

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 12th October 2017

Present: Cllr Colin Woodley (Chairman): Cllr Jennifer Hartwell (Vice Chair), Cllr James Campbell, Cllr Danny Evans, Cllr June Brock, Cllr Claire Matsell, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Morien Morgan, Cllr Margaret Amos

Attending: CBC Graham Thomas, CBC Karen Morgan,

Apologies: Cllr Christine Chandler, Cllr Jenny Myring, Cllr Margaret Walters, Cllr Trudi Penny, PCSO, Penderyn Community Centre representative

The Chair commenced the meeting by welcoming the new Councillors and introductions were made.

2017/165 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

Cllr Jennifer Hartwell and Cllr Danny Evans disclosed a personal interest in Agenda item 10 in relation to the grant application for Hirwaun Village Hall.

2017/166 - PCSO report

In his absence, the PCSO provided a written 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. Patrols are continuing where drivers are known to cause obstruction. Patrols have also taken place by Community Enforcement Officers outside the chip shop and at the top junction in relation to parking issues. Issues in relation to anti social behaviour are continuing at Springfield Gardens which are being managed via a multi agency approach.

Reports to the PCSO included parking issues in Hirwaun.

2017/167 - CBC reports

CBC Graham Thomas provided the following written report:

- Signs for Church Road - I have sent an e-mail to Traffic Management informing them of the concerns raised by residents regarding the problems with vehicles travelling along Church Road who may not be aware of the nature of the road and complaints that previous signage has been removed. Traffic Management have asked what signs have been removed to consider replacements and that they will look at what information signs are available/appropriate for this section of highway.

- Signs for Cwm Cadlan - Following complaints about the number of road closures on the A465 between Cefn Roundabout and Hirwaun (13 in 12 months) and the unauthorised diversions through Cwm Cadlan I have requested information signs as in 1 above. Any issues around the road closure itself will have to be passed to S.W.T.R.A. and possibly the Assembly Member.
- Pontpren Address - I have further contacted RCT about the new address not being used. I was informed that despite the fact that on 8th June 2017 Royal Mail confirmed to RCT that the new address had been added to the data base that this was not the case. Royal Mail have now added the new address to their data base and assured RCT that members of the public should be able to use this address from 27th September. RCT checked this on 29th September and confirmed.
- Dog Bins for School and Woodland Park footpath - This has been followed up and I have been informed that the department is waiting for delivery of the bins and the locations will be prioritised when they arrive.
- Request for Chicanes on A4059 - After requesting Chicanes to address the issue of speeding on this section of highway the reply is that they would not be suitable as they would need opposing flows of traffic within a short distance to be effective and would not be considered for introduction at the present time. The Council will continue to explore possible measures to address these concerns. However any measures identified would need to be considered suitable for the surrounding environment while encouraging drivers to drive at the appropriate speed.

The Welsh Government letter received by the Community Council from Vikki Howells AM in relation to the A465 road closures was discussed. **Action 1** – Executive Officers to circulate the letter to the County Borough Cllrs for their information.

The moving of the current Capel Soar bus shelter was also discussed, along with the Public Health Wales meeting due to be held next month.

CBC Karen Morgan provided the following written report:

- Hirwaun has been identified as one of five Strategic Opportunity Areas for economic growth and job creation in RCT. Described as the Cynon Gateway this will mean significant development for us. I look forward to full consultation on each of the areas described below (although some are already underway).

Three main areas form the heart of this Strategic Opportunity Area, Tower Plateaux, Bryn Pica and Hirwaun Industrial Estate.

- Tower Opencast Site: Create 35 Acres Of Serviced Development Plateau through the current £20M Site Restoration scheme, a 35 acre plateau for business / industrial &

mixed uses will be created. The key need is to service the plateau to unlock this opportunity.

- Extend the Passenger Rail Line to Hirwaun Industrial Estate and create A “Transport Hub” improving the connectivity and opening up further opportunity.
- Cynon Valley Gateway Road to link the £400M dualling A465 to the strategic highway network
- Link A465 Dualling to Opportunities to enable the area to benefit fully from the dualling of the A465 by ensuring that the right links and access points are included so that the key regional opportunities can be realised.
- Develop an “Energy Park” At Bryn Pica using the energy from anaerobic digestion, to attract businesses with a high energy requirement onto this 10 acre site.
- Develop Energy USP for Investors work with partners to enable developments to access cheaper energy from the existing energy producers.
- Build 400 Homes to create a vibrant, enlarged and sustainable Hirwaun village through the LDP Strategic Site allocation, creating jobs and value to the local economy, and a choice of quality housing.
- Create an Environmental Improvement Fund to fund meaningful improvements to the existing Hirwaun Industrial Estate to make it more attractive and ensure its long term sustainability.
- Deliver Enviroparks (Energy From Waste) Development which will create up to 200 jobs in a high-tech recycling facility as well as enabling additional “high energy” users to benefit from excess heat and energy produced as part of the technology processes.
- New rules have been introduced for dog owners from October 1st :-
 - Dog owners MUST clean up their dogs’ mess immediately and dispose of it properly.
 - Dog owners MUST carry means to pick up dog mess (i.e. bags) at all times.
 - Dog owners MUST follow a direction from an authorised officer to put a dog on a lead.
 - Dogs are BANNED from all schools, children’s play areas and marked sports pitches maintained by the Council.
 - Dogs MUST be kept on a lead at all times in Council maintained cemeteries and Aberdare Park
 - Increased fines of £100
- A huge amount of mixed waste has been dumped above the Welfare Ground. Streetcare and enforcement officers attended site, the land is in Tower Opencast ownership and they have agreed to arrange for it to be removed. Enforcement officers have taken documents from the waste to investigate and hopefully prosecute.
- Planning Officers and Natural Resources Wales are to meet with Tower to establish what work has been undertaken and what discussions have been held with whom after I received complaints about land alongside the railway line at Bryngaer cemetery

- COOP have applied for Variation of Condition 2 of consent. This will entail a very slight increase (450mm) in ground level of the buildings at the rear of the site with no increase in the ridge height to accommodate drainage needed for the site and footpath.
- Complaints about parking on pavements on Manchester Place posing risk for pedestrians and young children
- Contacted by local residents concerned about the colour of the river (red) at Hirwaun Industrial Estate. The river was clear within a few hours, Natural Resources Wales are investigating.
- RCT have refused the request to switch on one streetlight at night on Cynon Tce stating “unless there is undisputed evidence presented by the Police that crimes (potential or actual) can be directly linked to the turning off of lights then we make no amendment to the existing situation”. I will continue to press for this and liaise with local police.
- Centenary Fields update – the report did not go to Cabinet as planned in September, hopefully it will make the agenda for October or November. Within the report it will ask that future applications (i.e. Cefndon Field) are decided by the Cabinet Member as a delegated decision.

2017/168 - Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2017 were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Hartwell and agreed nem com.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2017/169 – Tree Charter

The Executive Officer advised that The Woodland Trust have allocated us with a second tree free of charge. Discussions took place in relation to planting the tree and how to mark the event. **Action 2** – Trees to be planted now to protect them from the frost and Cllrs will mark National Tree Planting Week by adding the plaques to them then.

2017/170 – Dementia Friends

The Executive Officer provided an update on the Dementia Friends sessions recently held by the Community Council. It was agreed to continue with this initiative to work towards making Hirwaun and Penderyn Dementia Friendly by holding more Dementia Friends sessions in the New Year. **Action 3** – Executive Officer to continue with this with additional support from Community Councillors.

2017/171 – Christmas Lighting

The Executive Officer confirmed that RCT has approved our application to have Christmas Lights in the village this year.

2017/172 – Report from One Voice Wales Conference

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the points to note from the conference, along with issues that the Community Council is likely to face in the future.

2017/173 – Community Council Banking

The Executive Officer provided an update on the forms requested by the bank. **Action 4** – Cllrs who have not returned their forms to the Executive Officer should do so urgently.

2017/174 – Bee Friendly

The Executive Officer advised that due to time constraints at this meeting, this would be added to a future agenda.

2017/175 – Community Council ID Badges

The Executive Officer confirmed that she has sourced suitable lanyards but was having difficulty in sourcing reasonably priced ID badges. **Action 5** – Cllr Matsell has a contact that will be able to print these for us at a reasonable cost. Executive Officer to liaise with Cllr Matsell.

2017/176 - Planning Applications

- Proposed demolition of a garden shed and construction of new put-building to provide a dog grooming parlour – 48 Cae Felin Parc, Hirwaun
- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of condition 9 (pedestrian footway/vehicular crossing) of previously approved planning application 16/1280/10 – 1A Station Road, Hirwaun
- Variation of condition 2 Former Hirwaun Primary School, Hirwaun

Community Councillors reports:

2017/177 – Cllr Hartwell advised the meeting that:

- The steps at Johns Lane to Swansea Road need clearing.
- The area around the Tramway playground also needs clearing.
- An update was provided in relation to the recent One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting attended by Cllr Hartwell, Cllr Walters and Cllr Myring, and new Cllrs were encouraged to attend.

- Thanks were given to the Garden Society and those who gave their time to make this year's Garden Show a success.

2017/178 - Cllr Amos advised the meeting that:

- Parking issues are continuing outside Penderyn Primary School.

2017/179 – Cllr Campbell advised the meeting that:

- There has been an incidence of flytipping at the Foel Road.
- Speed issues are continuing at Penderyn. **Action 6** – Executive Officer to contact RCT to request a traffic survey.

2017/180 – Presentation by Penderyn Community Centre in relation to their work at Yr Eithn - Unfortunately, apologies were given. The Community Council invites them to attend in future if they wish.

2017/181 – Grant application for Hirwaun Village Hall

Cllrs Hartwell and Evans left the room for this agenda item.

The application for a grant of £1,590 to cover the labour costs of painting the main hall was discussed. Cllr Campbell proposed to approve the full amount requested. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and agreed nem con.

2017/182 – Grant application for Penderyn Community Centre

The application for a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of upgrading Yr Eithn was discussed by Cllrs after being introduced by Cllr June Brock. Cllr Campbell proposed that the grant be awarded. Cllr Evans seconded this and it was agreed nem con. It was agreed that the grant be awarded towards the cost of new seating only.

2017/183 – Grant application for Penderyn Historical Society

The application for a grant of £4,500 towards the cost of the new War Memorial was discussed. Cllr Campbell proposed that the full grant be awarded. Cllr Brock seconded this and it was agreed nem con. It was agreed that should there be any monies left over from the construction of the memorial, it should be kept towards the future upkeep of it.

2017/184 – Capel Soar Bus Shelter

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the relocation of the Capel Soar bus shelter. Whilst the cost of moving the shelter itself will be covered by RCT, the Community Council will be expected to meet the cost of installing the hard standing required for the site. It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Campbell and agreed nem con that the cost of this would be met by the Community Council.

2017/185 – Community Council External Audit

The Executive Officer advised that the External Auditors have not yet concluded the Community Council audit. The deadline for the concluded audit to be displayed was 30th September. The auditors have provided the Community Council with a form of wording that must be displayed advising that they have not yet concluded the audit. The Executive Officer confirmed that this was displayed at both Community Council notice boards during the timescales stipulated by the External Auditors.

2017/186 – Safe Routes in Communities Scheme

This scheme was discussed by Cllrs but it was noted that there was too short a timescale set by Welsh Government to allow the Community Council to submit an application. **Action 7** – Executive Officer to write to Vikki Howells AM in relation to this.

2017/187 – Community Council Walking Festival

The Executive Officer advised Cllrs that the South Wales Community Rangers have agreed to lead a walk for us during the Walking Festival. Discussions continued into the organising of the event, planning the route and the hiring of Hirwaun Village Hall and Penderyn Community Centre as part of the event. Cllrs Hartwell and Evans declared an interest in relation to Hirwaun Village Hall. Cllr Campbell agreed to assist the Executive Officer in the planning of the walking route. Cllrs agreed to approve the cost of hiring both halls, along with the cost towards the Central Community Council Fund which all Community and Town Council's taking part in the festival will donate. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to continue with this in conjunction with Cllr Campbell.

2017/188 – Reports from Subcommittees

The Executive Officer provided a report on behalf of the Hirwaun Village Improvements Committee. It has been agreed that i) Two 3 tier planters would be purchased for the land behind the Heol Uchel bus stop, ii) Two cherry blossom trees would be purchased and planted on the land adjacent to the public toilets, iii) The flower baskets will be extended from outside The Lamb on Brecon Road, to the new CO-OP site, iv) The Christmas lights would also be extended at this location, v) Daffodil bulbs donated to us by RCT would be planted at central points within the village.

2017/189 – Executive Officer's report

The Executive Officer recited the bills paid for the month which included:

Toshiba - £124.80

Daisy Communications - £74.88

Executive Officer's Expenses - £9.57

The following Consultations were received:

1. Consultation on draft guidance document for principal councils on the review of communities
2. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft annual report. **Action 9** – Executive Officer to circulate to Cllrs who are to respond at the November meeting.
3. WG Independent Review Panel – Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to circulate this to Cllrs who will provide their responses.

The council had received the following correspondence:

1. Email from resident in relation to parking issues in Hirwaun. **Action 11** – Executive Officer to pass these comments on to the PCSO and RCT.
2. Update from RCT traffic management who have advised that they are looking into all of the points discussed in our July meeting, and they will provide us with a full report once all issues have been investigated.
3. Data Protection Reform – The Executive Officer provided an update on the new legislation coming in next year which will affect the Community Council. The Executive Officer provided an update on the RCT Community Council Clerks joint application to Welsh Government for Cluster Funding to support us in our compliance with this.
4. Heritage and Regeneration Conference
5. CPR and Defibrillator training at the Senydd.

2017/190 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

Cllr Campbell advised of possible training in Penderyn for their defibrillator. **Action 12**
– Executive Officer to add this to next month's agenda.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.