

## **Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council**

### **Agreed Minutes of meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr D Walters, Cllr M Walters, Cllr J Rossiter,

**Attending:** PCSO

#### **2017/01 - Disclosures of Personal Interest**

None

#### **2017/02 - 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, the Park and Co-op on Tramway. 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. Numerous individuals have been caught speeding in the area. In Hirwaun, patrols are being undertaken of parking spots where drivers are known to cause obstruction, along with continuing speed exercises conducted within the village.

Cllr M Phillips reported an issue on Swansea Rd in relation to sand bags in the road which are likely to cause an accident as there are no warning lights or signs before the bend to warn drivers.

#### **2017/03 - CBC reports**

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

- There are parking issues at Johnsons Park, and also at Cae Felin Parc where cars are blocking pavements causing access difficulties for a resident with a mobility scooter,
- A land rover is accessing the Village Green cutting up the paths,

- Brynygaer Cemetery has an issue with the condition of the ground which is affecting the headstones. The ground will be assessed but no action will be taken at present in relation to the headstones.
- There was an incident of dogs running loose at Bryncynon with 1 dog attacking other dogs who were on leads.
- The work to the pavement in Penyard has been completed but the road is still in a poor condition.
- The issues on Merthyr Road have been reported.
- Cllr Morgan is still awaiting feedback in relation to Mount Pleasant Chapel.
- Lighting issues at Merthyr Road/Springfield Gardens have been reported. These are the responsibility of Persimmon Homes.

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

- Cllr Thomas is awaiting contact from Asset Management at Trivallis in relation to confirmation as to whether or not the garages at Llwyn Onn are to be demolished. At present, there is no option to purchase the garages but non tenants can apply to rent the garages.
- RCT have cleared the overgrowth in the drainage at the rear of Bryn Onnen, and a further site visit has taken place. The ditch is now clear of vegetation and flowing appropriately. The area will continue to be monitored and any future maintenance works carried out accordingly. It was however noted that landowner residents are responsible to protecting their properties from flooding, for example, installing a fixed boundary wall between their land and the adjacent drainage ditch.
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The following were reported to CBC'S:

To Cllr Graham Thomas:

- Cllr J Campbell reported that a lorry appears to have been abandoned on the grass verge by the Ty Newydd

To Cllr Karen Morgan:

- Cllr Myring reported that there are parking issues at the junction at the Prince of Wales. It was also queried if buses were allowed to travel up Harris Street, and it was confirmed that they are permitted to do so.

#### **2017/04 - Proposed turning point at Penderyn**

Cllrs G Thomas and J Campbell both provided an update in relation to this issue. It was advised that the current turning circle would need greater resources to improve it compared to the cost of constructing a new turning point. Any works to the existing turning circle would require additional works to the junction there, which would need to incorporate land not owned by RCT. Discussions continued in relation to the cost of the project and the amount that the Community Council had been asked to contribute.

Cllr Campbell advised that the small amount of residents that he had spoken to about the project were in favour of it. Cllrs agreed that further investigation of resident's wishes is needed before making a decision. **Action 1** – Cllr Campbell to canvas the village to ask residents view on the proposed project. Cllrs to make a decision on whether or not to make a contribution to the project at next month's meeting.

#### **2017/05 - Minutes of Previous Meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were, subject to some amendments which were agreed on the night, were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Penny and seconded by Cllr Myring and agreed nem com.

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

#### **2017/06 – Centenary Fields Nomination**

The Clerk advised that this matter is ongoing. RCT have advised that they are liaising with BBNP and will then refer back to Senior Officers at RCT for a decision. **Action 2** – Clerk to continue with the process to nominate the Cefndon and Yr Eithin as part of the Centenary Fields initiative to protect open spaces as memorials to the First World War.

**2017/07 – Community Council website**

The Clerk advised that the website is due for renewal June 2017. **Action 3** – Cllr Penny to research options into other web providers.

**2017/08 - CCTV**

The Clerk advised that this is ongoing. **Action 4** – The Clerk will report back to Council in due course.

**2017/09 - Community Youth Representative**

The Clerk advised that the Community Council website has been updated with this information.

**2017/10 - Planning application for Former Hirwaun Primary School**

Cllr Morgan advised that the matter is being referred back to highways as there is an issue regarding lorries turning.

**2017/11 - Springfield Gardens/Denbigh Court**

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from Vikki Howells AM advising that Persimmon Homes, who are the landowners, are contemplating the work with a view to offer for adoption.

**2017/12 - Lamposts/lights out in Hirwaun**

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Hartwell has provided the lamppost numbers and that the Clerk will report them to RCT.

**2017/13 – Pelican Crossing at Harris Street**

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from RCT stating that they have conducted a site visit and a review of the personal injury accident record for the last 5 years for this area. As there were no recorded accidents they have advised that the zebra crossing at Harris Street does not qualify for funding under the current grant criteria to be upgraded to a pelican crossing.

### **2017/14 – 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 to date.

**Action 5** – Clerk to chase response.

### **2017/15 – Fencing at Tower Road**

The Clerk confirmed that the information requested by Welsh Government had been provided to them.

### **2017/16 - Planning Applications**

None received this month.

### **Community Councillors reports:**

**2017/17**– Cllr N Reed informed the meeting that:

- There is a Voluntary Sector Forum launch being held for local voluntary organisations.

**2017/18** – Cllr J Campbell informed the meeting that:

- He has met with Vikki Howells AM to take forward the issues in relation to fibre optic broadband in Penderyn. It is estimated that work will be completed by the end of April when customers will then be able to place an order.

**2017/19** – Cllr Brock informed the meeting that:

- She is her own taking legal advice in relation to the legal advice obtained by the Community Council which stated that it is unlawful to reimburse a Cllr for money donated by them personally to fund the installation of the lights.

### **2017/20 – Review of the grant paid to Penderyn Community Centre**

Cllrs reviewed the grant paid and the hours worked by the Caretaker. Cllr M Phillips proposed to continue with the grant as it is. This was seconded by Cllr J Campbell and agreed nem con. This will be reviewed in 12 months time.

## **2017/21 - Clerk's report**

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

### **Community Council- invoices**

Daisy Communications - £75

Toshiba - £124.80

British Legion Poppy Wreath - £17

No consultations were received.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. Email from Mark Drakeford AM enclosing a leaflet to raise awareness about participation in the May elections. **Action 6** - Clerk to arrange the display of this.
2. Letter from Welsh Government advising of the S137 expenditure limit for the next financial year.
3. RCT Area Committee meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – **Action 7** – Cllr Phillips to attend.
4. Pen y Cymoedd Construction Liaison Committee Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – **Action 8** – Cllr Phillips to attend.

The Clerk also advised that:

1. Current HR policies are due for review. **Action 9** – Clerk to add to next month's agenda.
2. The Community Council is now in receipt of a cheque from Hirwaun Village Hall for the total of £5,320.89 to reimburse the Community Council for all of the Village Hall utilities paid since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

## **2017/22 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion**

None

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.**