

## **Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council**

### **Agreed Minutes of meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Present:** Cllr C Woodley (Chairman): Cllr M Walters, Cllr J Hartwell, Cllr J Myring, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr T Penny, Cllr J Brock, Cllr J Hill, Cllr J Rossiter, Cllr G Thomas, Cllr K Morgan,

**Apologies:** Cllr D Walters, Cllr N Reed, Cllr M Phillips,

**Attending:** PCSO

The Chair opened the meeting by advising Cllrs that according to the Public Bodies Act 1960, it is not legal to record Community Council meetings.

#### **2017/23 – Disclosures of Personal Interest**

None

#### **2017/24 - PCSO report**

The PCSO provided a report detailing the incidences of Anti-social behaviour, Burglaries/Theft and Criminal Damage in the Hirwaun and Penderyn areas. He advised that patrols were being undertaken in relation to anti-social behaviour at Hirwaun Welfare. Patrols are taking place in Penderyn in relation to parking issues at Penderyn Primary School. Speed traps are continuing in Penderyn to try and tackle HGV drivers speeding. Patrols are also taking place at The Lamb Inn after reports of buses reversing and causing damage. In Hirwaun, patrols are continuing where drivers are known to cause obstruction, along with continuing speed exercises conducted within the village.

The PCSO has asked residents to i) report any incidents of Anti Social behaviour, ii) to keep vehicles secure when unattended and not to leave keys inside the vehicle, iii) to make sure that sheds are locked and gardens kept secure.

## 2017/25 - CBC reports

A report was received from County Borough Cllr Graham Thomas that:

- The abandoned lorry on the A4059 at Penderyn has been removed.
- He is still awaiting a response from Trivallis in relation to the ownership of the access road to Llwyn Onn garages, and to his request in relation to whether or not the garages are to be demolished.
- He has raised an objection to the proposed removal of the BT payphone opposite The Lamb Inn.
- He is pursuing the issue of fibre optic broadband in Penderyn and is liaising with BT.
- Llwyn Onn and Dolgynog play areas are undergoing improvement works funded by RCT and the Tower Fund.
- A site visit will be held in relation to the parking issues at Llwyn Onn and the possibility of double yellow lines being installed.

A report was received from County Borough Cllr Karen Morgan that:

- Hirwaun Nursery – The amended plans won't include access from High Street. It has been asked that a gate be installed there which Co-op staff could lock at the end of the day. There is also concern that there will not be enough parking available, transferring the current parking problems to the new site.
- An online consultation has been ongoing in relation to dog mess to encourage residents to report dog mess individually. A tour of the village has taken place with RCT Streetcare Manager who will arrange for the installation of 5 new dog bins, and has arranged for the mess to be cleared and pavements jet washed.
- Overgrowth has been cut back and litter picked at Penderyn Road, Tramway playground and behind the rugby club.
- An inspection has taken place in relation to the erosion of the Nant y Bwlch.
- A tree has fallen down at the culvert at the iron works. Natural Resources Wales has removed the tree but found a possible collapse of the tunnel there which they will inspect.

- There are still problems at Cae Felin Park in relation to parking on the pavement.

Cllr Hartwell asked for an update on Bethel House but Cllr Morgan advised that there was no update as yet.

There were no issues to report to the CBC'S.

### **2017/26 - Proposed turning point at Penderyn**

Cllr J Campbell provided an update in relation to this issue. He has undertaken a survey of the area asking residents for their comments. Cllrs discussed the findings of the survey, and the resident's comments. The main issues from residents were that they wished to improve safety and traffic management in the village, and to improve the appearance of the village. There were also comments in relation to the existing turning circle and improving it and investing the money there instead. Concerns were also raised that service buses would use the new turning point which would be earmarked for school buses only, and would bypass the top of the village, resulting in residents having to walk the remaining distance. There is also a safety concern in relation to crossing the road at the new point. It was noted that feedback received was mostly in relation to aesthetic reasons rather than other needs.

Discussions continued into the cost of designing the plans, and the cost of the project. RCT have requested that the Community Council invest £5,000 into the cost of drawing up these plans but there is concern that there is no guarantee that planning permission will be approved and the money would be lost. Residents are in favour of improving the existing turning point.

The pros and cons of both options were discussed by Cllrs. Cllr G Thomas provided additional information where requested.

It was proposed by Cllr Campbell not to fund the plans for this proposed project. This was seconded by Cllr Brock and agreed by Cllrs.

## **2017/27 - Minutes of Previous Meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were, subject to some amendments which were agreed on the night, were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Myring and seconded by Cllr Penny and agreed nem com.

### **Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

#### **2017/28 – Community Council website**

Cllr Penny provided a short presentation on the benefits of changing the Community Council's website to a different web provider. **Action 1** – Cllr Penny to liaise with the Clerk to start setting up the new website. Cllrs are to come up with ideas of items to add to the website.

#### **2017/29 – Traffic Officer**

The Clerk confirmed that a Traffic Officer had been invited to attend a future Community Council meeting to discuss options in relation to speed indicator devices for the village. No response has been received despite the Clerk chasing. **Action 2** – Clerk to continue chasing a response. Cllr Hartwell to speak to the PCSO to ask if he has a contact.

#### **2017/30 - Planning Applications**

- i) Pre application notice - Ellis Eggs proposed development to construct a packaging plant at Unit 45, Hirwaun Industrial Estate. – **Action 3** – Clerk to write in support of this application.
- ii) Consultation before applying for planning permission – Enviroparks, Hirwaun Industrial Estate - **Action 3** – This matter has been delegated to Cllr J Hill. Cllr Hill to look into the application further and provide the information to the Clerk who will respond.
- iii) Revised plans received – Proposed residential development with new local convenience store, parking and access – Former Hirwaun Nursery School, Hirwaun. – Concerns were raised by Cllrs in relation to traffic issues at the junction there, but these comments have

already been raised with RCT so it was agreed that there is no further comment to make.

iv) Decision Notice – Approved – Agricultural building on land at Penderyn, required for storage – Cwm Cadlan, Penderyn .

### **Community Councillors reports:**

**2017/31**– Cllr M Walters informed the meeting that:

- Cllr Walters asked for the Community Council's agreement to continue with the Easter Eggs for schools. This was approved by full council.

**2017/32** – Cllr J Campbell informed the meeting that:

- Cllr Campbell asked if the Community Council could make a request to formally challenge RCT's current stance on the turning point. **Action 4** – This has been delegated to Cllr Campbell who will put together a form of wording. The Clerk will then send this to RCT on behalf of the Community Council. The Clerk will circulate the response to Cllrs before sending to RCT.

**2017/33** – Cllr T Penny informed the meeting that:

- Local parents have been contacting her in relation to the drop off point at Greenwood Drive as there is no pavement past the bus stop, and it is on a bend. There are concerns in relation to safety crossing the road for the large amount of children who cross here. It has been requested that speed bumps be installed. **Action 5** – Clerk to chase a response from Traffic Management to attend our meeting.

**2017/34** – Cllr J Hill informed the meeting that:

- He would like to congratulate Cllr James Campbell on the work carried out in relation to the fibre optic broadband, and the turning point in Penderyn.

### **2017/35 – SLCC membership**

The Clerk advised that the complimentary 6 month membership of SLCC has now expired and is due for renewal. The Clerk advised that this is a beneficial service to have in addition to the membership for One Voice Wales. It was proposed by Cllr M Walters to rejoin, and was seconded by Cllr J Campbell. It was agreed by Cllrs to rejoin SLCC in addition to One Voice Wales. **Action 6** – Clerk to arrange to renew this membership for the Community Council.

### **2017/36 – Review of Community Council HR policies**

It was agreed that this would be deferred to the March meeting.

### **2017/37 - Clerk's report**

The Clerk recited the bills paid for the month which included.

#### Community Council- invoices

Daisy Communications - £74.88

Wales Audit Office - £248.70

Centregreat - £2,112.00

The following consultations were received:

- Reforming Local Government – It was agreed that this would be circulated for discussion in the March meeting. **Action 7** – Clerk to circulate documents to Cllrs.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. OVW Area Committee Meeting – Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March  
– **Action 8** – Cllr Penny to attend.
2. Anonymous poem from resident about dog mess.
3. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Round table discussion event on its remuneration framework for community councils
4. Email from RCT re poling cards for the election – **Action 9** – Clerk to inform RCT that we wish to have a combined poling card for both Community/County Borough elections.

5. Request from RCT for the Community Council to part fund 2 bus shelters – i)opposite former Mount Pleasant pub, Hirwaun, ii) Capel Soar, Penderyn. – **Action 10** – Clerk to request exact costings and put on the agenda for discussion in the March meeting.
6. Street lights out – Lampost numbers given but they require exact locations. **Action 11** - Cllr Hartwell to provide the information requested.
7. Email from Vikki Howells AM in relation to Springfield Gardens, Denbeigh Court and The Pandy. The Clerk read out the contents of the email upon which Cllr J Hill declared an interest.

The email advised that:

- Springfield Gardens – The delays in the adoption of the estate are due to delays in Welsh Water adopting sewers on the site, although Persimmon Homes are in discussion with them. RCT have confirmed that the roads will be adopted and maintained by themselves. The delays in Welsh Water adopting the sewers have been caused by a resident constructing a garage on top of a storm drain. Discussions are continuing to try and resolve this matter.

- Denbeigh Court – The delays in the adoption of this street are due to RCT not being satisfied with the condition of roadworks, but Persimmon have now negotiated a solution with RCT and are waiting for agreement, Discussions regarding this are ongoing.

- The Pandy – RCT have advised that should the street manager/residents decide to bring the road and pavements to an adoptable standard, the council will provide technical advice and supervise the works on behalf of the residents, to ensure that upon completion adoption can be progressed accordingly.

### **2017/38 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion**

None

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.**