



**CYNGOR CYMUNED  
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM  
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors: 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**

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting and chaired the meeting.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs R Barry, A Minton, N Owens and SL Skivens and the Youth Council. Apologies accepted.

**Resolved: To accept apologies for absence**

**119.        To discuss Police matters**

CSO Tom Humphreys introduced himself as CSO Williams's replacement. Cllr Dickens reported ongoing issues on the Ffordd Newydd housing development. CSO Humphreys to look into possible interventions. Cllr Skivens reported that the Top Shops Working Group had been reconvened to discuss the ongoing issues in the area. It was planned that a surgery with councillors, Police and CCBC officers be arranged. He also reported that he would be looking to do a walkaround of Penyrheol with Cllr Dickens. Cllr Llewellyn reported on burglaries in Hendredenny. CSO Humphreys said he would advise and encourage residents to report any suspicious activity.

**120.        To receive Youth Council report**

To be reported at next meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

**121.        To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Resolved: Noted**

**122.        To receive any public representations to the Community Council**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Resolved: Noted**

**123. To approve minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved as a true record.

**Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record**

**124. To discuss Matters Arising**

Flower beds outside Penyrheol Community Centre: Cllr Whittle had liaised with CCBC to discuss. (Reference: Meeting 19.10.23, Item 109).

Former Aneurin Sports Bar: Cllr Skivens reported that he had asked CCBC for a debrief regarding issues on the former Aneurin Sports Bar land. Cllr Whittle agreed to also pursue debrief. (Reference: Meeting 19.10.23, Item 105).

**Resolved: Noted**

**125. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors**

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had been contacted by a resident regarding poor lighting in the tunnel in Trecenydd. Cllr Davies-Ellis to contact the rail company and Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC Street Lighting Department.

Cllr Skivens reported that the Royal British Legion had plans to reenergise the British Legion in Caerphilly and asked the Clerk to invite them to the next meeting.

Cllr Skivens reported that the banking at Brookside Close was collapsing into the river. Councillors advised that residents should ring CCBC Highways Department to report.

**Resolved:**

- 1. Cllr Davies-Ellis to contact the rail company regarding poor lighting in tunnel and Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC Street Lighting Department.**
- 2. Clerk to invite Royal British Legion to January meeting.**

**126. To receive reports on meetings/events attended by Councillors**

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had attended the Jack Lis event at Cwm Ifor Primary School and the Events Committee meeting. Cllr Skivens reported that he had attended the same event and the Remembrance Service at the cenotaph. Cllr Whittle reported that he had attended the Remembrance Service. The Chair reported that she had laid the wreath at the Remembrance Service and attended the Events Committee meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

**127. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees**

**127.1** Top Shops Working Group meeting held on 23.10.23: the Chair of the Working Group reported that illegal fly tipping had been discussed, along with the filling of a drain with household rubbish and general anti-social behaviour. A request had been submitted to secure the alleyway, with access to those who needed it.

**127.2** Events Committee meeting held on 06.11.23: The Chair reported that arrangements were progressing for the Christmas events and that she had prepared a duty rota.

**Resolved: Noted**

**128. To discuss CIL Funds**

Councillors discussed the pump track. Councillors to meet with CCBC officers to further discuss. A meeting of the CIL Working Group would be called to discuss more ideas. Planting of shrubs/plants on Hendredenny Drive would take place early in the New Year.

**Resolved: Noted**

**129. To receive update on Biodiversity action plan**

To be discussed at next meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

**130. To discuss Civic Awards**

Councillors agreed that former CSO Elliot Williams and Hendredenny resident Paul Jones would receive a Civic Award at the Tree of Life Community Christmas Concert.

**Resolved: To present Elliot Williams and Paul Jones with a Civic Award**

**131. To discuss planning applications**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

**Resolved: Noted**

**132. To discuss correspondence received:**

The following correspondence was discussed:

**132.1** Email from One Voice Wales re: Smart Towns Wales Programme

**132.2** Email from Royal British Legion re: Remembrance Service

**132.3** Letter from Planning and Environment Decisions Wales re: proposed solar farm

**132.4** Letter from Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales re: councillor allowances

**Resolved: Noted**

**133. To discuss requests for grants**

There were no requests for grants.

**Resolved: Noted**

**134. To approve the following payments (including over Christmas recess):**

**134.1** Clerk's salary – December 2023 and January 2024

**134.2** Office allowance – December 2023 and January 2024

**134.3** Clerk's pension – December 2023 and January 2024

**134.4** Inland Revenue – December 2023 and January 2024

**134.5** Members' expenses – December 2023 and January 2024

**Resolved: To approve the above payments**

**135. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting**

No additional items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

**136. To agree date of next Council meeting**

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (following Christmas recess) at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.20 pm.