



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2025 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

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

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting and informed councillors that Cllr Emma Llewellyn had stepped down as Community Councillor. The Chair wished to thank Cllr Llewellyn for her continued hard work during her term of office and wished her well for the future.

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

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs R Barry, S Dickens, N Owen and J Scriven and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

169. To discuss Police matters

PCSO Greedy reported that there had been reports of anti-social behaviour in the Penyrheol area, especially in the grounds of St Andrews Church. Advice had been given to purchase further CCTV and to fix the back fence. It had also been advised to lock the gates when church not in use. Cllr Whittle said that there may be Community Empowerment Funds funding for the back fence.

Cllr Skivens reported the deteriorating anti-social behaviour situation in Penyrheol. Residents were coming forward to councillors. He added that a Top Shop Working Group had been set up but declining attendance by the relevant personnel meant the meetings could not go ahead any longer. PCSO Greedy said that Gwent Police were not receiving calls regarding anti-social behaviour off the public and was informed that residents were scared to come forward with information.

It was agreed that PCSO Greedy would arrange a meeting with Gwent Police's sargent/inspector to discuss the issues in Penyrheol and clerk to get suitable date from Community Councillors.

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported the ongoing situation in the Castell Maen/Castle View area, ie drugs issues, illegal camping, threats, men exposing themselves etc. PCSO Greedy said that investigations into this were continuing.

Cllr Ead reported issues in the woods and PCSO Greedy said he would do an extra patrol in that aread.

Cllr Whittle asked about the fact that police officers had allegedly taken a tent off a homeless man and ripped up the tent and was informed that the tent was taken away due to other pending charges but it was not ripped up.

Resolved: Clerk to secure date to meet sargent/inspector

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 178 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

171. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

No public representations received.

Resolved: Noted

172. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th March 2025 were approved as a true record.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

173. To discuss Matters Arising

Defibrillator: The Clerk requested the exact desired location for the defibrillator in Hendredenny so that she could make further enquiries with The National Grid and Councillors felt the best location was Hendredenny Drive near the bus stop before the Golwg Y Coed housing estate. Councillors approved funding from CIL funds for a defibrillator, post, cabinet, National Grid fee for supply to the site and electrician fee to feed electricity to defibrillator. (Reference: Minutes 20.03.25, Item 166).

Notice board: The Clerk also asked where Councillors wanted the notice board and was informed that the best location would be outside Hendredenny Park Primary School. (Reference: Minutes 20.03.25, Item 157).

Planting of trees: Cllr Ead asked about planting a row of trees on the path leading to Trecenydd to prevent anti-social behaviour (eg items being thrown at houses from the public path). Cllr Ead agreed to draw up a map of the area. It was advised to involve residents in order to get their agreement. (Reference: Minutes 20.03.25, Item 158).

Resolved:

- 1. Clerk to make enquiries regarding a freestanding defibrillator post for Hendredenny Drive.**
- 2. To approve expenditure for defibrillator, post, cabinet and electrical work from CIL funds.**
- 3. Clerk to make enquiries regarding a notice board.**
- 4. Cllr Ead to draw up a map of area requested for tree planting.**

174. To receive update on proposed CIL-funded environmental project and to discuss use of balance of CIL funds

Cllr Skivens reported that St Cenydd Community School and Cwm Ifor Primary School had shown interest in embarking on an environmental project with Caerphilly Hwb and a further report would be forthcoming when the project progressed further.

Resolved: To report at future meeting on St Cenydd Community School and Cwm Ifor Primary School environmental projects

175. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

No items were brought up by councillors.

Resolved: Noted

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

No meetings/events had been attended by councillors.

Resolved: Noted

177. To approve End of Year Accounts and Quarterly Financial statement

Councillors reviewed and approved the annual accounts and quarterly financial statement.

Resolved: To approve the annual accounts and quarterly financial statement

178. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

No committee meetings had been held since the last Community Council meeting.

Resolved: Noted

179. To discuss planning applications

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

- 179.1 25/0091/HH – 2 Gelli'r Felin, Caerphilly CF83 2LF**
- Erect rear single storey lean-to extension

179.2 25/0111/HH – 3 Druids Close, Caerphilly CF83 2XR

- Erect single storey extension

179.3 25/0127/HH – 11 Heol Pwllypant, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2ND

- Convert existing garage into living accommodation

179.4 Trecenydd Business Park vacant land

- Retain and complete construction of new access

Resolved: Noted

180. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

180.1 Email from CCBC regarding Public Spaces Protection Order in Penyrheol

180.2 Email from One Voice Wales regarding draft diversity and inclusion guidance for political parties

180.3 Email from Transport for Wales re: Rhymney line works

180.4 Email from CCBC regarding Armed Forces Day

Resolved: Noted

181. To discuss requests for grants

181.1 Llangollen International Eisteddfod

Councillors reviewed the above grant request but resolved not to award a grant.

Resolved: Not to award grant

181.2 Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club

The Clerk left the room due to a conflict of interest whilst this grant request was being discussed. Councillors agreed to approve a grant of £400 towards first aid courses/development of wheelchair section.

Resolved: To award a grant of £400

182. To approve the following payments:

182.1 Clerk's salary – May 2025

182.2 Office allowance – May 2025

182.3 Clerk's pension – May 2025

182.4 Inland Revenue – May 2025

Resolved: To approve above payments

183. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

No items highlighted to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

184. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 15th May 2025 at 7.00 pm, following the AGM at 6.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.05 pm.