



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM
AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors: R Barry; J Davies-Ellis (Chair); G Ead; A Minton; J Scriven; SJ Skivens; L Whittle

Also present: Glen Adams, Blacksmith; Helen Treherne (Clerk)

**Minute Item discussed
Number**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs S Dickens, E Llewellyn, N Owen and SL Skivens and apologies accepted.

Resolved: To approve apologies for absence

77. To discuss Police matters

There were no Police in attendance.

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Ead declared an interest in Item 86 as he was a member of CCBC's Planning Committee.

Resolved: Noted

79. To receive any public representations to the Community Council

No public representations received.

Resolved: Noted

80. To approve minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2024 were approved as a true record.

Resolved: To approve previous minutes as a true record

81. To discuss Matters Arising

Liaison with CCBC's anti-social behaviour unit: Cllr Whittle said that he would liaise with CCBC officers at their next meeting with Gwent Police inspector to discuss further. (Minutes 19.09.24; Item 60).

Resolved: Cllr Whittle to liaise with CCBC officers at next meeting with Gwent Police inspector

82. To discuss Youth Ambassador vacancy

Councillors agreed that Cllr Minton would design a poster to go on notice board, be forwarded to schools, shops, churches, community centres etc. Cllr Minton also to add segment regarding environment aspect to job description.

Resolved: Cllr Minton to design poster/advert and add environmental segment to job description

83. To discuss items/issues brought up by Councillors

No items were brought up by councillors.

Resolved: Noted

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

Cllr Scriven reported that he had attended a site visit in Angel Lane regarding parking issues. Cllr Davies-Ellis reported that she had attended the Senghenydd Mining Disaster Memorial service and Events Committee meeting. Cllr Ead reported that he had attended the Finance Committee meeting. Cllr Whittle reported that he had attended the Memorial Service and Finance Committee meeting. Cllr Skivens reported that he had attended the Memorial Service, Finance Committee meeting and an environmental meeting. Cllr Minton reported that he had attended two environmental meetings and the Memorial Service.

Resolved: Noted

85. To receive verbal reports from Chairs of committees

85.1 Events Committee held on 07.10.24: The Chair reported that the Committee had discussed the Brunch with Santa event and the Tree of Life Community Christmas concert and both events were on track.

85.3 Finance Committee held on 17.10.24: The Chair of the Committee reported that the committee had recommended approval of the quarterly financial statement, had approved the accounts for July, August and September and reconciled bank statements.

Resolved: Noted

To discuss commissioning of new bench

Glen Adams, a local blacksmith, was in attendance to discuss ideas for a bench for the late former councillor Carl Coombes. Councillors discussed different ideas and it was agreed that Cllr Skivens would speak to Mr Coombe's widow to progress further and report to next meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Skivens to liaise with Michelle Coombes and report back to next meeting

86. To discuss planning applications

Councillors reviewed the following planning applications:

- 86.1 24/0632/CLPU – 50A The Crescent, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF84 2SW
- Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed change of use from private dwelling to care home
- 86.2 24/0652/FULL – Land at former Aneurin Labour Club, Penyrheol, Caerphilly
- Proposed residential development and associated works. Design a lot better. Social housing. Off Council/housing association waiting list. LW: what's happened to £400,000 charge on the land.
- 86.3 24/0656/HH – 66 Skomer Island Way, Caerphilly CF83 2AR
- Erect single storey rear extension
- 86.4 24/0697/HH – 5 Carmarthen Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2TX
- Erect single storey side extension

Resolved: In the general interest of the community, no objections be raised to items 86.1 to 86.4

87. To discuss correspondence received:

The following correspondence was discussed:

- 87.1 Email from One Voice Wales re: Pethau Bychain meeting;
- 87.2 Email from One Voice Wales re: Senedd Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the Community and Town Council sector;
- 87.3 Email from Caerphilly Active Travel re: Caerphilly Active Travel Scheme

Resolved: Noted

88. To approve quarterly financial statement

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Councillors approved the quarterly financial statement for July to September 2024.

Resolved: To approve quarterly financial statement

89. To discuss requests for grants

No requests for grants received.

90. To discuss setting up of Biodiversity Committee

Cllrs Minton and Skivens had prepared a proposal for an environmental project for the CIL funds. Approximately six to seven environmentally-beneficial areas were earmarked within the wards, which could be added to in future. The plan would be to work closely with schools, partnering with Eco Hwb Caerffili. This would include the Hwb carrying out workshops in schools for eighteen months, overseen by the Community Council. Cllr Minton added that young people were particularly concerned about the environment, so it would make sense to involve schools in order to support future generations. It was agreed that Cllrs Minton and Skivens would ask a representative of Eco Hwb Caerffili to attend the next meeting to discuss further. Councillors agreed that the Community Council would need to enter into a contract with the Hwb, which would include retaining budgetary control. A working group would then be set up going forward.

Resolved: Cllrs Minton and Skivens to invite Eco Hwb Caerffili representative to next meeting

91. To approve the following payments:

- 91.1** Clerk's salary – November 2024
- 91.2** Office allowance – November 2024
- 91.3** Clerk's pension – November 2024
- 91.4** Inland Revenue – November 2024

Resolved: To approve above payments

92. To agree items to be discussed at next meeting

No items agreed to be discussed at next meeting.

Resolved: Noted

93. To agree date of next Council meeting

Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 21st November 2024 at 7.00 pm

The meeting was concluded at 9.10 pm.