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PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Councillors: G Ead; A Minton; N Owen; J Scriven; S J Skivens; S L Skivens

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk); Members of Caerphilly Athletic FC, Penyrheol Bowls Club and Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club

Minute Number **Item discussed**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs M Coombes, J Davies-Ellis and A Williams and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence

78. To discuss Police matters

There were no Police present at the meeting.

Resolved: Noted

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

Although the Clerk did not have a vote, she declared an interest in Item 80 as she was General Manager of Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club. The club was represented by another committee member. She also declared an interest in item 85, discussing a potential Clerk's annual pay rise.

Resolved: Noted

80. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

Representatives of the following clubs were present to discuss possible Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for Aneurin Park: Caerphilly Athletic FC, Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club and Penyrheol Bowls Club. The representative of Caerphilly Athletic CF said that their numbers were growing year on year. Their men's side was in the league just below the premier. However, the club had nowhere it could call home. Hence Caerphilly Athletic FC had decided to apply for the CAT. They had since reached out to other clubs as they wanted to bring the community together by creating a community feel. They also wished to secure a venue that was fit for purpose for sporting and other activities. Grants were available from the FAW to improve the pavilion and it was hoped to create

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an improved clubhouse/changing rooms/kitchen/meeting rooms/perhaps a coffee shop etc.

A representative of Penyrheol Bowls Club stated that the bowls club had been at Aneurin park for 25 years and had made improvements to the meeting room/bar area themselves, at their own cost. They would be reluctant to let that go as it was their main source of income as they had an alcohol licence. The club currently paid £6000 per year to CCBC but this would be increasing to £10000 in the next few years. The representative reported on why keeping the room for the bowlers was imperative for the club's survival. He added that the bowls club would support the application if plans to take over the whole pavilion were removed. The representative of Caerphilly Athletic Club stated that it would be important for the CAT association to have full use of the whole pavilion so that all sports could benefit. It was also hoped to hold events such as weddings, baby showers, meetings etc in the long-term in order to raise more income. A representative of Penyrheol Bowls Club asked why Caerphilly Athletic FC could not take over the pitch and pavilion at Morgan Jones Park and was informed that the facilities were not big enough and that they did explore that option but drainage work alone would cost in excess £500,000.

A Community Councillor asked about clashes on game days as two clubs could not play at the same time and was informed that this would require further conversations and working together to find suitable solutions.

A representative of Aber Valley Wolves Rugby League Club stated that they also wanted somewhere to call home. The club was not in a position to join the CAT association but it would be important for the club to have access to both pitches and changing rooms for four months of the year. This would need to be included in a written contract.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Penyrheol Bowls Club keeping their meeting room. The representative of Caerphilly Athletic FC was asked if he could include this in proposals to see if this would be viable for the CAT association.

A Community Councillor asked about revenue streams and was informed that income would consist of membership fees, fundraising, grants, bar takings etc.

A Community Councillor stated that CAT associations had worked successfully in other locations and that there was a real potential for a successful CAT transfer.

A Community Councillor asked if consideration had been made for residents, especially those older residents in Pleasant Place. Also, parking was an issue at present. The Community Councillor was informed that all this would be considered.

The Chair brought the discussion to a close and asked if the representative of Caerphilly Athletic FC could work with the FAW to see what could be done with the building and especially the meeting room, before a formal submission was made to CCBC. He was also asked if he could come back to the Community Council with a draft submission. The Chair was confident that a compromise could be found. The representative of Caerphilly Athletic FC said that at present, this was the only community room available within the pavilion and it would make it difficult to go ahead with the CAT transfer without use of that room for

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all the different sports. The building could be developed and increased over time but in the short-term that room would be needed for all. However, he agreed to go away and look at different options in order to satisfy all involved, as it was imperative that this was a shared application between all the different sports clubs.

Resolved: Noted

81. To receive Youth Ambassador reports

The Youth Ambassadors were not present at the meeting.

Resolved: Noted

82. To approve minutes of previous meeting

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

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

83. To discuss Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: Noted

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

The Chair reported that the mural would be started the following week and explained the process. A Community Councillor reported on plans for the autumn for the Eco Project. Cllr Scriven stated that he had been in contact with the CCBC Parks Officer regarding equipment for Trecenydd Park but would need to have further discussions. Cllr Ead agreed to source a projector and screen for Penyrheol Community Centre. Cllr Dickens asked if another picnic bench could be purchased for Aneurin Park.

Resolved:

1. **Cllr Scriven to liaise with CCBC officer regarding equipment for Trecenydd Park.**
2. **Cllr Ead to source projector and screen.**
3. **Clerk to order another picnic bench for Aneurin Park.**

85. To discuss/approve Clerk's annual pay rise

The Clerk left the room for this item to be discussed. On her return she was informed that the annual pay rise of 3.3% (including any backpay to April 2026) had been approved.

Resolved: To approve annual Clerk's pay rise and backpay

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86. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

Cllr Dickens stated that the rubbish had been cleared and the area jet washed outside the flats in the Top Shops area. She also asked if the Clerk could contact CCBC to ask that the bins outside Londis be emptied more frequently. Cllr Owen reported that Cwm Ifor Primary School PTA had confirmed that they would be submitting an application for a grant. Cllr Ead showed Community Councillors a leaflet that had been created for County Borough Councillors and asked if Community Councillors would like to be added. It was resolved that the leaflet would be left as it was. Cllr Skivens asked for more support for the eco project, eg sharing on social media, attendance at events etc.

Resolved: Clerk to contact CCBC to ask for more frequent emptying of bins outside Londis shop in Penyrheol

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

Cllr Owen reported that he had attended a Governors' meeting at Cwm Ifor Primary School. Cllr SL Skivens reported that she had attended an eco project event in Hendredenny. Cllr SJ Skivens reported that he had attended the eco project events in Hendredenny and Trecenydd.

Resolved: Noted

88. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

88.1 Events Committee held on 10.09.26

The Clerk reported that the Events Committee had discussed the Tree of Life concert on Friday, 27th November and the brunches with Santa on Saturday 12th December at Trecenydd Community Centre and Sunday 13th December at Penyrheol Community Centre.

The Clerk also presented the playscheme reports and said that it had gone very well.

Resolved: Noted

89. To discuss planning applications

89.1 26/0543/HH - 1 Gelli Dawel, Energlyn, Caerphilly CF83 2QT
- Erect rear extension and convert existing garage to living accommodation

89.2 26/0445/COU - Allan Wilcox Racing Betting Office, Heol Aneurin, Penyrheol, Caerphilly CF83 2PG
- Change the use from betting office to greengrocers

89.3 26/0577/RET - Pink Self Storage, Caerphilly Yard 6, Trecenydd Business Park, Caerphilly
- Retain use of land as self-storage facility comprising of shipping containers and associated works

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89.4 26/0633/FULL - Land to North of Hendredenny Drive, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UP
- Erect two semi-detached two-storey dwellings, off-street parking and associated works

Resolved: Noted

90. To discuss correspondence received:

90.1 Email from CCBC regarding Draft Participation, Engagement and Consultation Framework 2026.

Resolved: Noted

91. To discuss requests for grants

The following grant application was considered:

91.1 Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Councillors approved a grant of £250

Resolved: To approve a grant of £250

91.2 Eisteddfod Y Cymoedd

Councillors approved a grant of £250.

Resolved: To approve a grant of £250

92. To approve the following payments:

92.1 Clerk's salary – October 2026
92.2 Office allowance – October 2026
92.3 Clerk's pension – October 2026
92.4 Inland Revenue – October 2026
92.5 James Travel - playscheme trips - £2275

Resolved: To approve above payments

93. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

St David's event. Community Asset Transfer update.

Resolved: Noted

94. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 15th October 2026 at 7.00 pm, following Finance Committee at 6.00 pm.

The meeting was concluded at 9.00 pm.

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