



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: G Ead; A Minton (Chair); N Owen; J Scriven; SJ Skivens;
SL Skivens; L Whittle; A Williams

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs R Barry, J Davies-Ellis and S Dickens and apologies accepted.

Cllr Barry had informed the Clerk that she was stepping down, which would result in a vacancy. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should advertise the vacancy as soon as possible.

Resolved: Clerk to advertise Community Councillor vacancy

83. To discuss Police matters

A written report by the PCSO had been received by Councillors. Cllr SJ Skivens reported that a meeting had been held with Gwent Police's local inspector, which had been very productive. The anti-social behaviour and general condition of the area of the Top Shops in Penyrheol was discussed. A plan had now been set in place to make improvements and these improvements would be monitored.

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Greg Ead declared an interest in item 93 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee and Cllr SJ Skivens declared an interest in item 86 as the artist in question was his son. They took no part in the relevant items.

Resolved: Noted

85. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

No public representations received.

Resolved: Noted

86. To receive Youth Ambassador reports

A discussion took place regarding activities the Youth Ambassadors could participate/take the lead in and a community councillor suggested looking into the possibility of a mural at St Cenydd Community School, in which an artist (Jack Skivens) could take the lead and students could also be involved. The Youth Ambassadors were asked to discuss this with the school and report to the next meeting.

Resolved: Youth Ambassadors to discuss the possibility of a mural at St Cenydd Community School with relevant staff

87. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July 2025 were approved as a true record. Cllr Ead said that he had not been present at the meeting, although he was recorded as being present.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record further to the above amendment

88. To discuss Matters Arising

Defibrillator: The Clerk reported that she had looked into the possibility of a solar defibrillator but both she and councillors felt that this would not be suitable for the location. Clerk to arrange for purchase of defibrillator and cabinet and arrange for electricity to be fed to the post via The National Grid and CCBC (Reference: Meeting 17.07.25, item 78).

Resolved: Clerk to arrange for purchase of defibrillator and arrange for electricity to be fed to defibrillator

89. To receive update on proposed CIL-funded environmental project and balance of CIL funds

Cllr SJ Skivens reported that the project was currently on stop owing to, despite seven areas having been identified by community councillors, final permission for the use of certain sites had not yet been granted by CCBC. Cllr Skivens was in contact with CCBC's Regeneration Team and Carbon Reduction Officer to check that the areas had no services, drains etc attached to them and he had met with two officers on site at the beginning of September. The situation was now quite urgent as native bulbs would need to be planted in the next couple of weeks. All planning and engagement had taken place. Cllr Whittle agreed to discuss this with CCBC at their next meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Whittle to discuss with CCBC at their next meeting

90. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Ead reported on traffic works on Nantgarw Road and said that he had been liaising with CCBC traffic officers. Wales and West were doing all they could to speed up the work and the first phase would be completed by the coming weekend. The Tafwys Walk to Crescent Road works would then take three to four weeks. Once done, traffic would be managed with a single lane closure and traffic lights. All works should be completed by October half-term. GE to update Community Council Facebook page with this information. A community councillor asked about the air quality and was informed that the air quality at St Cenydd Community School was being monitored.

Cllr Whittle reported that he had attended a meeting at St Andrew's Church to discuss the future of the church. A committee was being set up to further discuss.

Resolved: Cllr G Ead to post on Community Council Facebook page regarding roadwork update

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

Cllr Scriven reported that he had attended a site meeting. Cllr Whittle reported that he had attended the site meeting and meeting with the police inspector. Cllr Owen reported that he had attended a governor meeting at Cwm Ifor Primary School. Cllr Owen mentioned the Baxter project and was informed that the PTA would need to submit an application for a grant. Cllr SL Skivens had attended playscheme interviews. Cllr SJ Skivens reported that he had attended the meeting with the police inspector and the environmental project site visit.

Resolved: Noted

92. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

92.1 Events Committee held on 21.07.25: in the absence of the committee chair, the Clerk reported that councillors had agreed to hold a Brunch with Santa at Penyrheol Community Centre on Saturday, 13th December and one at Trecenydd Community Centre on Sunday, 14th December. Councillors had also agreed to hold the Community Tree of Life event on Friday, 28th November. Councillors approved the Christmas events expenditure.

Due to the summer recess and Gwent Police needing an answer quickly, the Clerk had also emailed Councillors following the Events Committee meeting on 30th July to ask if they would like the Community Council to become involved in a FAW football project. Councillors approved the project via a majority vote via email.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve a grant of £2000 for the Gwent Police/Community Council/FAW football project.**
- 2. To approve Christmas event expenditure.**

93. To receive update on summer playschemes

Community Councillors received a written report from both Play Leaders. The chair of the committee wished to thank the Clerk for her hard work in arranging/planning both playschemes. Even though the playschemes only ran for four weeks, the same policies and procedures had to be put in place as full-time regular play settings. He also thanked the playscheme committee members for their hard work. He added that both playschemes had gone extremely well this year.

Resolved: Noted

93. To discuss planning applications

93.1 25/0617/FULL - land South West of Ty Isaf Farm

Councillors unanimously agreed to the following objections:

1. Addition to heavy traffic already leaving the Aber Valley and Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn wards during busy times. Vehicles from the development would have to drive out onto a very busy road and also drive into the development off a very busy road.
2. The possibility that the land was liable to subsidence.
3. Development outside the urban envelope. At present there was a distinct separation of two villages. This would no longer be the case with the building of houses on green spaces between the two villages.

Resolved: Clerk to forward above objections to CCBC Planning Department

93.2 25/0632/NCC - The Meadows Farm Village Retreat

No objections received.

94. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

- 94.1 Email from Caerphilly Miners Centre
- 94.2 Email from Aber Valley Heritage re: Universal Memorial Service
- 94.3 Email from CCBC re: vacancy for Minor Authority governor at the newly-formed Hendre Primary School. Cllr Alun Williams agreed to become a governor.

Resolved: Clerk to inform CCBC that Cllr Alun Williams would become a Minor Authority governor at Hendre Primary School

95. To discuss requests for grants

No requests for grants received.

Resolved: Noted

96. To approve the following payments:

- 96.1** Clerk's salary – October 2025
- 96.2** Office allowance – October 2025
- 96.3** Clerk's pension – October 2025
- 96.4** Inland Revenue – October 2025
- 96.5** Viking - stationery - £55.10

Resolved: To approve above payments

97. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

There were no items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

98. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 16th October 2025 at 7.00 pm

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm.