



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st MAY 2026 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: S Dickens; J Davies-Ellis; A Minton; N Owen; J Scriven; SJ Skivens; SL Skivens; A Williams

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs G Ead and M Coombes and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

22. To discuss Police matters

PCSO Watkins reported that there had been 192 recorded crimes in the Penyrheol ward, slightly higher than previously. The calls relating to anti-social behaviour had decreased. Again, Councillors reiterated that the lack of calls did not mean less anti-social behaviour, rather that residents were either too scared to report or did not feel anything would be done about the issues. Calls had been received regarding people on off-road bikes and quad bikes which had been linked mainly to reports of youths on these vehicles. Patrols were being conducted. Calls had also been received regarding youths loitering around The Top Shops area during the evenings. PCSOs had been actively patrolling these areas, either in marked or unmarked vehicles. There had been a lot of driving offences and theft offences in the area which Gwent Police were targeting and had already seized numerous vehicles in relation to these incidents.

PCSO Watkins reported that they had attended Hendre Junior school to deliver a presentation on knife crime. A walk-around in Hendredenny had also taken place with Wales and West Housing due to an increase in ASB.

The mobile police station would be parked outside Penyrheol Community Centre on 1st June at 2.00 pm. PCSO Watkins to forward information to Clerk to upload to social media pages.

The Clerk asked PCSO Watkins for an update on the FAW football project and was informed that he would chase this up.

Cllr SJ Skivens reported on an incident that had taken place on Heol Las and said that the Top Shops Working Group would be meeting soon to discuss the issues in that area.

Resolved: PCSO Watkins to forward details regarding Police surgery to Clerk

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

There were no declarations of interest.

Resolved: Noted

24. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

There were no members of the public present.

Resolved: Noted

25. To receive Youth Ambassador reports

The Youth Ambassadors were not present at the meeting.

Resolved: Noted

26. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2026 were approved as a true record.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

27. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

28. To discuss Community Councillor co-option vacancy

The Clerk reported that no further enquiries had been received regarding the vacancy. The Chair agreed to follow this up.

Resolved: Chair to follow up regarding co-option vacancy

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

The Chair reported that a quote for the mural at St Cenydd Community School was expected on 27th May. The replacement rugby posts for Aneurin Park had been ordered (£2500), along with two picnic benches (£2800 total). Designs for new equipment in Trecenydd park were awaited.

Resolved:

30. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Owen reported that there were still issues with parking in Penyrheol. It was suggested that he obtain the addresses of those who were causing the parking issues and ask the warden to call. Cllr Dickens reported that the front wall of the shop at the Top Shops appeared to be coming away from the building and there was a lot of litter and broken glass. The Chair agreed to contact CCBC Building Control to give an update. Cllr SJ Skivens reported that families were complaining about the changes to school transport and suggested that families put in a complaint to CCBC. The Chair reported that he would now be chasing the Assembly for an update on the Ffordd Newydd estate.

Resolved:

- 1. Cllr Owen to obtain addresses and contact CCBC warden.**
- 2. Chair to contact CCBC Building Control regarding wall at Top Shops.**
- 3. Chair to contact Welsh Assembly regarding update on Ffordd Newydd estate.**

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

Cllr Owen reported that he had attended a Cwm Ifor Governors' meeting and Playscheme Committee meeting. Cllr Dickens reported that she had attended the Playscheme Committee meeting and interviews and the Cwm Ifor Primary School play. Cllr Skivens reported that he had attended both Playscheme meetings, Finance Committee meeting and Eco project meeting. Cllr SL Skivens reported that she had attended the Playscheme Committee meeting. Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had attended both playscheme meetings. Cllr Scriven reported that he had attended a site visit with CCBC Highway officers in Energlyn and Trecenydd Park. The Chair reported that he had attended Parks Department meetings, the Playscheme Committee meeting and the Cwm Ifor Primary School play.

Cllr SJ Skivens reported that it had been resolved at the AGM which had preceded this meeting that the Clerk should purchase a laptop for Community Council work only and that the password for the laptop would be given to the Chair in a sealed envelope and opened should the need ever arise.

Resolved: Clerk to purchase laptop for Community Council work

32. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

32.1 Playscheme Committee meeting held on 11.05.26: The Chair of the Committee reported that shortlisting had taken place at the first meeting, followed by interviews for the four playworker vacancies. A Trips meeting would be held in due course. Councillors had discussed additional hours for both Play Leaders, as they had to work outside of the agreed hours to purchase items for breakfast etc. Councillors agreed to pay an additional one hour per day.

Resolved: To pay an additional one hour per day for Play Leaders

33. To discuss planning applications

No planning applications received.

Resolved: Noted

34. To discuss correspondence received:

No correspondence received.

Resolved: Noted

35. To discuss requests for grants

35.1 Caerphilly Girlguiding Association

Councillors agreed to award a grant of £200.

Resolved: To award a grant of £200

36. To approve the following payments:

- 36.1 Clerk's salary – June 2026
- 36.2 Office allowance – June 2026
- 36.3 Clerk's pension – June 2026
- 36.4 Inland Revenue – June 2026

Resolved: To approve above payments

37. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

CIL. Possible purchase of Christmas tree.

Resolved: Noted

38. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 18th June 2026 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.25 pm.