



**CYNGOR CYMUNED  
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM  
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors: J Davies-Ellis, S Dickens, G Ead, E Llewellyn (Chair), A Minton, N Owen, SJ Skivens, SL Skivens, L Whittle

**Also present:** Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute    Item discussed  
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs R Barry and J Scriven. Apologies accepted.

**Resolved: To accept apologies for absence**

**138.        To discuss Police matters**

Pc Womersley and CSO Humphreys were in attendance and reported that anti-social behaviour had been fairly quiet within the wards. CSO Humphreys said that he had sorted the issues brought up at the last Community Council meeting. It was hoped to use Penyrheol Community Centre as a base for the monthly Police/CCBC surgeries and the first one would take place on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm. A Councillor asked if this could include councillors also. The following surgeries would take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> June. Residents would just be able to turn up.

Cllr Owen reported that parking on pavements was a regular issue. Cllr Dickens asked if Cllr Humphreys had been able to sort out the Ring doorbells, as discussed at the previous meeting and was informed that they had been received and he would distribute them on his return from leave. SD also reported youths kicking/banging on doors and windows in Heol Tir Gibbon. CSO Humphreys urged residents to report to the Police and that he would organise a proactive patrol.

Cllr Skivens asked for an update on anti-social behaviour in Pleasant Place and was informed that this had now calmed down.

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that the light in the tunnel in First Avenue, Trecenydd, had broken and that she was having problems reporting this to the correct authority. She was now awaiting a reply from Transport for Wales.

Councillors were informed of the possible release of the owner of the XL Bully dog that had killed Jack Lis when his sentence came to an end and that he would report back to the Community Council nearer the time. Cllr Ead asked how the requirement for certain breeds to be muzzled would be policed and was informed that this would include

receiving intelligence from the general public and that there was now a list of registered dogs of certain breeds.

The Chair thanked the officers for their reports and they left the meeting.

**139. To receive Youth Council report**

The Youth Council were not in attendance at this meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 149 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved as a true record.

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

**143. To discuss Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

Cllr Whittle reported that he would chase up the CCBC officer regarding the purchase and location of further notice boards within the wards.

Cllr Owen reported that there had been no improvement in the local bus service.

Cllr Ead reported that, following the demolishing of the former Aneurin Sports Bar, CCBC had issued an invoice to the owner and subsequently placed a charge on the land.

Cllr SJ Skivens reported that work had been carried out in Brookside Close to restore the banking. There had also been an issue with the containment tank.

Cllr J Davies-Ellis reported on the ongoing issue of the broken light in the tunnel in First Avenue, Trecenydd. She was now awaiting a reply from Transport for Wales and would continue to chase.

**Resolved:**

- 1. Cllr Whittle to chase CCBC officer regarding notice boards.**
- 2. Cllr Davies-Ellis to chase Transport for Wales.**

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

Cllr Owen reported that he had attended the Brunch with Santa event in Trecenydd. Cllr Llewellyn reported that she had attended both Brunch with Santa events, the Events Committee meeting and the Finance Committee meeting. Cllr Minton reported that he had attended the Brunch with Santa event in Trecenydd. Cllr Whittle reported that he had attended both Brunch with Santa events and the Finance Committee meeting. Cllr SL Skivens reported that she had attended both Brunch with Santa events and the Events Committee meeting. Cllr Dickens reported that she had attended both Brunch with Santa events and the Events Committee meeting. Cllr SJ Skivens reported that he had attended both Brunch with Santa events and the Finance Committee meeting. Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had attended the Events Committee meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

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

**127.1** Events Committee meeting held on 15.01.24: The Chair of the Committee reported that both brunches with Santa had gone well. The committee had discussed the possibility of Santa going around the streets this year. A Christmas Tree of Life concert was also planned.

**Resolved: Noted**

**147. To discuss CIL Funds**

Cllr Ead said that the drainage issue was holding things up in relation to the pump track. A resident had asked if the Hendredenny/Groeswen signs could be cleaned and Cllr Whittle said he would contact CCBC about this. Cllr Owen agreed to sit on the CIL Working Group. Cllr Davies-Ellis suggested the idea of a community orchard on the land owned by CCBC by the Angel Inn and Cllr Whittle said he would consult with CCBC on this.

**Resolved:**

- 1. Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC regarding cleaning of Hendredenny/Groeswen signs.**
- 2. Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC regarding the idea of a community orchard.**

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

Cllr Dickens reported that the pupils of Hendre Junior School would soon be doing a litter pick and asked if councillors would like to join them. Permission was granted for them to use the litter picking equipment.

**Resolved: Noted**

**149. To discuss planning applications**

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

- 149.1 23/0772/FULL: Lidl, 5 Beddau Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AX  
- Over clad existing roof with standing seam roof
- 149.2 23/0835/HH: 26 Golwg Y Coed, Caerphilly CF83 2UA  
- Convert attic and erect single storey rear extension
- 149.3 23/0862/HH: The Hay Barn, Cwarrau Mawr Farm Lane, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2LN  
- Erect side and rear single storey extensions

- 149.4 23/0869/RET: 43 Drum Tower View, Caerphilly CF83 2XW  
- Retain the erection of a horizontal timber fence and garage extension to form new garden store
- 149.5 24/0004/HH: 9 Bryn Owain, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2NY  
- Construct two storey extension to side elevation and single storey extension to rear elevation

**Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to item 149.1 to 149.5**

**150. To consider Clerk's request for national pay rise**

The Clerk left the room for this item. Councillors discussed and approved the Clerk's request for the national pay rise of £1925 per annum pro rata.

**Resolved: To approve the national pay rise of £1925 per annum pro rata**

**151. To approve quarterly financial statement**

Councillors reviewed and approved the quarterly financial statement.

**Resolved: To approve the quarterly financial statement**

**152. To approve 2024/25 Precept and Budgets, further to recommendations by Finance Committee**

The Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the Finance Committee had not been quorate. Councillors discussed the 2024/25 precept and approved a 3% increase for Band D dwellings (an increase of 14p per dwelling per annum). This increase was due to rising costs, the annual increase in Clerk and playworker wages and included the fact that the Community Council had one of the lowest precepts in the county borough. Councillors also reviewed and approved the 2024/25 budget.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To approve 3% rise in 2024/25 precept.**
- 2. Clerk to inform CCBC of precept.**
- 3. To approve 2024/25 budget.**

**153. To discuss correspondence received:**

The following correspondence was discussed:

- 163.1 Email from CCBC re: Relocation of Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Primary School consultation
- 163.2 Email from CCBC re: Closure of Cwm Glas Infants School
- 163.3 Email from One Voice Wales re: digital skills training sessions
- 163.4 Email from Buglife Cymru re: managing green spaces in B-Lines for pollinators
- 163.5 Email from Hedgehogs R Us re: Hedgehog Awareness

**Resolved: Noted**

**154. To discuss requests for grants**

There were no requests for grants.

**Resolved: Noted**

**155. To approve the following payments:**

- 155.1 Clerk's salary – February 2024
- 155.2 Office allowance – February 2024
- 155.3 Clerk's pension – February 2024
- 155.4 Inland Revenue – February 2024
- 155.5 Members' expenses – February 2024
- 156.6 50% of Don Elsbury Plant Sales invoice for festive lighting - £2234.64

**Resolved: To approve the above payments**

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

Cllr SJ Skivens asked that the Royal British Legion be asked to attend the next meeting to inform councillors of their services.

**Resolved: Clerk to invite Royal British Legion representative to next meeting**

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

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.20 pm.