

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

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

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence received from ClIrs R Barry and A Minton and both Youth Ambassadors and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

137. To discuss Police matters

There were no police representatives present at this meeting.

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 146 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

139. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

No public representations received.

Resolved: Noted

140. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16^{th} January 2025 were approved as a true record.

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Signature of Chair: _____

Date: _____

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

141. To discuss Matters Arising

Notice boards: costs had been received for several notice boards but councillors felt the total cost was too expensive. Clerk to contact CCBC regarding possible use of notice board in Trecenydd. Councillors also approved the purchase of a notice board to be sited outside Hendredenny Park Primary School, with a view to purchasing further notice boards if successful. (Reference: minutes 16.01.25, Item 129).

Fences: costs for fencing in selected areas to prevent quad bike entry/damage to pitches and grassed areas had been received but councillors felt the costs were too high. It was agreed that costs to prevent quad bike entry to Aneurin Park would be sought. (Reference: minutes 16.01.15, Item 116).

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Skivens reported that the partnership agreement had now been signed by both parties. He and Cllr Minton had met with representatives of Caerphilly Eco Hwb and the project had now commenced. An order was being placed for trees and six sites had previously been identified by the Community Council. Arrangements would now be made to liaise with schools. The Community Council would pay Caerphilly Eco Hwb for any workshops it held, at an hourly rate. Essential tools would be refunded at cost price. All expenditure would need to be signed off by both Caerphilly Eco Hwb and the Community Council. A monthly expenditure report would be prepared for Community Council meetings. Permission had been granted by the local authority to plant trees in the identified locations.

Resolved: Noted

143. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Whittle reported that a lorry had crashed into the bus shelter in Hendredenny. He said it was imperative that the company who owned the lorry be held accountable and pay all costs and that CCBC did not claim on their insurance. Cllr Whittle would be pursuing this with CCBC.

Cllr Skivens reminded councillors that they had still not yet met with Gwent Police's ward inspector and would chase.

Cllr Owen confirmed that he was now the minor authority governor for Cwm Ifor Primary School.

Resolved:

- 1. Cllr Whittle to liaise with CCBC regarding bus shelter damage.
- 2. Cllr Skivens to chase meeting with Gwent Police inspector.
- 3. To approve Cllr Owen as minor authority governor for Cwm Ifor Primary School.

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

Cllrs Whittle, Skivens and Minton reported that they had attended a meeting regarding the future of Groeswen Chapel. Cllr Scriven reported that he and Cllr Whittle had toured the wards to find possible suitable locations for notice boards.

Resolved: Noted

145. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

No committees had been held since last meeting.

Resolved: Noted

146. To discuss planning applications

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

146.1 25/0012/COU – Land at former Aneurin Labour Club, Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol, Caerphilly Change the use to bus depot and storage with security perimeter fence

The Clerk was asked to submit an objection letter to CCBC to ask for this planning application to be referred to full planning committee. The Community Council strongly objected to this application due to health and safety concerns and the site again becoming a fire hazard.

146.2 25/0065/HH – 4 Bardsey Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2DD - Proposed garage conversion and additional driveway/parking space

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to item 146.2 and letter of objection to be submitted for item 146.1

147. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

147.1 Email from CCBC re: consultations on budget proposals, library service and leisure centre proposals

Resolved: Noted

148. To discuss requests for grants

No requests for grants received.

Resolved: Noted

149. To approve the following payments:

- **149.1** Clerk's salary March 2025
- 149.2 Office allowance March 2025
- 149.3 Clerk's pension March 2025
- 149.4 Inland Revenue March 2025

Resolved: To approve above payments

150. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

No items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

151. To agree date of next Council meeting

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

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm.