

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of meeting 13th October 2016

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

Apologies: Cllr D Walters, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr G Evans, Cllr J Rossiter, Cllr J Hill, Cllr T Penny

Excused: n/a

Cllr Woodley declared an interest in the Amendment to the planning application at Garwnant.

2016/186 – PCSO report

In his absence the PCSO provided a written report advising that on issues arising in the Hirwaun and Penderyn areas. These included instances of antisocial behaviour, theft, burglary, parking and speeding issues.

Patrols are taking place at Hirwaun Welfare Ground, Pandy Place, Penmark Row and Springfield Gardens to monitor antisocial behaviour.

There are continuing issues relating to parking generally, buses turning at The Lamb and HGV lorries speeding in Penderyn.

The following issues were reported to the PCSO:

- Cllr Campbell reported that the most recent incident of buses turning at The Lamb junction rather than the turning point was the Wednesday before with a 1st Call Travel bus. Cllr Woodley also confirmed that at 5.15pm on 26th September an Edwards school bus was also seen reversing.
- Cllr Myring reported that there are cars parked at the top of Merthyr Road, by the steps, marked as For Sale. These are causing an obstruction with buses etc.

2016/187- CBC reports

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

- There are new owners of the old Ferarri's site. There have been reports of rubbish being burnt there and Environmental Health are in the process of trying to locate the new owners with a view to stopping this. The site will be gated off.
- Tramway – There has been an incident where a resident fell and hurt their face after slipping on horse dung. Cllr Morgan will be liaising with the horse riding community regarding the Horse Society Code of Conduct to try and alleviate the problem. There are also incidences of the bins there not being emptied. Flytipping is also a problem here and RCT's Parks Department will be looking into funding to put bollards in place. Cllr Morgan asked if the Community Council would agree to fund a sign to remind horse riders of the Code of Conduct.
Action 1 – Cllr Morgan to provide the Clerk with the wording for this sign. The Clerk will then look into the cost of this.
- Drainage – There have been reports of raw sewage on resident's drives at Bethel Place. Welsh Water is investigating and will be carrying out a survey. It has been reported that foul water is going into the River Cynon. A resident's garden and kitchen have also been flooded. Environmental Health is also involved.
- Playground at Tramway – There have been reports of graffiti here, along with litter, broken glass and dog waste.
- Flytipping at the start of the mineral line.
- Speed camera at Rhigos Road – RCT have advised that all of the speed indicators are in use at the moment, but that we are at the top of the list.
- Bethel House – Cllr Morgan has asked for clarification that there will be a consultation regarding the diversion of the footpath.
- There has been a burglary at The Havens.
- Co-Op planning application – Cllr Morgan has raised concerns regarding the traffic that will increase around Manchester Place.

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

- Street lighting – Church Road – These lights are under the ownership of Western Power Distribution. Before the repair can take place the trees need to be cut back. All parties had thought that the works had been carried out but this is not the case. They will chase to ensure that the work is completed.

- Growth through Llwyn Onn gully – Cllr Thomas has requested that this be cut back.
- Parking issues Llwyn Onn – Residents are asked to ring 101 to report any incidences of parking causing an obstruction. The PCSO will also patrol the area. Cllr Brock asked that double yellow lines be put in place.
- Parking at The Lamb/Cwm Cadlan junction – The PCSO will continue to patrol the area. It is asked that residents call 101 to log any occasions where parking impedes the flow of traffic. It was pointed out that this is a clearway due to the single white line in place and that there should not be any parking there in any case.
- Drainage at the rear of Bryn Onnen – It has been advised by RCT that an inspection has taken place which confirmed that there is an issue with the drainage due to excess vegetation growth. Arrangements have been made for this to be cut back.
- Gas Fuelled Power Plant, Hirwaun Industrial Estate – Following discussion at the RCT cabinet meeting, it was agreed that a site visit will be held and that any speakers on the Agenda would not address the meeting and would have to re-apply to speak when the application returns for determination.

The following were reported to CBC'S:

To Cllr Graham Thomas

- There is still an issue of school buses reversing at The Lamb.
- The Clerk raised the consultation from BBNP who are removing phone boxes from the national park area. There is an option to adopt the phone box if it is a red one. The phone box at Llwyn Onn is earmarked for removal. It was confirmed that this phone box is no longer there in any case.

To Cllr Karen Morgan

- Cllr M Walters reported issues in relation to horses at Maescynon, and the overgrowth on the banking at the top of Merthyr Road. It was also asked if the Cefndon play area will be upgraded as it is damaged. Cllr Morgan confirmed that it is in the list for repair.

2016/188- Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th September were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr M Walters and seconded by Cllr J Myring and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2016/189 – Tower Colliery Operations

The Clerk has contacted the Chair of Hirwaun Tower Fund to advise that RCT are funding the upgrade for the playgrounds. Mr Davies confirmed that £40,000 had been released to the legacy fund to upgrade the play area, and they are doing this in conjunction with RCT as a joint project.

2016/190 – Noticeboard at The Lamb

It was advised that the noticeboard appears to have been refurbished but we have heard nothing from the landlord. Cllr Rossiter is liaising and we will ask for an update at next meeting. **Action 2** – Cllr Rossiter to provide an update.

2016/191 – Centenary Fields Nomination

RCT have confirmed that they own the land. They are looking into if they can grant permission for us to take this forward. Cllr Morgan is liaising in conjunction with Cllr Thomas to try and take this forward. The Clerk is concerned that if RCT does not provide a response soon then the deadline to apply will have passed. **Action 3** – An update to be provided at the next meeting.

2016/192 – Hirwaun Clock

An email has been sent to RCT asking for repairs to be completed.
Action 4 - Clerk to chase.

2016/193 – Community Council Photocopier

The Clerk detailed the costings to upgrade the current photocopier. The yearly increase for the service charge was also advised. There are continuing issue with the photocopier. **Action 5** – Clerk to check the terms of the contract.

2016/194 – Community Youth Representative

The Clerk confirmed that the 2 positions now are being advertised in all local schools, colleges and youth clubs. The closing date is 1st November 2016. There is no indication of interest from anyone as yet.

2016/195 – Dementia Friends Training

Interlink is in the process of trying to arrange this for us. The Clerk will update further in due course.

2016/196 – Flu Mythbusting Session

This has been arranged for 4pm on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at Hirwaun Village Hall.

2016/197 – Cynon Valley Launch Forum

Cllr Woodley attended this who found it very useful for information regarding funding. It is a forum to support the voluntary sector in the Cynon Valley, for networking and sharing knowledge to work together.

2016/198 – Planning Applications

Amendment and re-registration – Creation of new Holiday Cabin – Garwnant. – Cllr Woodley declared an interest in this as he has grazing rights on adjoining land. There is public access on the CROW land which will be restricted with this new development. It was asked if it should stay as public access land. No further comments were made.

Community Councillors reports:

2016/199 – Cllr N Reed informed the meeting that:

- A Men's Sheds support group, for older men for hobbies/interests, health and wellbeing is being set up in Hirwaun.

2016/120 – Cllr J Campbell informed the meeting that:

- The petition for fibre optic broadband has been delivered to Welsh Government and Open Reach. This is now being investigated.

2016/201 – Cllr J Myring informed the meeting that:

- Welsh Water are digging up the road in Cae Felin Park. They are changing the pipes and this will take 10-12 weeks to complete.

2016/202 –Cllr J Hartwell informed the meeting that:

- There are parking issues at the top of Merthyr Road where cars are parked on the pavement by the old Con Club causing people with prams to have to go onto the road, resulting in a near miss. There is also a breakdown lorry parked there every day with a car on the back. It was queried if the building has had a change of use.

2016/203 – External Auditor’s report/Hirwaun Village Hall Bank Account

The Clerk advised Cllrs of the points raised in the External Auditor’s report and the steps required to be taken to follow them up. Part of this is the separating of Hirwaun Village Hall from the management of the Community Council, which will now be run by a Voluntary Management Committee. The Village Hall will now be run separately, with its own bank account, but there is still provision made for the Community Council to support the hall by way of Section 137 Grant. The Clerk also raised the recommended amendments to the accounting processes for the Community Council. The Clerk provided a report detailing the steps taken to comply with the recommendations so far, and the next steps to take.

The Community Council accepted the External Auditors report, and the Clerk’s recommendations. It was asked that a copy of the External Auditor’s report be provided to Cllrs for their information. **Action 6** – Clerk to provide Cllrs with a copy of the External Auditors report.

2016/204 - Clerk’s report

The Clerk recited the bills paid for the month.

The following consultations were received:

1. Consultation response – Consultation on the merger of Local Justice Areas in Wales

2. Consultation on proposed amendment to Regulation 123 List – This list shows Cynon Valley projects but none in the Hirwaun or Penderyn areas. Those listed remain unaltered.
3. Consultation- Draft Annual Report – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales
4. 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Initial Proposals on the changes to parliamentary constituencies. The number of constituencies in Wales will reduce from 40 to 29. The result will be a fundamental change to the existing pattern of constituencies in every part of Wales, and due to the limited number of electors in some of the South Wales Valleys areas, constituencies will be formed which encompass more than one valley.
5. Land Transaction Tax and Anti-Avoidance of Devolved Taxes(Wales) Bill – Stamp duty land tax is being replaced by Land Transaction Tax in Wales

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. Email from the Bees Project. They are looking to work with local groups such as schools or allotments to share information and skills to raise awareness of bees and beekeeping, and it's importance to biological systems and diversity. **Action 7** – Clerk to forward the information on to the local primary schools.
2. The PCSO has had a request for dog waste bins and keep dogs on a lead signs – Devonshire Drive/Fairview. **Action 8** – Cllr Morgan to deal.
3. Letter from RCT asking for applications to join the RCT Local Access Forum. **Action 9** – Cllr Woodley to apply.
4. Statement from Welsh Government – Update on Local Government Reform
5. RCT bus shelters – RCT has some funding for the bus shelters that we requested at The Prince of Wales and Opposite the Fire Station, but we would need to fund 50%. The Community Council asked for more information on the types of shelters and cost compared to the last bus shelter that we purchased. **Action 10** – Clerk to look into this.
6. One Voice Wales Annual Report – **Action 11** – Clerk to provide all Cllrs with a copy.

The Clerk also advised that:

1. There is still a fault with the website updating – The Clerk is waiting for the person who set up the website for us to come in to have a look at it. The fault is still ongoing while we try to rectify it.
2. Resident's poem re dog mess. The Clerk has spoken to RCT who will increase patrols in the area. They have asked if we need any additional dog waste bins or signage. If so, we can have them installed. **Action 12** – Clerk to ask for installation of these.
3. Fencing at Tower Road – RCT have been up to inspect and it is not council owned. Council ownership ends where the ramp starts. It is likely to be owned either by Tower Colliery itself, or by Welsh Government. The council's grass cutting teams have been cutting the grass there, but they don't have to as it's not council owned so not their responsibility to maintain. **Action 13** – Clerk to refer to Welsh Government.
4. The Clerk suggested a Community Council Christmas Card competition for the local primary schools in Hirwaun and Penderyn. It was suggested that we have 3 age categories for each school, with a £10 book token prize for the winner in each category. Winning entries to be displayed in the library. The Council agreed that this was a good initiative to take forward but suggested it be called a Christmas Painting Competition instead. The Clerk suggested the need for a subcommittee to meet to judge the entries and choose the winners. It was agreed that Cllr Hartwell would organise the judges for the competition and liaise with the library to display the winning entries. The closing date for competition and entries to be delivered to the Clerk at the village hall is Monday 5th December. It was agreed that this would become an annual event, with Council deciding next July what form the competition would take next year to allow plenty of time to organise. **Action 14** – Clerk to take this forward in conjunction with Cllr Hartwell.

2016/205 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion – None

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