

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of meeting 9th March 2017

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

Apologies: Cllr D Walters, Cllr N Reed, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Myring, Cllr T Penny, Cllr J Hill, Cllr K Morgan,

Attending: PCSO

2017/38 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

None

2017/39 - 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, Limeslade Close and Tramway. Patrols are taking place in Penderyn in relation to parking issues at Penderyn Primary School. Speed traps are continuing in Penderyn. In Hirwaun, patrols are continuing where drivers are known to cause obstruction.

The PCSO has asked residents to i) report any incidents of Anti Social behaviour, including instances of egg throwing which appears to be on the rise 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.

It was also reported that PCSO Nicola Bryant has now returned to work and will be patrolling the Penderyn area.

2017/40 - CBC reports

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

- A site visit will be taking place at Llwyn Onn in relation to double yellow lines.

- Update on the proposed turning head at Penderyn: He will continue to progress discussions on improving the current turning head and has requested a site visit.
- 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.

No report was received from County Borough Cllr Karen Morgan

Reports to the CBC'S:

There was nothing to report to Cllr Graham Thomas.

Cllr Thomas asked that a report be made to Cllr Karen Morgan in her absence that a request had been put to him to have a mirror installed at the junction at Hirwaun Village Hall. This is due to the view of the road being obstructed when leaving the junction when there is a bus parked in the bus stop. **Action 1** – Clerk to report this to Cllr Morgan.

2017/41 - Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2017 were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Rossiter and seconded by Cllr Hartwell and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2017/42 – Community Council website

Discussions continued in relation to updating the Community Council website. The Clerk advised that consideration would need to be given to the Clerk's involvement in this. There are other matters which would need to be prioritised around the time that the website is due to renew such as Audit. **Action 2** – Clerk to look into this further and add it to next month's agenda.

2017/43 – Traffic Officer

The Clerk advised that the Traffic Officer is unable to attend a Community Council meeting until after the elections in May.

2017/44 – SLCC Membership

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council's membership has been renewed.

2017/45 - Planning Applications

1. i) Side extension to existing dwelling and new garage – 31 Pontpren, Penderyn
 2. Provision of 2 off road parking spaces – 86-87 High Street, Hirwaun
 3. Amended phase 2 development and operation of a sustainable waste resource (see notice) – Fifth Avenue, Hirwaun Industrial Estate.
- Action 3** – Clerk to forward to Cllr Hill for his comments as this was delegated to him at the last meeting.

Community Councillors reports:

2017/46– Cllr J Hartwell informed the meeting that:

- The fencing still needs to be repaired at Tower Road along the cycle path. Has Welsh Government been out to inspect it? **Action 4** – Clerk to chase Welsh Government for an update. Clerk to also forward this matter to the AM for the area.

2017/47 – Cllr J Campbell informed the meeting that:

- There are speeding issues at Church Road, Penderyn. Two National Speed Limit signs have been installed at Cwm Cadlan Road and there are concerns that they will encourage people to speed. **Action 5** – Clerk to contact RCT to ask that the signs be removed and not put up elsewhere in the village.

2017/48 – One Voice Wales membership

The Clerk advised that the Community Council's membership of OVW is due for renewal. The Clerk advised that this is a vital membership to continue with and strongly advised renewal. The Clerk advised that based on the legal advice and information obtained this year, if we had sourced this from a solicitor in the area the cost would have been far in excess of the

membership fee. It was proposed by Cllr M Walters to renew the membership, and was seconded by Cllr J Campbell. It was agreed unanimously by Council. **Action 6** – Clerk to arrange to renew this membership for the Community Council.

2017/49 – Review of Community Council HR policies

It was agreed that this would be deferred and be discussed at a special meeting.

2017/50 – Community Council Insurance

The Clerk discussed the renewal of the Community Council insurance. It was proposed by Cllr M Walters and seconded by Cllr J Campbell that the policy be renewed, and agreed unanimously by Cllrs. **Action 7** – Clerk to renew the insurance policy.

2017/51 – Bus Shelters

The request for funding to install additional bus shelters in Penderyn was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr J Campbell, seconded by Cllr J Rossiter, and agreed unanimously by Cllrs to fund 50% of the cost for the shelters to be installed at i) Opposite the former Mount Pleasant Pub, and ii) Capel Soar. **Action 8** – Clerk to inform RCT.

2017/52 – Reforming Local Government Consultation

This was discussed by Cllrs and agreed that the Clerk would provide a response on their behalf. **Action 8** – Clerk to respond.

2017/53 - Clerk's report

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

Daisy Communications - £75.16	SET Office Supplies - £78.19
SLCC membership - £157.00	BT - £62.33
SLCC training seminar - £82.80	Hirwaun Village Hall - £762
Toshiba - £145.90	Easter Eggs for schools - £72.00

The following consultations were received:

- RCT Public Spaces Protection Order re dog fouling. **Action 9** – Clerk to respond.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. Email from RCT regarding issues in installing the new bus shelter by the Prince of Wales. They have had difficulty installing it due to parking issues in the area. They will be taking measures to clear the road when they go back to install it.
2. S137 request – Clych Meithrin, Penderyn. A grant was requested to purchase Easter Eggs for their group, along with new play equipment. It was agreed that a grant of £250 would be made to them. This was proposed by Cllr J Campbell and seconded by Cllr J Rossiter, and agreed unanimously.
3. Carwyn Jones event – an invite for Cllrs.
4. Email from Hirwaun Primary School – Cllr M Phillips has resigned as Minor Authority Representative on the Governing Body at the school. The Clerk suggested that it would be prudent to wait until after the election to agree her replacement. This was agreed by full Council.
5. Vattenfall Construction Liaison Committee meeting. It has been postponed until 10th May, 2pm-4pm.

The Clerk also advised of the following:

- Community Council Flower baskets. These will be ready by the end of May. The nursery has invited Cllrs down to have a look at them if they wish. Tower Colliery usually put the baskets up and takes them down for free. We need to ask them if they are able to do the same again this year. If they can't, we will need to make other arrangements, which we will be charged for. **Action 10** – Clerk to contact Tower Colliery in the first instance. If they cannot do it this year, Clerk to obtain a quote from an outside contractor.

- VAT advice. The Clerk advised that following the splitting of the Community Council accounts from the Village Hall we now need to obtain detailed VAT advice. This is vital to ensure that we comply with VAT regs. The Clerk advised of the cost of this service from OVW VAT advisors. It was proposed by Cllr C Woodley and seconded by Cllr J Rossiter that this specialist advice is needed. It was agreed by full Council. **Action 11** – Clerk to obtain the necessary advice.

2017/54 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.