

# MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

Also present: PCSO Tom Humphreys, Helen Treherne (Clerk)

### <u>Minute</u> <u>Item discussed</u> <u>Number</u>

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies received from ClIrs R Barry, S Dickens, SJ Skivens and the Youth Council and apologies accepted.

#### Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

#### **159.** To discuss Police matters

PCSO Humphreys reported that Ring doorbells had now been provided to some residents in Ffordd Newydd due to anti-social behaviour. There had been an issue in Hendredenny with rival builders. This was an isolated incident and arrests had been made. A Councillor reported that a van had been vandalised in Troed-y-Bryn, Penyrheol. There was still an issue with parking in Y Cilgant. There was also an ongoing issue with parking outside Hendredenny Park Primary School. PCSO Humphreys replied that he had attended with parking wardens and they would continue to patrol the area.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

# **160.** To receive Youth Council report, including report on the issue of vaping in schools

Although not in attendance, the Youth Council had prepared a report on vaping in schools. It was resolved that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

#### Resolved: To discuss vaping in schools at next meeting

#### 161. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr G Ead declared an interest in item 168 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

## **162.** To receive any public representations to the Community Council

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

#### 163. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on  $18^{\text{th}}$  January 2024 were approved as a true record.

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

#### 164. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

## **165.** To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that the issues with the tunnel in Trecenydd were ongoing and she would provide an update at the next meeting. Cllr Ead reported that works to the banking had been completed at Brookside Close. Potholes in Groeswen Lane were an issue and Cllr Whittle agreed to contact CCBC.

## **Resolved: Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC regarding potholes in Groeswen Lane**

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

Cllr Owen reported that he had attended the CIL Working Group meeting. Cllr Davies-Ellis had attended the Playscheme Committee meeting. Cllr Whittle had attended the CIL Working Group meeting. Cllr SL Skivens had attended the Playscheme Committee meeting. Cllr Llewellyn had attended the CIL Working Group and Playscheme Committee meetings.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

#### **167.** To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

- **177.1 Playscheme Committee meeting held on 24.01.24:** In the absence of the Chair of the Committee, the Clerk reported that Councillors had approved the 2024 playschemes taking place. There was one Play Leader and one playworker vacancy. Due to some children on the reserve list not securing a place the previous year, the Committee had agreed that a fairer system should be put in place so that every child who wanted to attend the playscheme had a chance to do so.
- **177.2 CIL Working Group meeting held on 12.02.24:** Cllr Whittle reported that the pump track project was still being pursued, but in the event of not being able to proceed, there was a list of other projects available. Councillors had agreed to the purchase of fruit trees for planting in the orchard on land adjacent to Hendredenny (Cllr Whittle to liaise with CCBC); the landscaping of Hendredenny Drive was nearing completion. Cllr Dickens to liaise with members of Penyrheol allotment regarding possible access to water.

#### **Resolved:**

#### **1.** Cllr Whittle to liaise with CCBC re: planting of fruit trees.

2. Cllr Dickens to liaise with members of Penyrheol allotment re: water access

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## 168. To discuss planning applications

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

- 168.1 23/0799/CLPU Fferm Gwyndu, Groeswen Road, Groeswen, Cardiff CF15 7UT
  - Obtain lawful development certificate for erection of mobile field shelter
- **168.2 24/0023/HH 58 Drum Tower View, Caerphilly CF83 2XW** Erect single storey outbuilding at rear

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to item 168.1 to 168.2

## **169.** To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

- **169.1** Email from SLCC regarding webinar for Martyn's Law
- **169.2** Email from Older People's Commissioner for Wales re: 'Access denied Older people's experiences of digital exclusion in Wales'
- **169.3** Email from CCBC re: Consultation with Town and Community Councils on the Draft Budget Proposals 2024/25

## **Resolved: Noted**

## **170.** To discuss requests for grants

## 170.1 Caerffili Twinning Association

Resolved: In the interest of benefit to the community, a grant of  $\pounds$ 250 to be approved

#### **171.** To approve the following payments:

- 171.1 Clerk's salary March 2024
- 171.2 Office allowance March 2024
- **171.3** Clerk's pension March 2024
- **171.4** Inland Revenue March 2024
- 171.5 Members' expenses March 2024
- **171.6** 50% of Don Elsbury Plant Sales invoice for festive lighting £2234.64

#### **Resolved: Noted**

## **172.** To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

No items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

#### **Resolved: Noted**

## **173.** To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday,  $21^{st}$  March 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 7.40 pm.