



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

Also present: Caitlin Ead (Youth Ambassador applicant); Sam Kemp (Youth Ambassador applicant); Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apology for absence received from Cllr R Barry and apology accepted.

Resolved: To accept apology for absence

116. To discuss Police matters

PCSO Greedy reported that reports had been received regarding youths causing anti-social behaviour in the area of Brynhyfryd. These calls were regarding youths throwing stones at passersby. Observations had been passed and patrols had been conducted. Calls had also been received regarding youths kicking gates in the area of Pen Y Bryn. Safety advice was given to the resident and was still being investigated to identify the youths involved.

Multiple calls had been received regarding a quad bike in the area of Heol Aneurin. There had been numerous Facebook posts regarding this. Observations had been passed to the Traffic team and more patrols would be conducted of the area to try and locate this vehicle. PCSO Greedy asked that if anyone had any details on who was driving this vehicle and where it was being held, to email him.

A report had been received of a male trying the door handle of a property on St Cenydd Rd. An area search had been conducted with a negative result. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service had attended a fire at the back of St Andrews Church. PCSO Greedy asked if the Community Council would be able to organise CCTV camera in the area. Cllr Whittle said that he had already advised the church to apply for a Community Empowerment Fund grant. A report had been received regarding youths climbing poles in Energlyn Station and this was being investigated by the British Transport Police.

PCSO Greedy reported that he had received reports regarding vehicles parking dangerously on Glan Ffrwd and this was being investigated. An operation had been organised to tackle dangerous parking.

Cllr Scriven reported a van parking on the junction in Second Avenue. Cllr Whittle reported that a fire had been started on the bowling green in Aneurin Park.

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 130 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

118. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

No public representations received.

Resolved: Noted

119. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2024 were approved as a true record.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

120. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

121. To discuss Youth Ambassador vacancy

GE left the room as his daughter was an applicant for the Youth Ambassador post. Caitlin Ead and Sam Kemp had applied for the post and told councillors about themselves. It was resolved to accept both as Youth Ambassadors.

Resolved: To accept both candidates as Youth Ambassadors.

122. To approve quarterly financial statement

Councillors approved the quarterly financial statement.

Resolved: To approve the quarterly financial statement

123. To approve 2025/26 Precept and Budgets, further to recommendations by Finance Committee

The Finance Committee had met and recommended to Full Council a 3% increase in the precept due to general increases in prices, an increase in the living wage for playworkers etc. This would mean a rise of 45p per household per annum. A vote was carried out and the 3% was agreed by majority vote. Cllrs Ead and Scriven abstained.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve a 3% increase in the precept.**
- 2. Clerk to inform CCBC of increase.**

124. To consider external audit reports for 2022/23 (full audit) and 2023/24 annual returns

The Clerk reported that both audits had been carried out by Audit Wales and both were unqualified. The full audit carried out for the 2022/23 financial year had received a recommendation that any payment for the use of the Community Council office be declared to HMRC. The Chair of the Finance Committee had agreed to seek advice from an accountant. In addition, the Clerk's contract of employment had now been updated to reflect the additional hours worked per week.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve both completed audits and acknowledge the one recommendation.**
- 2. Chair of Finance Committee to seek advice from accountant regarding payment for use of office.**

125. To receive update on proposed CIL-funded environmental project

Cllr Skivens reported that he and Cllr Minton were due to meet with Eco Hwb Caerphilly to discuss contract terms and cost appendix for the new CIL project. Cllr Whittle suggested attending a garden centre to purchase trees to plant around the wards and agreed to knock on the doors of residents living in the preferred planting areas to gauge their opinions.

Resolved: Cllr Whittle to gauge opinions of residents

126. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

A councillor reported that a youth on a quad bike had covered nine cars and a bus stop with mud. She asked if low-rise fencing could be placed around the targeted areas. Cllr Whittle agreed to ask CCBC for a quote. A councillor reported parking difficulties and dangerous parking and asked if grassed area at Glan Ffrwd could be turned into a resident parking areas. Clerk to contact CCBC to ask. A councillor reported further issues on the Ffordd Newydd estate, ie electric heaters/vents not being serviced, astronomical electricity bills even with solar panels on roofs. The Councillor added that this was not passive housing. She had emailed the organisation many times, with no reply. It was agreed that Cllr Whittle would arrange for Delyth Jewell, MS, to attend on her next visit

Resolved:

- 1. Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC for quote for low-rise fencing.**
- 2. Clerk to contact CCBC to ask if parking area could be created in Glan Ffrwd.**

3. Cllr Whittle to arrange for Delyth Jewell, MS, to visit the Ffordd Newydd estate.

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

Cllrs Dickens, Davies-Ellis, Ead, Minton, Owen, SJ Skivens, SL Skivens and Whittle reported that they had attended the Christmas events. The Chair of the Events Committee thanked everyone who helped with both Christmas events and said they had been a success.

Resolved: Noted

128. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

128.1 Finance Committee held on 16.01.25

The Chair of the committee reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed accounts up to the end of December 2024, along with the quarterly financial statement and precept for 2025-26. The Finance Committee had recommended to Full Council a 3% rise in the precept.

Resolved: Noted

129. To discuss purchase of notice boards

The Chair reported that she had spoken to residents at the Christmas events and everyone she spoke to said that notice boards would be a good idea. They would be interested in the notice board being used for local events etc and liked the idea that anyone could post on the boards. Three to four notice boards would be required. LW to contact CCBC to discuss further.

Resolved: Cllr Whittle to contact CCBC re: purchase and siting of notice boards

130. To discuss planning applications

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

130.1 24/0838/COU – 15 First Avenue, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2SA
- Change the use from residential dwelling to HMO

130.2 24/0858/RET – 50 Clos Cwm Garw, Caerphilly CF83 2BG
- Retain the erection of a garden fence and the raising of ground level

130.3 24/0867/HH – Ty Olaf, Mountain Road, Abertridwr, to Hendredenny Park, Caerphilly
- Demolish existing garage, erect two storey building including hydrotherapy pool area and live in carer accommodation and garage

130.4 24/0909/HH – 47 Heol Barri, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2LX
– Erect single storey side extension

130.5 CAS-03763-C5Y7D9 – 5 Tenby Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UE

- Appeal – attached summerhouse to rear of property

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to items 130.1 to 130.5

131. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

131.1 Letter from Cllr Steve Skivens re: campaign to transfer the management and the assets of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh people

Councillors approved the letter and resolved that the Clerk would send the letter to the Welsh and UK Governments.

131.2 Email from Smart Money Cymru re: Community Investment Bond

131.3 Email from Police and Crime Commissioner re: Police and Crime Commissioner Survey

131.4 Email from CCBC re: extension of PSPO relating to dog control

131.5 Email from Boundary Commission for Wales re: Review of Senedd Constituencies

131.6 Email from Llais Gwent re: Access to NHS Mental Health Services Survey

Resolved: Clerk to send letter re: Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh and UK Governments

132. To discuss requests for grants

No requests for grants received.

Resolved: Noted

133. To approve the following payments:

133.1 Clerk's salary – February 2025

133.2 Office allowance – February 2025

133.3 Clerk's pension – February 2025

133.4 Inland Revenue – February 2025

133.5 Balance of Elsbury invoice for festive lights - £2157.84

133.6 Elite Paper Solutions – confidential paper bags/shredding - £14.02

Resolved: To approve above payments

134. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

No items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

135. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 20th February 2025 at 7.00 pm

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm.