

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 7th June 2017

Present: Cllr C Woodley (Chairman): Cllr M Walters, Cllr J Hartwell, Cllr J Myring, Cllr T Penny, Cllr C Matsell

Attending: CBC Karen Morgan, PCSO

Apologies: Cllr J Campbell, Cllr D Evans, Cllr C Chandler, Cllr J Brock, CBC Graham Thomas

2017/93 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

None

2017/94 - 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 and Tramway. Patrols are taking place in Penderyn in relation to parking issues at Penderyn Primary School. Speed traps are continuing in Penderyn and numerous individuals have been caught speeding in the area. In Hirwaun, patrols are continuing where drivers are known to cause obstruction, along with speed scoping exercises. Patrols have also taken place by Community Enforcement Officers outside the chip shop and at the top junction in relation to parking issues.

The PCSO has asked residents to i) report any incidents of Anti Social behaviour ii) to keep an eye out for any grass fires, and to phone the fire brigade immediately if you come across one.

To the PCSO:

- CB Cllr Karen Morgan informed the PCSO of children hanging around the old Ferrari's site.

2017/95 - CBC reports

No report was received from County Borough Cllr Graham Thomas.

A written report was received from County Borough Cllr Karen Morgan. Please see Appendix 1.

Reports to the CBC'S:

There was nothing to report to Cllr Karen Morgan or to Cllr Graham Thomas.

2017/96 - Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2017 were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Walters and seconded by Cllr Penny and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2017/97 – Register of Personal Interests

The Clerk confirmed that this has been completed and is now on the Community Council website.

2017/98 – Joint Meeting with Rhigos Community Council

The Clerk advised that she has contacted the Clerk to Rhigos Community Council regarding the requested joint meeting in relation to Cllr Graham Thomas's Public Health report. The Clerk is waiting for Rhigos Community Council's suggested dates for the meeting.

2017/99 – Website

The Clerk advised that the website domain has been renewed. Some amendments to the website have been made, and Cllrs will be asked for any further suggestions in the July meeting.

2017/100 – Tree Charter

The Clerk confirmed that the signature packs had been sent out and asked that all packs be returned at the September meeting.

2017/101 – Heads of the Valley/Swansea Road grass cutting

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Welsh Government to request this.

2017/102 – Fencing at Tower Road

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Vikki Howells AM to ask for assistance with this issue. **Action 1** – Cllr Hartwell will contact the AM.

2017/103 – Motorbikes at the Tramroad

The Clerk confirmed that this has been reported to the PCSO.

2017/104 – Train Line to Hirwaun

Action 2 - Cllr Hartwell to organise a meeting with Andrew Morgan to discuss this.

2017/105 – Community Council Vacancies

The Clerk confirmed that these vacancies are now being advertised, and that the deadline for applications is 29th August 2017. Applications will then be approved in the September meeting.

2017/106 - Planning Applications

- i) Proposed revised restoration following completion of coal extraction, incorporating formation of a plateau for future development – Tower Colliery, Hirwaun
- ii) Variation of planning application to allow deliveries to the convenience store on Sundays and Bank Holidays – Former Hirwaun Nursery School, Brecon Road, Hirwaun – **Action 3** – Clerk to respond to suggest that no deliveries be made before 10am or after 5pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- iii) Proposed new single detached dwelling with suitable car-parking and amenity.

- iv) Amended phase 2 development and operation of a sustainable waste resource recovery and energy production park – Fifth Avenue, Hirwaun Industrial Estate. – **Action 4** – Cllr Penny to respond to the application.

Community Councillors reports:

2017/107 – Cllr J Hartwell informed the meeting that:

- Bethel House has now been sold. **Action 5** – Clerk to chase response from RCT re public right of way.
- RCT road safety officers have previously agreed to attend a council meeting. **Action 6** – Clerk to arrange for them to attend.

2017/108 – External Audit 2016/17

The Clerk advised that the accounts have been prepared for audit. The internal audit has taken place and the accounts are now to be sent for external audit. The internal audit report was shown to Cllrs for their information. Cllrs then approved the accounts for external audit. **Action 7** – Clerk to send the accounts for external audit.

2017/109 – Finance Sub Committee

Following the election it was agreed by Council that the new finance committee would comprise of Cllr Woodley, Cllr Hartwell, Cllr Walters and Cllr Myring.

2017/110 – One Voice Wales Model Resolution Protocol

This protocol was reviewed and adopted by Cllrs for use for the Community Council. It was also suggested by Cllr Walters, and seconded by Cllr Hartwell, and agreed nem con that the Clerk's job title be amended to Executive Officer to reflect the work undertaken and the complexity of the role. **Action 8** – Clerk to seek advice on the legalities of this.

2017/111 – One Voice Wales Social Media Policy

This protocol was reviewed by Cllrs and adopted for use or the Community Council. This was proposed by Cllr Walters and seconded by Cllr Penny and agreed nem con. **Action 9** – Clerk to add the Whistleblowing policy, and the Dignity at Work policy to next month's agenda.

2017/112 – Community Council Flower Baskets

Discussions took place in relation to the provision of watering the flower baskets. This is usually carried out by the Probation Service for free but we may have to start paying for this service in the future due to changes within the Probation Service. Discussions continued into the effectiveness of the current watering machine used to water the baskets as it is slow and runs out of water quickly. It was agreed in the short term to purchase a new extendable watering pole and battery for the current machine, and it was agreed in principle to purchase a larger watering machine which will cut down on the time taken to water the baskets **Action 10** – Cllr Woodley to fit the new attachments to the current watering machine. Clerk to investigate the cost of purchasing a larger watering machine.

2017/113 – Community Council Garden Show

Cllr Hartwell advised Cllrs of the changes to the previous format of the gardening show. This request was proposed to be approved by Cllr Myring and seconded by Cllr Matsell. Cllrs approved the request to cover the costs of the Community Council running the garden show.

2017/114 – Visual Improvements to Hirwaun

It was agreed to set up a subcommittee of Hirwaun Cllrs to discuss and take forward ideas to improve the visual aspect of the village. **Action 11** – Clerk to set up a meeting for Hirwaun Cllrs.

2017/115 - Clerk's report

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

Daisy Communications - £74.88

Boverton Nursery - £1,048.80

Toshiba - £17.06

SET Office Supplies – £30.16

MP Garden Services – £460

Internal Audit - £400

BT – £62.33

Hirwaun Village Hall – £480

Clerk's expenses – £62.78

Community Council credit card - £306.84

No consultations were received.

The council had received the following correspondence:

- Interlink Training open to Cllrs

Other matters:

- Dementia Friends Training – Training will be held for staff and Cllrs in July. This training will be for staff/Cllrs only initially. The Clerk will be meeting with the Alzheimer's Society to discuss how the Community Council can open it out to the community.
- CCLA bond – The Clerk advised that the signatories for this account need to be updated. Cllr Penny agreed to act as signatory in addition to Cllr Hartwell.
- Complaint from resident about the new Capel Soar bus shelter. The Clerk advised that this has been forwarded on to Cllr Graham Thomas to deal with.

2017/116 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Appendix1

HPCC Community Council June 2017

Results of the Rhigos Road Speed Indicator Device showed that 85 percent of drivers speed was 35mph, average speed was 27mph and the highest speed recorded was 65mph. The 85th percentile speed is borderline for police enforcement. Arrangements are being made to carry out further speed surveys using tubes which are laid across the carriageway. Once the results of this survey are made available, it will be passed to the Police in order that they can consider taking appropriate action.

Pavement opposite Tramway Park has been resurfaced. Hopefully the adjoining hedge will be maintained to prevent further damage caused by moss and overgrowth.

At the last PACT meeting the main subjects discussed were speeding on Merthyr Road and also Swansea Road especially alongside Greenwood Drive and Springfield Gardens. I have asked School Transport to speak to the school bus drivers and will be working with residents regarding this issue. Highways officers have also inspected the junction to Swansea Road from Berthllwyd Farm and have put it forward for Araf/Slow markings on the road. The police will be monitoring the situation for all traffic.

Inconsiderate parking was also discussed especially close to junctions including Glannant Street/Brecon Road and outside the Post Office and Cardiff Arms.

Requested 2 new Hirwaun signs for the entrance at Rhigos Road.

Graffiti removed off bus shelter Swansea Road and offensive graffiti from wall leading to Tramway playground

First round of weed spraying has been completed through the village; grass cut at Keepers Lane junction onto the Heads of the Valley Road, the Trunk Road Agency assured me that it is on a regular schedule after I expressed concern that we have problems every year at this junction. This stretch of road from Keepers Lane to Denbeigh Court has also become a problem area for litter. Although Streetcare have increased their schedule for Denbeigh Court it is more difficult from Keepers Lane because of the speed limit

there. Consideration is being given to monitoring and enforcement in the area.

Due to the latest update I have received from RCT and lack of progress being made with the adoption of Springfield Gardens and Denbeigh Court I intend to discuss taking alternative action with residents.

Enforcement officers are liaising with owners/tenants of empty properties and shops to improve their properties/bring them back into beneficial use. Mount Pleasant Chapel, Harris Street has already seen some improvement.

The owner of the former Nursery Site has been contacted regarding the condition of the boundary wall on the old footpath. Regarding the planning application to allow deliveries on Sundays and Bank Holidays I have asked the planning officer to consider time restrictions should the application be approved.

CBC Karen Morgan

Agreed