

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of meeting 14th July 2016

Present: Cllr C Woodley (Chairman): Cllr J Hartwell, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr M Walters, Cllr N Reed, Cllr G Thomas,

Apologies: Cllr D Walters, Cllr J Rossiter, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Brock, Cllr J Hill, Cllr K Morgan, Cllr G Evans, PCSO

Excused: N/A

No declaration of interests

2016/140 – PCSO report

The PCSO provided a written report in his absence advising that PCSO Loveridge has now taken over the Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos Wards.

With regards to Springfield Gardens a letter drop has been conducted regarding the children playing ball in the street etc. The volume of calls has seemed to have reduced since this.

The PCSO has activity patrolled the area around the allotments as well and this has been all quiet when they attended.

The old Ferraris bakery has been very quiet of late also; this seems to be due to the fact that owners have once again secured the building. The building has now been sold at auction,

2016/141- CBC reports

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

- Penderyn Quarry - The situation regarding the emissions of particle dust from the roadstone coating plant chimney. The Local Authority has serviced an enforcement notice to ensure

that improvements are made. This matter will be reviewed and enforcement action taken if necessary.

- School bus service reversing into Lamb Road – It has been agreed that in future all school buses would use the terminus loop in future. Despite this, Cllrs advised Cllr Thomas that 2 out of 3 buses were still reversing at The Lamb and provided the names of the bus companies. Cllr Campbell informed the meeting that the children on the bus were not of high school age, and that it is illegal for a bus to reverse with passengers on it, and illegal to reverse at a junction. Cllr Thomas will continue to take this matter forward. **Action 1** – Clerk to report this issue to the PCSO
- An update was provided on mining operations at Tower Colliery. It was advised that the Site Liaison Committee would continue until restoration is complete.
- The proposed planning application at the Mynydd Bwylfa site was discussed. There will be 5 units going into the site. This application was going to be determined by a delegated person but will now go to full committee. A similar application has been put in for Hirwaun Industrial Estate.

The following were reported to CBC'S:

To Cllr Karen Morgan –

- The trees at the play area at the back of Tramway, opposite number's 14 and 16, are still obstructing one of the lights. The trees around this need to be cut back.

2016/142- Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of the meeting of 9th June were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr James Campbell and seconded by Cllr Margaret Walters and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2016/121 – Antisocial Behaviour Springfield Gardens

The Clerk has contacted RCT antisocial behaviour team to see if there are any bye laws on this issue. The Service Director for Public Health & Protection advised that they are aware of this issue having spoken to one of the residents. They can only act if incidents are reported and

urge resident to ring 101 when an incident occurs. The police/PCSO will then be involved and can deal as necessary, and they can act on anything referred to them. In the meantime they will refer the matter to their Youth Engagement Team to patrol the area and engage with the residents. There are no bye laws.

2016/122- Dog Waste bin – Pandy Place

The Clerk has emailed RCT to request the installation of a dog waste bin and chased them for a response. This has been chased again and referred to the Director of Streetcare to add the bins to the list of installations.

2016/123 – Hirwaun Industrial Estate

RCT have asked for more information as to which unit it is exactly. This has been requested from Jon Rossiter who has not yet provided a response.

Action 2 – Cllr Rossiter to respond.

2016/124 – Noticeboard at Penderyn

The Clerk has ordered the new noticeboard for Penderyn.

2016/125 – Brackets for Flower Baskets

Cllr Melanie Phillips has advised that the garden society does not have a suitable replacement basket. The Clerk requested authority to purchase as per the quote and this was granted. The Clerk confirmed that the plant food for the villages flower baskets has been purchased. **Action 3** – Clerk to purchase a replacement flower basket.

2016/126 – Rubbish outside the Catholic Church

This has been reported to RCT for removal. Cllr Jon Rossiter was check if it has been removed and report back to council. **Action 4** – Cllr Rossiter to provide an update.

2016/127 – Hirwaun Allotments

The Clerk advised that they had spoken to RCT again. The streetcare team who attended initially does not clear ditches due to cut backs. The Clerk has referred the matter back to RCT to ask that the relevant team clears the area.

2016/128 – Fibre Optic Broadband at Penderyn

Cllrs James Campbell advised Cllrs that Cllr Brock had received the petition and they would deal with it in the next few weeks.

2016/129 – Dog Waste bins at The Cefndon

The Clerk has emailed RCT to request the installation of a dog waste bin and chased them for a response. This has been chased again and referred to the Director of Streetcare to add the bins to the list of installations.

2016/130 – Issue regarding trees at The Pines

The Clerk reported this issue to Welsh Government Highways who asked for more information. This was provided based on resident's letter. A further letter was then received from Welsh Government advising that they have investigated and that the property in question does not boarder the trunk road, nor is it adjacent to any other Welsh Government owned land, and that in all likelihood the land is privately owned. **Action 5** – Clerk to inform the resident of Welsh Government's response and advise them to contact the developer who owns the land.

2016/131 – Community Council Charter

The Clerk met with RCT's Chief Exec and Head of Democratic Services. The Charter for all Community Council's in RCT is overdue to review. As such, they will be arranging a meeting in the autumn for all RCT Clerks/Chair/Vice Chair's to discuss planning forward with the review, with the new Charter being in place after next year's elections.

2016/132 – Speeding at Station Road

This matter is ongoing and Cllrs Morgan and Phillips are to take this further.

2016/133 – Mynydd Bwllfa Wind Farm Substation

The Clerk advised that this is an application for a Gas fuelled power plant which may include an element of energy storage to be located on land

adjacent to the existing Mynydd Bwllfa Wind Farm Substation – Land adjacent to Mynydd Bwylfa Wind Farm Substation. The Clerk had circulated the full planning documents to Cllrs for their comments and Community Council response provided. A letter had since been received from a residents and this was discussed by Cllrs. The resident's concerns were noted by Cllrs but it was agreed that no further comments would be sent to RCT as they had been covered in our initial response to the planning application.

2016/144 - Construction of supported living facility comprising of 6 apartments and associated support staff accommodation - Land adjacent to Rosswood, John Street, Hirwaun

Cllr Morgan previously agreed to speak to RCT Planning to ask the owner to come up with some method of communication to engage with the community. This matter is ongoing. **Action 6** – Cllr Morgan to report back to council.

2016/145 – Tower Colliery Operations

The Clerk spoke with Tower Colliery to ask what the situation is regarding funding for the Tower Funds; and, to ask if Meadow Prospect still have an input to the Tower Fund. The Finance Director at Tower Colliery advised that from 1st June the Tower Fund will be back in the control of Tower Colliery. This is because of the state of the coal industry and redundancies at Tower. From this date 10p per tonne of coal mined will go into the Tower Funds rather than 44p. Due to this, it is now unviable to Meadow Prospect to employ Hayley Teague in her role. The funds will run under the same terms as before until March next year when coaling will cease. Meadow Prospect currently has £88,243 in the Hirwaun fund and £51,814 for Penderyn, and expects an additional £44,000 for Hirwaun and £15,000 for Penderyn to be added in the next 9 months if coaling continues as it is. It will stay with Meadow Prospect to allocate the funds at present. Meadow Prospect are currently liaising with the Charity Commission to get the funds back under Tower's control as Tower have requested that the funds go back to them, ring fenced as Tower Fund Money. They are awaiting their decision. If the Charity Commission refuses this, the money will remain with Meadow Prospect to hold the money but Tower will be signatories' as

well to distribute the money. Anyone applying to the Tower Fund should contact Christine Rivers. All grant applications to be collated and sent to each group to approve. Any money in these pots will stay there until the money is spent. There is a possibility that the chair of each group would become a signatory. Hirwaun has earmarked a large amount of the money in their pot for the legacy fund. The first legacy project was to spend £60,000 on drainage for the sports field. The money earmarked for the second legacy project is for upgrading the children's playgrounds. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that RCT are already doing this and queried if the legacy project are aware of this. **Action 7** – Cllr Walters agreed to get the details of the Chair of Hirwaun Tower Fund for the Clerk who will then contact them to advise that RCT are funding the upgrade of the local playgrounds.

2016/146 – Noticeboard at The Lamb

It was previously agreed that the Community Council would fund the repair of the noticeboard. Cllr Woodley discussed this with the landlord who will provide us with a quote for the repair. **Action 8** – Clerk to await the quote for repair.

2016/147 – Centenary Fields Nomination

The Clerk advised that the nomination form had been sent off and a response had been received advising that the landowner had to be involved in this process. **Action 9** – Clerk to contact RCT to ask if they own both or either site and obtain permission to take this forward.

2016/148 – Grant for Hirwaun Presents

The Clerk confirmed that the cheque in payment of this grant had been given to Hirwaun Presents.

2016/149 – Vacancy for Councillor

The Clerk advised that the Council has 2 vacancies for Cllr on Hirwaun Ward. 1st vacancy – Deadline for co-option has passed and we have had one application. The Council discussed this application. It was proposed to agree this application by Cllr M Walters, and seconded by Cllr Hartwell, and agreed unanimously by council.

2nd Vacancy – This vacancy has been advertised with RCT. The deadline for notice of election has passed and we are now advertising the vacancy for co-option. The Clerk advised that we have had another application for Cllr, after the deadline for vacancy 1. As the full advertising process has to be adhered to, this application will be kept for discussion once the deadline of vacancy 2 has passed.

2016/150 - Planning Applications

No new planning applications were received this month.

Community Councillors reports:

2016/151 – Cllr Reed informed that meeting that:

There is a voluntary action forum in RCT which he is involved in. This group has been set up following the austerity cuts in order for groups to work together to obtain grant funding. It will be launched in September. He asked if the Village Hall would like to be involved. **Action 10** – Clerk to circulate information to Cllrs.

2016/152 – Cllr Hartwell informed the meeting that:

A resident at Tower Road has had difficulty in getting the grass on the banking cut. It is RCT's responsibility and has since been cut back. But, there is not enough fencing on the resident's side of the road. It is on the official cycle route and there are concerns re safety as there is a gap in the middle of the fence. **Action 11** – Clerk to request that the fencing be improved.

2016/153 – Cllr Walters informed the meeting that:

The right of way path from John's Lane down to the Lamb is overgrown. **Action 12** – Clerk to ask RCT to put this on the regular cut.

Cllr Walters also received a poem from a local resident in relation to the problem with dog mess in the area. This was read out to Council by the Clerk. **Action 13** – Clerk to forward this to RCT.

2016/154 – Amended Code of Conduct

This was approved by Councillors.

2016/155 – Review of the Community Council’s Standing Orders

The Council discussed the comments made in relation to the review of the standing orders, and the advice given by One Voice Wales. It was agreed that the comments provided formed no basis for reviewing the current orders. Cllr Colin Woodley proposed that the Standing Orders remain as they are. This was seconded by Cllr Jennifer Hartwell and agreed unanimously by council.

2016/156 - Clerk’s report

The Clerk recited the bills paid for the month.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. RCT CBC – Letter re the road surface at The Pandy, Hirwaun and letter from RCT Homes stating that they do not own the road. **Action 14** – Clerk to write to RCT Homes to advise that they own the flats so have a responsibility to maintain the road.
2. Public Services Staff Commission annual report
3. Pen y Cymoedd Construction Liaison Committee and site visit – **Action 15** – Cllrs Hartwell and M Walters to attend. Clerk to reserve them a place.
4. Ombudsman Annual Report –
5. Email from Marie Curie asking for a donation.
6. BBNP Sustainable Development Fund – Grants Panel Representatives Wanted – they are asking for 2 nominations from Community Council. **Action 16** – Clerk to nominate Cllr Woodley.
7. Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth 13th March 2017

The Clerk also advised that:

1. BT services –The Clerk provided a full update in relation to the current issues surrounding BT and our final bills with them. This,

- along with the confusion linking us to Penderyn Community Centre has caused a considerable amount of additional work for the Clerk.
2. There is still a fault with the website updating – The Clerk has contacted the website provider to try and rectify the fault. The fault is still ongoing.
 3. Asda Green tokens – Hirwaun Village Hall has been nominated for funding via the Asda Green Token Scheme.
 4. Signatories for bank account – These need to be updated. New signatories were agreed and forms completed.
 5. Community Council credit card. The necessary form was completed.
 6. The Clerk provided an update on SLCC membership. It was agreed that this be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

2016/157 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.