**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**HELD ON THURSDAY, 18th JUNE 2026 AT 7.00 PM**
**AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors: J Davies-Ellis; G Ead; A Minton; N Owen

**Also present:** Helen Treherne (Clerk)

| **Minute Number** | **Item discussed** |
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The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs M Coombes; SDickens; SJ Skivens, SL Skivens and A Williams and apologies accepted.

**Resolved: To accept apologies for absence**

**40. To discuss Police matters**

PCSO Watkins reported that, overall, the calls regarding anti-social behaviour had increased from seven to 12 since the previous month. Again Councillors said that there were more incidents of anti-social behaviour but residents were either afraid to report them or had given up trying to report them. PCSO Watkins added that residents may be best served to contact Gwent Police via its social media apps for non-emergency calls. PCSO Watkins reported that a number of calls had been received regarding off-road bikes and quad bikes that had been linked mainly to reports of youths on these vehicles. Patrols were being conducted.

Youths were still loitering around The Top Shops in the evenings. PCSOs had been actively patrolling these areas either in marked or unmarked vehicles. Patrols had been conducted with partner agencies, working together to look at different outcomes for incidents and engagements. There had been a lot of driving offences and theft offences in the area which officers were targeting at the moment and had already seized numerous vehicles in relation to these incidents.

PCSO Watkins reported that PCSOs had attended Hendre Junior school to deliver a presentation on anti-social behaviour. They had collaborated with WeDontBuyCrime regarding ongoing car thefts in the area. A police surgery was planned this month using the mobile police station which normally gathered useful intelligence.

**Resolved: Noted**



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**41. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 53 as he was on CCBC's Planning Committee and took no part in that item.

**Resolved: Noted**

**42. To receive any public representations to the Community Council**

There were no members of the public present.

**Resolved: Noted**

**43. To receive Youth Ambassador reports**

The Youth Ambassadors were not present at the meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

**44. To approve minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st May 2026 were approved as a true record.

**Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record**

**45. To discuss Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Resolved: Noted**

**46. To discuss Community Councillor co-option vacancy**

The Chair reported that no interest had been shown in the vacancy and it was agreed that a further push would be made after the Community Council elections the following year.

**Resolved: Noted**

**47. To approve Annual Return, including the annual governance statement (full audit) for 2025-26**

The Clerk informed Councillors that the internal audit was now complete and reminded Councillors that it would be a full audit this year. Councillors considered the annual return and accompanying papers. Councillors approved the annual return/governance statement and agreed that the Clerk should submit the annual return and all requested paperwork to Audit Wales for external audit.

Councillors discussed future consultation with the community and agreed that this would be added to the agenda for a future meeting.

**Resolved:**

1. **To approve the annual return for 2025-26, including the annual governance statement.**
2. **Clerk to submit Annual Return to Audit Wales.**
3. **Consultation with community to be added to agenda for future meeting.**

**48. To approve Annual Report for 2025-26**

Councillors considered the draft Annual Report for 2025-26 and asked the Clerk to send the draft to the Chair for completion.

**Resolved: Clerk to forward draft annual report to Chair for completion**

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

Lynn and Amy reported that the next step in the eco project would be to engage youth volunteers that were looking for opportunities and to look at ways that the project could be adapted for people with additional needs. It was hoped to become partners with Coleg Y Cymoedd. Also, allotment users seemed keen to get involved. It was also planned to seek residents' thoughts/ideas via social media, perhaps via a pop-up event. There would be a community engagement event in August Hendredenny. In addition, a celebratory event was planned for the end of the project.

The Chair reported that the wall at St Cenydd Community School would be rendered soon and then the mural could be started.

The Chair reported that costs for park furniture for Hendredenny Park and Trecenydd Park would be submitted to the next Community Council meeting.

**Resolved: Chair/Councillor Scriven to submit costs for parks to next Community Council meeting**

**50. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors**

There were no items brought up by councillors.

**Resolved: Noted**

**51. To receive reports on meetings/events attended by Councillors**

Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had attended the playscheme meetings. Cllr Minton reported that he had attended the Top Shops meeting, environmental project meeting and site visits.

**Resolved: Noted**

**52. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees**

**52.1 Top Shops Working Group meeting held on 10.06.26:**

The Chair reported that a meeting had been held between councillors, CCBC officers and owners of the buildings at the Top Shops. It had been



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a productive meeting and the Clerk would send minutes of the meeting to councillors.

**52.2 Playscheme Committee meeting held on 17.06.26:** The Vice-Chair of the Committee reported that a meeting had been held to discuss this year's trips and ideas for equipment/events.

**Resolved: Noted**

**53. To discuss planning applications**

No planning applications received.

**Resolved: Noted**

**54. To discuss correspondence received:**

The following correspondence had been received:

54.1 Email received from Planning Aid Wales regarding Engaging and Empowering Local Communities seminar

54.2 Email from One Voice Wales regarding upcoming courses

**Resolved: Noted**

**55. To discuss requests for grants**

No applications for grants received.

**Resolved: Noted**

**56. To approve the following payments:**

56.1 Clerk's salary – July 2026
56.2 Office allowance – July 2026
56.3 Clerk's pension – July 2026
56.4 Inland Revenue – July 2026

**Resolved: To approve above payments**

**57. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting**

No items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

**Resolved: Noted**

**58. To agree date of next Council meeting**

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 16th July 2026 at 7.00 pm, following Finance Committee meeting at 6.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 8.25 pm.



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