

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of meeting 10th November 2016

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

Apologies: Cllr N Reed,

Excused: n/a

2016/206 – PCSO report

- No report was received from the PCSO this month.

2016/207 – Vikki Howells AM

The AM started by introducing herself and stating that it is her intention as AM to visit all Community Council's to see if she can be of help or to compliment what we are already doing. She plans to be a visible face in the community, and to have an open and accessible constituency office. She is intending to hold surgeries at Hirwaun Village Hall in the future.

An update was provided on the A465 dualling. The AM stated that it is being funded by Public Private Funding via Welsh Government and the Contractor, not the EU, so Brexit will not affect the plans for the road. The current plans are to push this forward due to pressing concerns regarding the safety of the road. Ms Howells is currently liaising with Welsh Government to push this forward. Currently, the expected date of completion of the road is 2020. Compulsory purchase orders start in 2017. The AM also stated that if anyone has had letters about land ownership, they can contact Ms Howells directly for advice and support.

Discussions also took place in relation to a number of unadopted roads in the area, including Pandy Place, Greenwood Drive, Springfield Gardens and Denbeigh Drive which have not been adopted by RCT, and the difficulties in getting these roads adopted by the local authority.

2016/208- CBC reports

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

- Yellow lines at the top of Llwyn Onn – RCT have conducted a site visit. Although there were no cars causing an obstruction at the time, it was noted from the level of damage to the pavement that has occurred demonstrates that there is an issue. They have agreed to put parking restrictions in place, but due to the level of such requests they cannot advise when these will be put in place. In the meantime, and obstructions should be reported to the police.
- Buses reversing at The Lamb – This has been monitored since the start of the new school term and it has been agreed by RCT that the current turning arrangements are unsatisfactory. It has been suggested that a new turning point be constructed on the land to the south of Capel Soar which is in RCT ownership. Cllr Thomas has asked RCT if additional parking can also be incorporated into these plans. RCT has asked if the Community Council would consider funding an initial sum of £5,000 towards the design work of the plans. It was agreed that this would be put onto the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting.
- Solid white line opposite The Lamb – RCT will be undertaking a site visit shortly to assess.

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

- Ferraris site – There has been an incident where fires have been set on site resulting in concerns regarding the smoke and fumes that have been coming from what was being burnt. A site visit is due to be held with the Cllr Morgan, the owner of the site and environmental health to try and make the site more secure and make sure that the rubbish is removed.
- Land opposite Tramway playground – Work has been undertaken to cut the hedge back, and clear the trees around the light. The pavement is also being jet washed.
- Penyard Road – Issues have been raised about the state of the highway. It has been earmarked to renew the pavement in this area.

- Bethel House – The Clerk advised that RCT have contacted the Community Council for their comments on the proposed diversion of the footpath. Cllr Morgan advised that the proposed diversion will be to the other side of Bethel House. Cllr Morgan advised that she has raised questions about the standard of, and the incline of the proposed path. **Action 1** – Clerk to provide comments to RCT on behalf of the Community Council.

The following were reported to CBC'S:

To Cllr Graham Thomas

- Cllr Rossiter reported that there is an issue with fly tipping at Unit 45 on Hirwaun Industrial Estate.

2016/209 - Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th October were, subject to a few minor amendments, proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr M Walters and seconded by Cllr J Campbell and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2016/210 – Sign on Tramway re horse riders

Cllr Morgan confirmed that she has actioned this herself.

2016/211 – Noticeboard at The Lamb

The Clerk advised that an invoice has now been received for the repair of this.

2016/212 – Centenary Fields Nomination

The Clerk advised that RCT are now liaising with BBNP for authority in relation to the land at Penderyn. Cllrs Thomas and Morgan continue to assist with this. The deadline for completion is November 2018.

2016/213 – Community Council Photocopier

The Clerk advised of the terms of the contract and the cost of buying out of the contract. It was agreed to remain in contract until it expires.

2016/214 – Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk advised that RCT have confirmed that dog waste bins and signs would be installed at Station Road, Devonshire Drive and Fairview.

2016/215 – Bus Shelters

The Clerk confirmed that RCT have advised that the cost and design of the bus shelters requested would be of the same design as that installed at Heol Uchel. Councillors approved the funding of 50% of the cost of the bus shelters, to be installed at i) Opposite Prince of Wales Public House near junction of Brecon Road and Manchester Place ii) Opposite Fire Station Swansea Road Hirwaun **Action 2** – Clerk to contact RCT.

2016/216 – Christmas Painting Competition

The Clerk advised that the schools had been written to, the judges have been agreed and Hirwaun Library agreed to display the winning entries. The closing date is Monday 5th December. Judging will take place 6th December.

2016/217 - Planning Applications

1. Construction of a 4 bedroom detached house with vehicular and pedestrian access on land opposite Benson House – Land opposite Benson House, John's Lane, Hirwaun
2. Construction of new retaining wall to assist in levelling the garden surface, with brick piers and fencing to be built then on top of retaining wall – 111 Springfield Gardens, Hirwaun
3. Notice of Decision – Permission granted – Conversion of barn into two holiday cottages with adjoining bike storage, parking facilities together with external works and works to access – Nantmoel Farm, Swansea Road to Nantmoel Farm, Llwydcoed.
4. BBNP – Discharge Condition 40 pursuant to Planning Permission – Enviroparks, Hirwaun Industrial Estate. This is in relation to a revised temporary wildlife order. See appendix 2 in documents

5. Retention of garden potting shed and completion of works – 1 Ivy Cottages, Tramway, Hirwaun

Community Councillors reports:

2016/218– Cllr K Morgan informed the meeting that:

- The Community Council was asked to refund the cost of the lights at the gully in Llwyn Onn to the private donor as the lights have now been proven to be effective. **Action 3** – Clerk to add this to next month’s agenda. Clerk also to check the cost and reasoning from RCT at the time that the funding was requested.

2016/219 – Cllr J Campbell informed the meeting that:

- Cllr Campbell provided a further update in relation to the proposed turning point at Penderyn. RCT has stated that the Community Council would be asked to fund £5,000 towards the cost of the design. We would then be expected to contribute to the cost of the works itself, along with funding from other parties such as RCT and Welsh Government. **Action 4** – Clerk to add this to the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk also to send a copy of the plans to Cllr Reed who was absent from the meeting.
- A request has come in from Springfield Gardens for an update regarding the train line being reinstated to Hirwaun.
- Fibre optic broadband petition – Cllr Campbell provided copies of recent correspondence and provided an update in relation to this. **Action 5** – Clerk to inform Vikki Howells AM about the petition.

2016/220 –Cllr J Hartwell informed the meeting that:

- There is a light out at the top of Tower Road, on a new lamppost. **Action 6** – Cllr Hartwell to provide the Clerk with the lamppost number so that she can report it to RCT.
- Speed indicator device, Rhigos Road – It was reported that this device is having a beneficial impact of drivers going past it. It was requested that the Community Council consider installing our own permanent

signs at various points within the village. It was said that with the A465 dualling coming traffic will increase through the village. **Action 7** – Clerk to add this to next month’s agenda and to research the cost of installing these.

2016/221 – Cllr T Penny informed the meeting that:

- The first meeting of the Tower Environmental Centre group was due to be held to discuss the costs of setting the centre up. They want to actively promote an active link between themselves and the Community Council. Work is due to start on this next year. **Action 8** – Cllr Penny to provide the Clerk with the date of the meeting so that the Clerk can provide this to Cllrs.

2016/222 – Cllr C Woodley informed the meeting that:

- There is a War Memorial inside the church in Penderyn which is no longer accessible as the church is now closed. Cllr Woodley asked that this issue be added to the agenda for next month so that Cllrs can discuss the possibility of helping toward the construction of a war memorial that can be accessed within the village. **Action 9** - Clerk to add this to the agenda next month.

2016/223 – Community Council CCTV

Cllrs discussed to possible upgrading of the Community Council CCTV. The current CCTV was Welsh Assembly funded but there have been issues with it from the outset. **Action 10** – Clerk to see if there are any grants available, along with liaising with Community Safety.

2016/224 – Community Youth Representative

The Clerk advised that 2 positions were advertised in all local schools, colleges and youth clubs, and on the Community Council Facebook page. Unfortunately we have had no applications. Cllrs requested that the positions remain open on the Community Council website with no deadline for applications. **Action 11** – Clerk to action.

2016/225 - Clerk's report

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

Hirwaun Village Hall - invoices

- Community Council meeting hire since 1/4/16 - £120
- Office rental since 1/4/16 - £1,200
- Hall takings since 1/4/16 - £2,673.40
- Total - £3,998.40

Chubb - £114.00

Paul Tobin - £60

EFS Systems - £57.60

SET Office Supplies - £98.40

Community Council- invoices

Clerk's expenses - £60

Daisy Communications - £74.88

The Penderyn Furniture Company - £110

Amberol - £360.26

The following consultations were received:

1. RCT consultation on car parking charges – An online survey to complete. **Action 12** – Clerk to send the link to Cllrs so that they can reply individually. Clerk to reply on behalf of the Community Council.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. Adref Christmas Hamper Appeal. The Clerk advised that Hirwaun Village Hall is acting as a drop off point for items towards the appeal. The Clerk advised that Adref is asking the public for donations. While the Community Council as a whole noted the appeal, some Cllrs promised to donate items personally.

The Clerk also advised that:

1. The website fault has been fixed and the website is now up to date.
2. Cllr Geraint Evans has lost his place due to non attendance for 6 meetings. Cllr K Morgan declared an interest at this point. Cllr Morgan would like it placed on record that she does not agree that Cllr Evans lost his place as he should have been excused from the September meeting due to bereavement. Cllr Morgan stated that on a previous occasion two Cllrs were excused at the request of the Chair and other Cllrs. Discussions took place in relation to this with the Clerk advising of the set process that must be followed. The Clerk advised that if a Cllr misses 6 meetings in a row they automatically lose their place. It is the Cllrs sole responsibility to ensure they attend, and to request to be excused. The Clerk advised Cllr Evans after meeting 5 that he would lose his place if he did not attend meeting 6. The Chair advised that the Clerk is acting in accordance with the law regarding this and that these are the rules for all Community Councils.
3. Flower baskets – 6 of our baskets have gone missing from Tower Colliery where they were temporarily being stored after Tower took them down for us. One of these was the basket on loan to us from the Nursery. Tower Colliery has said that they would pay the cost of the replacements. All baskets, including the new ones need to be picked up by the nursery before Christmas so they can start planting for next year.
4. The electricity is due for renewal at Hirwaun Village Hall. It is in the name of the Community Council. The Clerk will now take steps to see if she can get a cheaper contract elsewhere and change the name to Hirwaun Village Hall.
5. One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting – next meeting 18th January 2017, also minutes from last meeting. – Cllrs J Brock and M Phillips to attend.
6. The Caretaker at the Village Hall has requested a reduction in his hours so that he doesn't work a Sunday. The Clerk has taken advice from Once Voice Wales as to the process of amending his contract. The Relief Caretaker is happy to cover Sundays when

there is a booking. This will save the Community Council money as the Relief Caretaker will only be paid when there is a booking, and the Caretaker's pay will reduce monthly. Discussions took place into the technicalities of the request before approving the reduction in hours.

2016/226 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.