

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of meeting 9th June 2016

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

Apologies: Cllr N Reed, Cllr D Walters, Cllr M Richards,

Excused: N/A

No declaration of interests

2016/117 – PCSO report

The new PCSO attended the meeting to provide an update on local issues. He advised that the PCSO for Penderyn is on long term sick leave and he is covering both areas temporarily. There is also a new Sergeant who will attend the next Community Council meeting.

Issues discussed with Cllrs included: i) Antisocial behaviour at Springfield Gardens – Discussions took place on these issues and on ways in which to rectify it. The PCSO has patrolled the area and spoken to the children and their parents. If these issues continue then the next steps are Anti Social Behaviour Orders, and potential criminal proceedings (for those over aged 10) if criminal damage has been caused. It was agreed that the PCSO would attend the local school to give a general talk, and liaise with the YMCA about their play scheme. The Clerk also read out an email from a local resident, forwarded by Cllr Mark Richards in his absence. The Clerk also advised that she had written to the RCT Anti social behaviour team to see if there are any bye laws on this issue **Action 1** – Clerk to chase for a response ii) Ferrari's site - children have been caught trespassing on this site and antisocial behaviour orders given to them. This site is becoming increasingly dangerous. The owner does not wish to demolish the building as they are hoping to sell it. The PCSO will be speaking to public health about the condition of the building. There is also an issue with overgrowth at the far end of the site blocking the lane at Tower Road. iii) Youths parking at the allotments/rubbish at allotments – the PCSO will patrol the

area. iv) Public toilets, Hirwaun – there have been issues of drug use there and the PCSO is patrolling.

2016/118 - CBC reports

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

- Bus service Penderyn to Glyneath – No further feedback has been received from Stagecoach despite being chased.
- Foel Road – This has been inspected and will be repaired by patching the potholes and dealing with the erosion of the edges of the road.
- Tower Colliery – A Public Health Wales meeting has been held with regard to the effect of the Tower Opencast on the health of the people in the locality. Monitoring is complete in terms of air quality and Tower have been fully co-operative in supplying data. Data will be collected by July and a meeting will then be held between Tower and RCT. It was also requested that a joint meeting be held between HPCC and Rhigos CC.
- Play area, Penderyn – A £25,000 investment has been made by RCT to upgrade the play area.

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

- Speed Indicator Device, Rhigos Road – A request has gone in for the device to be put back. No data was collected from it last time, but will be collected in future.
- Bethel Place – The site visit picked up issues in relation to this, including street lighting on the verge. RCT have informed the owners that they must make an application for a diversion of the footpath. Enforcement action will be taken if they don't comply and apply for the diversion of the footpath.
- Overgrowth by playground on Tramway – Some cutting back of this has been undertaken but RCT do not want to jet wash the moss off the pavement as it will damage the pavement further as it is in bad condition. There is also an issue with the boundary which RCT are working with the owner of the property to resolve.
- Streetlights at Foundry Road – This area is in complete darkness at night due to the streetlights being switched off. 1 light has now been switched back on again.

- There was an accident by the school/Glannant Street area involving a child and a broken pavement. This area has now been tarmarced.
- Heads of the Valleys Verges – Cllr Morgan has requested that these be cut back as they are blocking the view of drivers.
- Dust complaints – Tower Colliery – 5 complaints have been received. Tower Colliery are liaising and sending out a community pack to these residents and inviting them to speak to him.
- Dog waste bins – Cllr Morgan is still chasing these at Crawshay St and The Pandy.
- Hirwaun Welfare Ground – RCT are providing investment for the playground to be upgraded.

The following were reported to CBC'S:

To Cllr Karen Morgan –

- Cllr Jon Rossiter referred to the road at The Pandy. RCT and RCT Homes both say that it is an unadopted road. The Clerk advised that she has written to them and is awaiting a response.
- Cllr Jennifer Hartwell reported that the trees need to be cut back on Tramway, and they are also obstructing a streetlight at the back of the pay area.

2016/119- Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of the meeting of 12th May were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Julian Hill and seconded by Cllr Jon Rossiter and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2016/120- 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. **Action 2** – Clerk to chase again for a response.

2016/121 – British Gas Careplan

Payment for the refund of the Careplan has now been made.

2016/122 – Hirwaun Industrial Estate

No further response has been received from RCT. **Action 3** – Clerk to chase.

2016/123 – Noticeboard at Penderyn

Settlement for the cost of the new noticeboard has been agreed and the cheque has been received. **Action 4** – Clerk to order the new noticeboard for Penderyn.

2016/124 – Brackets for Flower Baskets

The Clerk confirmed that the equipment required to put the brackets up has been purchased. Tower Colliery are using their cherry picker to put baskets up again this year. The Clerk advised that one basket was damaged last year when the bracket was damaged. The nursery has loaned us a basket for this year at no extra cost, but we need to purchase a basket for next year. Cllr Melanie Phillips advised that the Garden Society may have spare baskets that we could have. . The Probation Service are watering baskets for use again this year. The Clerk discussed the benefit of having a hosepipe to attach to the kitchen tap to fill the waterer but unfortunately it appears that the tap fitting will now allow this. It has been recommended that we purchase plant feed for the baskets. The council gave authority for this. **Action 5** – Cllr Phillips to check if the Garden Society has a spare basket. **Action 6** – Clerk to purchase plant feed.

2016/125 – Rubbish outside the Catholic Church

This has been reported to RCT for removal. **Action 7** Cllr Jon Rossiter to check if has been removed.

2016/126 – Hirwaun Allotments

The issue of dog mess and antisocial behaviour has been reported a response has been received from RCT requesting further information of the correct location. The Clerk forwarded this to Cllr Phillips who initially reported this. Cllr Phillips has now confirmed that the rubbish is in the ditch. **Action 8** – Clerk to refer the matter back to RCT.

2016/127 – Fibre Optic Broadband at Penderyn

Cllrs James Campbell advised Cllrs that there had been an excellent response to this from residents so far and all residents spoken to had signed up for it.

2016/128 – Dog Waste bins at The Kendon

The Clerk has written to RCT requesting the installation of a dog waste bin. No response has been received and the Clerk will chase again. **Action 9** – Clerk to chase.

2016/129 – Issue regarding trees at The Pines

This has been reported to WG who have asked for further information. **Action 10** – Clerk to provide WG with the additional information requested.

2016/130 – Community Council Charter

The Clerk has arranged a meeting with the Chief Executive of RCT CBC to discuss the Charter. RCT have requested a meeting with the Clerk in the first instance, and then with the Community Council afterwards if necessary. **Action 11** – Clerk to meet with RCT's Chief Executive to discuss the Charter and report back to council.

2016/131 – Speeding at Station Road

This issue was discussed again by Cllrs. Cllr Karen Morgan agreed to ask traffic management to have a look at this issue again. A site visit was requested so that Cllr Phillips and local residents can meet with RCT. **Action 12** – Cllrs Morgan and Phillips to take this further.

2016/132 - Planning Applications

1. Full planning permission – single storey rear extension – 8 Cynon Terrace, Hirwaun – No comment.
2. Full planning permission – The construction of a detached 4 bedroom bungalow together with the construction of the private drive to serve four further plots together with the foul and surface water drainage systems – Development site – Penderyn Road. Hirwaun – No comment.

3. 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. – **Action 13** – Clerk to circulate full planning documents to Cllrs for their comments.
4. Construction of supported living facility comprising of 6 apartments and associated support staff accommodation - Land adjacent to Roswood, John Street, Hirwaun **Action 14** Cllr Morgan will speak to RCT Planning to ask the owner to come up with some method of communication to engage with the community.

Community Councillors reports:

2016/133 – Cllr Campbell informed that meeting that:

He has spoken with the Landlord of The Lamb in Penderyn about the coaches that pick up the children for school. An incident occurred where a bus reversed at the junction by the pub rather than using the turning point and struck the RCT bin located there. There were children on the bus at the time. There has previously been damage to resident cars by buses turning in this area. **Action 15** – Clerk to contact the bus company to advise them that they should be using the official turning point. Clerk to also contact RCT schools transport to inform them of the issue.

2016/134 – Cllr Hill informed the meeting that:

He has requested an update from Tower Colliery. Cllr Woodley provided an update on site operations following the last Site Liaison Committee meeting. Aberthaw are no longer accepting Welsh coal from next year. This will mean that restoration of the Tower site will start early. **Action 16** – Clerk to ask Tower Colliery what the situation is regarding funding for the Tower Funds. And, do Meadow Prospect still have an input to the Tower Fund.

2016/135 – Cllr Brock informed the meeting that:

She has been invited to RCT Homes forum regarding Anti Social Behaviour. It was agreed that she would attend this in a private capacity as it has arisen following an issue not linked to the Community Council.

2016/136 - Noticeboard at The Lamb, Penderyn

Cllrs discussed funding a replacement noticeboard at The Lamb as the existing one is in poor condition. The Community Council has previously contributed to the cost of this. The Clerk had researched the costings of a new noticeboard but the landlord has indicated that he would like assistance in the cost of repairing the existing noticeboard rather than replacing it. Cllrs discussed the cost of repairing the existing noticeboard compared to a replacement. Cllrs agreed to pay for the repair to the noticeboard on receipt of a written estimate. **Action 17** – Cllr Woodley to discuss this with the landlord.

2016/137 - End of year accounts for external Audit

The Clerk brought to the attention of the council the end of year accounts which have been approved by the Internal Auditor. The Clerk advised council again of the change in external auditor and of the additional requirements requested this year. Cllrs approved the accounts for external audit and the accounts were duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

2016/138 - Clerk's report

The Clerk recited the bills paid for the month.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. Pen y Cymoedd Wind Energy Project Consultation Liaison Committee meeting – Tonmawr Community Centre – 22nd June 2pm. **Action 18** – Apologies to be given as no one is available to attend.
2. Email from Tower Colliery re Environmental Centre requesting representation from the Community Council (and other community groups) to form a management committee to take this forward. Cllr's Jon Rossiter and Colin Woodley wish to sit on this committee
3. Planning Aid Wales AGM – 20TH June, Cardiff
4. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – re allowances and expenses to Cllrs – The Clerk advised that it is now a legal requirement for nil return and that we must now comply with this.

5. Shelter Cymru – Request for support to help them improve the lives of people in RCT who are at risk of losing their homes or are in poor housing conditions. – Noted.
6. Centenary Fields – letter received in relation to turning an open space into a memorial field to commemorate World War One – Cllrs discussed nominating The Kendon, Hirwaun and Yr Eithin, Penderyn. **Action 19** - Clerk to complete the nomination form.
7. Request for donation from Hirwaun Presents for assistance with purchasing equipment for the Family Fun Day being held on 3rd July. Cllrs discussed this application and it was suggested to give £400. This was proposed by Cllr Margaret Walters, seconded by Cllr Melanie Phillips and agreed unanimously by council. **Action 20** – Clerk to contact group to advise of donation.

The Clerk also advised that:

- An update was provided on the services provided and contract changes in relation to our BT accounts. The Clerk advised of the issue surrounding the community council email account and Cllrs approved the Clerk's decision to retain the account. The Clerk also advised council that a router had been received for Penderyn Community Centre by mistake and some confusion had ensued from this as BT had tried to issue the Community Council a new contract along with it. This has caused some considerable effort in sorting this out.
- There is currently a fault with the website updating and the Clerk is in the process of contacting the service provider to discuss further.
- Cllr Mark Richards has resigned his position as Cllr. We currently have another vacancy being advertised, the deadline for co-option for current vacancy is 30th June. Advertising this second vacancy will mean that there are 2 vacancies being advertised at different timescales. **Action 21** – Clerk to contact RCT to start the process of advertising the second vacancy.

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2016/139 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.