

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 11th March 2021

Present: Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair), Cllr Richard Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr Lynwen Law, Cllr Jenny Myring, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Jenny Edwards, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Morien Morgan, Cllr Non Thomas, Cllr Carol Hindley, Cllr Adrian Harford,

Attending: CBC Graham Thomas,

Apologies: Cllr Claire Matsell, Cllr Debbie Smart, CBC Karen Morgan

2021/039- Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2021/040 - PCSO report

The PCSO provided the following written report:

We have had an increased amount of reports regarding ASB in the area. There has been a definite rise and we are taking appropriate action. I am still having to answer covid breach calls throughout the Cynon Valley so I will try my very best to be in Hirwaun as much as possible. ASB referrals will also be submitted when appropriate.

There was nothing to report to the PCSO.

2021/041 - County Borough Cllr reports

CBC Graham Thomas provided the following written report:

- Penderyn Quarry Notice Board
 - Reply from Highways that they have no objection to the proposed site for the notice board.
 - Reply from National Parks that planning permission will be required.
 - I have notified Penderyn Quarry of the same.
- I have requested the following in the vicinity Pantcefnnyffordd Farm, Vole Road:
 - Salt bin needs filling outside property.
 - Request salt bin at top of hill after bend, west of property.
 - Barrier at the bottom of the hill.
 - Request for litter bin at lay by after the top of the same hill. Cans/litter being thrown out at this lay by.
- Lights outside 24 Dolgynnog - Email sent to Members Services requesting repair and update. They attended on the 18th and replaced some components in 1 of the lights, but couldn't find any fault with the other. I will drive up there later to see if there are any outstanding issues and I will order any required works.

- Flooding on land adjacent to 19 Bryn Onnen - I have contacted the Drainage Engineer to establish whether the 35 year old culvert will meet current day requirements, whether it should be piped and for an appropriate cover to be placed over the drain.
- Bryn Onnen drain blocked by stones - Request placed to clear drain.
- Sewage overflow at round drain cover outside former Butcher's Arms - Arranged for inspection to clear drain and make safe.
- Drains at bottom of Church Road contain tarmac after dropped kerb work - Arranged for inspection and clearance.
- Enviroparks -
 - The application went to Planning Committee on Thursday March 4th 2021 and was refused for the material reason of overbearing Visual Impact/Amenity by the doubling in height of the stack from 45 metres to 90 metres.
 - There were 217 letters of objection and petitions with over 4,400 signatures against the development.
 - Objections were received from Rhigos Community Council and Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council.
 - There were 11 in attendance from the community to speak for 5mins each, all were against the proposal.
 - Objections included; Visual Impact; Air/land/water pollution; Adverse impact on new business; Proximity to three Primary Schools; Wellbeing of Future Generations.
 - Because the refusal was against officer recommendation for approval, the application will return to a later committee for affirmation and to establish the material reasons in full for the decision.
 - The applicant will then have the right of appeal.
- Selection of vacant residents' position Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group - Procedure to be followed as per last report. Vacant position advertised on local Social Media pages including Quarry page. Nominations must include a short message of up to 75 words from the nominee and must be submitted by 12 Noon on Wednesday 24th March 2021.

Cllr Richard Jones raised a query into the next stage of the Enviroparks process.

Cllr Morien Morgan raised concerns that the Cynon Gateway planning application had been submitted but the Community Council had not been consulted. Cllr Richard Jones at this point declared an interest and went into the waiting room. Cllrs continued to discuss the planning application raising concerns that it will be detrimental to the environment. Cllr Morien Morgan requested that a planning officer attend a council meeting to answer Cllrs questions. **Action 1** – CBC Thomas will make enquiries with RCT planning and invite them to a future meeting.

Cllr Richard Jones returned to the meeting.

No report was provided by CBC Karen Morgan due to internet issues. Cllrs had nothing to report to CBC Morgan.

2021/042 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Meeting of 11th February 2021 were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Non Thomas and seconded by Cllr Ceri Woodley and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2021/043 – Penderyn Christmas Lights

The Executive Officer advised that RCT had granted permission to install an additional four Christmas lights at the War Memorial in Penderyn if our funding from Hanson allows.

2021/044 – Penderyn Community Centre Grant

The Executive Officer advised Cllrs that an anonymous email had been received from a Penderyn resident supporting the termination of the grant to the Community Centre. It was advised that we are unable to respond to anonymous correspondence or discuss it at the meeting. It was agreed that the email would be circulated for information only.

2021/045 – Quad Bikes on Arcway

The Executive Officer advised that the Area Warden has agreed to a site visit. **Action 2** - Site visit to be arranged.

2021/046 – Old Fire Station Lease

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing.

2021/047 – Dog Waste Bin – Old Butchers Arms, Penderyn

The Executive Officer advised that RCT had been out to inspect the bin and had found it in working order.

2021/048 – Spring Activities for Children

The Executive Officer confirmed that this was being advertised, with paper copies being made available in both villages.

2021/048 – Dolgynog Street Lights - Penderyn

The Executive Officer confirmed that the issue had been reported to RCT.

2021/049 – Retirement Card for Dentist

The Executive Officer confirmed that the card had been sent.

2021/050 – Pathway John's Lane to Glancynon

The Executive Officer confirmed that this has been reported to RCT.

2021/051 – Dangoes Benefits Awareness Training

The Executive Officer advised that there was no availability at present for full council training due to high demand. Cllrs were advised to book on individually.

2021/052 – Eden Project

Cllrs advised that they were unable to book on to this session as it was fully booked.

2021/053 – CIL Money/Village Improvements Meeting

The Executive Officer advised that the committee is due to meet next week.

2021/054 - Planning Applications

1. Proposed attic conversion with dormer and rooflights – 16 Bryn Onnen, Penderyn – Permission granted
2. New 15 space car park, including one disabled bay and drop off area – Long Meadow Close, Hirwaun – Cllrs discussed the planning application and agreed that comments should be raised requesting more accessible parking bays, and that parents should be encouraged to walk their children to school. **Action 3** – Cllr Richard Jones to draft to response to RCT.
3. How Refreshing (The Bryn) Ltd – the erection of a timber site hoarding along the north-west boundary with Heol Pendarren – Land at the Bryn, Heol Pendarren, Rhigos – Appeal against the enforcement notice has been submitted.

2021/055 - Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Jenny Edwards confirmed that she has signed up for the Woodland session, along with the Dark Sky awareness.

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach confirmed that she attended the Dark Sky awareness session.

Cllr Richard Jones raised concerns of PPE being discarded in the village. It was agreed that a graphic would be designed to add to posters and our Facebook page to encourage residents to dispose of their PPE in the correct manor. It was also agreed that photos would be taken of discarded PPE and added to our Facebook page. **Action 4** – Cllr Richard Jones to design the graphics. Cllrs to take photos of discarded PPE as they come across them and forward them to Cllr Jones. It was also agreed to send the posters out to care organisations and Cllr Adrian Harford agreed to deal with this.

Cllr Morien Morgan confirmed that he had attended the Advanced Finance training session. He also advised that the issue with the lights at Hirwaun Primary had been rectified.

Cllr Non Thomas advised that due to an error she had attended the Advanced Finance training session instead of the Basic Finance training. **Action 5** – Executive Officer to query with One Voice Wales.

Cllr Jenny Myring confirmed that she had attended the Dark Sky Awareness session.

Cllr Carol Hindley confirmed that she had attended the Dark Sky Awareness session, and also raised the issue of complaints received about discarded PPE and dog mess in the village.

Cllr Lynwen Law confirmed that she is booked onto the Understanding the Law training session and Dangoes Benefits Awareness.

Cllr Ceri Woodley confirmed that she has attended the Dark Sky Awareness session and the Advanced Finance training session.

2021/056 – Renewal of the Community Council Insurance Policy

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the quotes received. Cllrs discussed these and decided to renew the policy with Zurich. This was proposed by Cllr Richard Jones, seconded by Cllr Margaret Amos and agreed nem con. **Action 6** – Executive Officer to renew the policy.

2021/057 – Great British Spring Clean

Cllrs agreed to postpone any decisions to take part in this until the April meeting which is after the next Covid restrictions review. It was also agreed that Cllrs Jenny Edwards and Non Thomas attend the Great British Spring Clean Virtual Launch Event. **Action 7** - Executive Officer to add this to the April agenda.

2021/058 – Information Commissioner’s Office Vexatious Comments Guide

Cllrs reviewed this document and agreed to adopt it for Community Council use. This was proposed by Cllr Non Thomas, seconded by Cllr Richard Jones and agreed nem con. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to add this document to the website.

2021/059 – Operation London Bridge

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the agreed protocol in the event of the death of The Queen. It was advised that this protocol is for the death of The Queen only, and not for other Senior Members of The Royal Family. RCT’s protocol in the event of the death of all Senior Royals was provided to Cllrs for their information.

2021/060 – Executive Officer’s report

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

Print Partnership - £4.64

Daisy Communications - £71.27

SLCC - -£45.00

Siemens - £171.46

Zurich - £1,322.66

Consultations:

1. Litter and fly tipping prevention consultation – It was agreed that a Special Meeting be held to discuss this consultation. **Action 9** – Executive Officer to arrange.
2. BBNP LDP – Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance
3. BBNP Management Plan Review consultation – It was agreed that this would be added to the April agenda for discussion. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to add to the agenda.

The Council had received the following correspondence:

1. Summary of the key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for Town and Community Councils – The Executive Officer provided an overview on how the Community Council must comply with this act. It was agreed

that the option to convert the online Community Council meeting to a hybrid meeting would be reviewed on a monthly basis in line with social distancing guidelines and additional information due to come in from RCT. It has also been confirmed that if the new legislation requirements clash with staff annual leave then a Cllr must publish the information on the meeting summary in their absence. It was agreed that Cllr Richard Jones would provide this cover.

2. A Special Meeting with the Heads of the Valleys road contractors will be held to receive an update on the plan of works and to discuss ideas for community benefit.
3. Training and awareness sessions that Cllrs have been invited to participate in:
 - Dark Sky Wales Awareness
 - Let's Talk about the Outdoors Meet and Greet with Interlink
 - Are you Fit for Funding Learning Event with Interlink
 - Woodland Wellbeing information session
 - Cllr Richard Jones has also attended the Science Behind Sight Loss training as our Sight Loss Champion.
4. CCLA investment letter and email.
5. Election's newsletter.
6. RCT's Monitoring Officer has been in touch with all Community Council's advising that the Standards Committee is monitoring the use of the Local Resolution Protocol for Member's behaviour. He will be making arrangements to meet with Clerks over the summer to discuss Code of Conduct matters.
7. IRP Annual Report 2021/22 – There is no change to the remuneration for Town and Community Councils but it will be subject to review and any changes will be reflected in the next draft Annual Report.
8. Good Cllrs Guide to Cyber Security – This was provided to Cllrs for their information.
Action 11 – Executive Officer to review and report back at the April meeting.

Other:

1. Lamppost number 4 on Brecon Rd is being removed to accommodate the new crossing going there. RCT have agreed that our flower basket and Christmas light from that lamppost can be moved to lamppost number 6 by the Prince of Wales. Lamppost number 6 needs to be replaced first though as it is in poor condition. RCT anticipate that it will be replaced before our flower baskets get delivered in May.
2. Greenwood Drive Bus Shelter – RCT will now consult with residents in adjacent before the 3 bay shelter is installed.
3. Refill Day Wednesday 16th June – save the date – more information on how we can get involved coming soon.
4. Anti vandal paint has now been sprayed onto the mural to protect it. The daffodil has flaked off because of the bad weather so it will be touched up by the artist.
5. We still have shrubs to be planted at the toilets and will need to make plans to plant them when restrictions allow. **Action 12** - It was agreed that plans would be made at the April meeting based on the Covid restrictions then,
6. Request from resident – Light up Wales to Remember those who have died from COVID – Turn the village yellow on 23rd March – Suggestions of yellow hearts and

lights in windows. Cllrs agreed to support this. **Action 13** – Cllr Richard Jones to design the graphic. Executive Officer to promote.

7. An Awards for All grant has been applied for to cover the cost of the high vis vests, wildflower seeds for the seed bombs and some spring bulbs to plant in the village.
8. SLCC Practitioner's Conference attended by the Executive Officer with a bursary being awarded to cover half of the cost.

2021/061 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

There were no urgent items to discuss.

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

Agreed