

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 13th February 2025

Present: Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair), James Woodward (Vice Chair), Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Eryl O'Neill, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Wendy Donovan, Cllr Non Thomas, Cllr Zoe Goss,

Attending: Caitlyn Kochalski – Community Youth Representative

Apologies: Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Rhys Howells, Cllr Adam Rogers, Cllr Lynley Gregory, CBC Karen Morgan,

2025/025 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2025/026 - PCSO report

There was no report from the PCSO.

2025/027 - Defibrillators

Cllr Adrian Harford provided an update on the defibrillators for Hirwaun and Penderyn, advising that locations are still to be secured at Fairview, Station Road and Woodland Park. It was noted that Cllr Colin Woodley had contacted Heidelberg in relation to funding for the Woodland Park defibrillator. It was agreed that Cllrs Wendy Donovan and James Woodward would assist Cllr Harford in drafting the map of the defibrillators for both villages, and that leaflets would be printed and a leaflet drop carried out at the above locations to try to secure properties to install the defibrillators on. It was agreed that defibrillator education classes would be held during February half term and that Cllr Colin Woodley would contact the Fire Station to ask why their defibrillator was not working. **Action 1**–Cllr Adrian Harford to continue with this.

2025/028 – County Borough Cllr reports

A report was not provided by the County Borough Cllrs due to IT issues.

Cllrs reported the following matters to the County borough Cllrs:

Cllr Wendy Donovan advised that there are unsafe trees from the Ty Newydd layby to Woodland Park, that there are speeding issues with Stagecoach buses, and asked if the 20mph sign at Woodland Park could be moved back to its original location.

Cllr Colin Woodley reported that the bottom of Cwm Cadlan Road has potholes that are in need of repair, a blocked culvert and mud on the road.

2025/029 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Meeting of 9th January 2025 were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Wendy Donovan, seconded by Cllr Adrian Harford and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2025/030 – Village Green Project

Action for Hirwaun were in attendance of this meeting who discussed the historical significance of the Village Green with Cllrs, flagging up that there is no signage directing people to it, nor information boards detailing the history of it. It was agreed that Cllrs Adrian Harford, Wendy Donovan, James Woodward and Eryl O'Neill would form a working group to work with Action for Hirwaun to take this forward. It was noted that Action for Hirwaun also need volunteers to help tidy up the Village Green. **Action 2** – Working group to take this forward.

2025/031 – Local Places for Nature

Butterfly Garden – The Executive Officer advised that the we are still awaiting delivery of the plants. **Action 3** – Executive Officer to proceed with the LPfN package installation. Bethel Place – The Executive Officer advised that the meeting with Trivallis was due to take place shortly. **Action 4** – Executive Officer and Cllr Harford to attend the meeting.

2025/032 – Lease for Old Fire Station

It was advised that this is ongoing. **Action 5** – Executive Officer plus Cllrs Colin Woodley and Adrian Harford to continue with this.

2025/033– Bond Account

The Executive Officer advised that the form is in the process of being updated. It was confirmed that the current signatories for this account are Cllr Colin Woodley, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Non Thomas and Cllr Adam Rogers. **Action 6** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2025/034 – Wooden Boxes

Cllr Colin Woodley advised that he had contacted the YMCA who had agreed to give us a quote for the cost of the wooden boxes. **Action 7** – Cllr Colin Woodley to continue with this.

2025/035 – Christmas Lighting

The Executive advised that the Christmas lighting bill had been received and it appears that the storm damage repairs have not been charged for.

2025/036 – Road Safety Working Group

It was agreed that the Executive Officer would contact the schools to ask if a road safety campaign was needed. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to deal with this.

2025/037 – Wellbeing Walks and Leader Training

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach advised that this training has been organised for next month and would be attended by herself and Cllr Adrian Harford. **Action 9** – Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach to continue with this.

2025/038 – Neighbourhood Network Meeting

Cllr James Woodward provided an update on the meeting which included a climate discussions and training information.

2025/039 – Cloud Storage

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2025/040 – Hirwaun Cllr Vacancy

The Executive Officer advised that no election had been called and that the vacancy will now be advertised for co-option. **Action 11** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2025/041- Planning Applications

1. 41 affordable dwellings – Land adjacent to Bryngelli Industrial Estate – Permission granted.
2. Proposed single storey kitchen, utility room and wet room extension – Saundersville, 83 Tramway, Hirwaun.
3. Proposed extension to the side and rear to extend existing commercial garage – C and N Van and Commercials, Bryngelli Industrial Estate, Meadow Lane, Hirwaun

2025/042- Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach advised that she had attended the litter pick and the Cyber Awareness training.

Cllr Eryl O’Neill advised that she had attended the Cyber Awareness training, the School Governors meeting at Penderyn, the Cost of Living Networking Event at the Cynon Linc and the Soup Socials at the Village Hall.

Cllr Non Thomas provided an update following the Heads of the Valleys liaison meeting where they advised that vandalism has dropped since the new bridge has opened, that both carriageways are now open, and that Future Valleys are optimistic to finish on time.

Cllr Wendy Donovan advised that she had attended the Garden Show meeting and had been part of the Defibrillator working group.

Cllr Adrian Harford advised that he has been dealing with the defibrillators for Hirwaun and Penderyn, attended the litter pick and carried out the tree planting in Hirwaun.

Cllr James Woodward advised that he had attended the Neighbourhood Network meeting and the Penderyn Warm Hub, along with tidying up the planters, taking cuttings of the plants to plant elsewhere, attending the litter pick and carrying out the tree planting in Hirwaun.

Cllr Ceri Woodley advised that she had attended the Cyber Awareness training and the Soup Socials at the Village Hall.

Cllr Colin Woodley advised that the trees recently planted by Cllrs on the roundabout at The Havens had been vandalised within 24 hours of planting. He advised that Heidelberg are working with RCT to install the new noticeboard by the sheep market, and that he had attended the Cyber Awareness training session.

2025/043- Community Youth Representative Report:

There was no report for this month.

2025/044 - Walking Festival

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach advised that a walk would be organised once the walk leader training had been completed. **Action 12** - Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach to continue with this.

2025/045- Community Engagement Event

Cllrs decided not to continue with this event at the moment.

2025/046- Wales in Bloom

Cllr Adrian Harford raised the option of entering the Wales in Bloom competition with Cllrs. It was agreed that it is too late to enter the competition this year but the Grass Verge working group would be tasked with deciding on what green improvements can be made so that we can enter the competition next year. **Action 13** - Grass Verge working group to continue with this. Executive Officer to seek appropriate funding along with installation permissions from RCT.

2025/047 - S137 Grant Application

Cllrs reviewed the grant application made by Cylch Metihrin Penderyn to purchase Easter eggs for the children who attend there. Cllr Adrian Harford proposed that the grant application be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ceri Woodley, and agreed with 8 votes for and 1 vote against.

2025/048- Executive Officer's report

Daisy Communications - £91.31

Centregreat - £3,780.00

Hirwaun Garden Shop - £300

Consultations:

None.

The Council had received the following correspondence:

1. Eye to Eye Counselling Service. - Noted.
2. Welsh Government Community Cohesion Officer meeting - **Action 14** - Cllrs Marguerite Courtney-Solbach and Adrian Harford to meet with the Officer.

3. Great British Spring Clean – **Action 15** – Cllrs Adrian Harford and Marguerite Courtney-Solbach to discuss organising a litter pick.
4. OVW Area Committee Meeting Survey – **Action 16** – Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach to complete the survey as Area Committee Representative and forward her answers to the Executive Officer who will complete the remainder before submitting on behalf of the Council.
5. One Voice Wales AGM – **Action 17** – Cllr Colin Woodley to attend.
6. One Voice Wales Unjumbling the Jargon.
7. Civility and Respect newsletter.
8. Lithium Ion Battery campaign update.
9. Consultation response – Learning Support Class consultation.

Other:

1. Welsh Water Community Fund – The Executive Officer advised that this grant had been applied for to purchase water bottles for our Climate Emergency project.

2025/049 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.38pm.