caerphilly CF83 2UA
- Convert attic and erect single storey rear extension and first floor extension of garage**

92.2 23/0352/NOTD – Aneurin Sports Bar, Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2PG

Councillors expressed concern about the demolition that had already taken place and that this was a retrospective application. Councillors were sceptical as to whether an asbestos inspection had been carried out prior to demolition. Councillors had been in contact with CCBC officers and the Health and Safety Executive on numerous occasions. There were also other issues to consider, such as gas, electricity, water etc. There also needed to be adequate safety procedures in place around the area.

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to item 9 2.1. With regards to 92.2, Councillors had already raised objections with CCBC and HSE

93. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

93.1 Email from Froglife Trust re: Neighbourhood Wildlife Corridors programme;

93.2 Email from CCBC re: Speed Limits Traffic Regulation Order 2023;

93.3 Email from Boundary Commission for Wales re: questionnaire;

93.4 Email from Welsh Government re: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

93.5 Email from Plaid Cymru Caerffili Branch re: Caerffili 2035 Plan;

93.6 Email from Aber Valley Heritage Association re: Mining Disasters Memorial Service.

Resolved: Noted

94. To discuss requests for grants

Councillors considered the following application for a grant:

94.1 Eisteddfod Y Cymoedd

Councillors approved a grant of £200.

Resolved: To approve a grant of £200

95. To approve the following payments:

- 95.1** Clerk's salary – October 2023
- 95.2** Office allowance – October 2023
- 95.3** Clerk's pension – October 2023
- 95.4** Inland Revenue – October 2023
- 95.5** Members' expenses – October 2023
- 95.6** Drainage survey for pump track (CIL) - £6264
- 95.7** Society of Local Clerks - £222

Resolved: To approve the above payments

96. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

There were no additional items to be discussed at the next meeting. However, a more comprehensive discussion would take place on CIL projects.

Resolved: Noted

97. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 19th October 2023 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.50 pm.