



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: S Dickens; J Davies-Ellis (Chair); G Ead; N Owen; SJ Skivens;
SL Skivens; L Whittle

Also present: CSO Rhiannon Collins; Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs E Llewellyn and A Minton and apologies accepted.

Resolved: Noted

60. To discuss Police matters

CSO Collilns reported an ongoing issue with off-road bikes and advised that local resident intelligence/photographic/video evidence would be welcomed of the bikes being ridden on the highway and where they were being kept. This would enable Gwent Police to seize the vehicles. CSO Collins reported anti-social behaviour/vandalism at St Andrew's Church. Six ASB referrals had been issued. Anti-social behaviour was also an ongoing issue at Pleasant Place. Fires had been started in Penyrheol and Trecenydd. Shoplifting in the area was also an ongoing issue, with Gwent Police carrying out shoplifting patrols. A hand grenade was found in Hendredenny, which had been dealt with safely after evacuation of numerous nearby houses. CSO Collins reported that the CSOs now covered three schools each. She also asked to book Police surgeries.

Cllr Dickens reported an issue with two XL Bullies, which was being dealt with by the Police. CSO Collins requested that residents inform Gwent Police of any issues regarding potentially dangerous dogs/breeds. Cllr Owen reported issues with parking in general on the Penyrheol estate. Cllr SJ Skivens reported on the Top Shop Working Group, which he believed had failed to resolve issues in the area of the Top Shop due to poor engagement from CCBC/Gwent Police. The situation was worsening, with drug use/sale and anti-social behaviour a big problem. Clerk to send CSO Collins minutes of the Working Group meetings. CSO Collins to liaise with her sergeant/inspector to discuss further and to arrange a

meeting with Community Councillors. Cllr Whittle also agreed to contact CCBC's anti-social behaviour unit.

Resolved:

- 1. CSO Collins to liaise with her sergeant/inspector to arrange meeting to discuss Top Shop issues.**
- 2. Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC's anti-social behaviour unit.**

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 69 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

62. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

No public representations received.

Resolved: Noted

63. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2024 were approved as a true record.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

64. To discuss Matters Arising

Bench: Clerk to invite blacksmith to next meeting to discuss commissioning of bench.

Aber Valley FC Foodbank: Cllr Skivens reported that he had met with a representative of the foodbank and had no concerns regarding how it was being run. The foodbank received referrals from social workers, GPs etc and the food parcels were delivered to recipients. The foodbank was not affiliated to the Trussle Trust, but Cllr Skivens had no concerns, as the foodbank did refer recipients to other services. It was resolved that the foodbank would be given a grant of £100 per month for the foreseeable future.

Resolved:

- 1. Clerk to invite blacksmith to next meeting.**
- 2. To approve grant of £100 per month for Aber Valley FC Foodbank.**

65. To receive update on Youth Ambassador vacancy

Councillors agreed that the current job description be discussed at the next meeting.

Resolved: To discuss job description at next meeting

66. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Ead reported on the consultation on Blackwood Miners Institute, which had included feedback from 3000 respondents. Also, a total of 92% of people were against the closure of Llancaich Fawr.

Cllr Dickens reported that she had received a request for financial assistance for a chain link fence around St Andrew's Church due to the recent damage/vandalism. Councillors suggested the Church apply for a grant from the Community Empowerment Fund via the online process.

Cllr Dickens reported overgrown nettles on a path leading to Aneurin Park. Also a dog fouling bin needed replacing.

Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to request cutting back of nettles and replacement of dog bin

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

Cllrs Dickens, SJ Skivens and SL Skivens reported that they had attended playscheme meetings with staff.

Resolved: Noted

68. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

68.1 Playscheme Committee meetings held throughout playschemes:

The Chair of the Committee reported that several meetings had been held during the playschemes to discuss staff issues.

68.2 Events Committee held on 09.09.24: The Chair of the Committee reported that the Tree of Life Community Christmas Concert would be held on Friday, 29th November and Brunch with Santa at Penyrheol Community Centre on Saturday, 14th December.

68.3 CIL Working Group meeting held on 11.09.24: As the Chair of the Committee had given his apologies for the committee meeting and was not present, Cllr Skivens reported that members had discussed other ideas if it was resolved that the pump track was no longer viable. This would be discussed at a further Working Group meeting.

Resolved: Noted

69. To discuss planning applications

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

- 69.1 24/0557/NCC – The Meadows Farm Village Retreat, the Meadows, Gypsy Lane, Groeswen CF15 7UN
- Vary condition 4 & 5 of planning consent 22/0713/RET to amend opening hours and an addition of a new condition to allow further hosting of bespoke events

- 69.2 24/0560/HH – 64 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AR
- Erect two storey side extension
- 69.3 24/0569/FULL – Cwarrau Mawr Farm, Cwarrau Mawr Farm Lane, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2LN
- Erect agricultural storage building and associated works
- 69.4 24/0581/NOTAF – Land to the west of Eglwysilan Road, Eglwysilan Road, Abertridwr, Caerphilly CF83 4ET
- Carry out engineering works to realign, construct and resurface access track and the regrading of adjacent land to bring back into productive agricultural use.
- 69.5 24/0605/LA – St Cenydd Comprehensive School & Leisure Centre, St Cenydd Road, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2RP
- Replace the existing sports pitch, fencing and floodlighting with an all-weather 3G sports pitch, fencing and floodlighting.
- 69.6 24/0624/NCC – Duffryn Wen, Groeswen Road, Groeswen, Cardiff CF15 7UT
- Remove condition 01 (agriculture/forestry occupancy restriction) relating to planning permission ref: CUDC 7898 from 1968
- 69.7 24/0605/HH – 66 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AR
- Erect single storey rear extension

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to items 69.1 to 69.7

70. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

- 70.1 Email from CCBC re: Nature Recovery Action Plan
- 70.2 Email from CCBC re: invitation to Net Zero Carbon Focus Group
- 70.3 Email from CCBC re: establishing a new primary school through the amalgamation of Hendre Junior School and Hendre Infants School
- 70.4 Email from Senedd members Delyth Jewell and Peredur Owen Griffiths re: withdrawal of funding by CCBC for Llancaiach Fawr, Blackwood Miners Institute and Meals on Wheels

Resolved: Noted

71. To discuss requests for grants

71.1 Over 50's Club

Resolved: In the interest of benefit to the community, a grant of £200 to be approved

72. To discuss setting up of Environmental Committee

It was resolved to discuss this item at the next meeting.

Resolved: To discuss at next meeting

73. To approve the following payments:

73.1 Clerk's salary – October 2024

73.2 Office allowance – October 2024

73.3 Clerk's pension – October 2024

73.4 Inland Revenue – October 2024

73.5 Audit Wales – audit fee for 2023-24 full audit (£200) and audit fee for 2022-23 basic audit (£200)

Resolved: To approve above payments

74. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

No items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

75. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 17th October 2024 at 7.00 pm

The meeting was concluded at 9.10 pm.