

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 9th October 2025

Present: Cllr Adam Rogers (Chair), Cllr Eryl O'Neill (Vice Chair), Cllr James Woodward, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Zoe Goss, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Adrian Harford,

Attending: n/a

Apologies: Cllr Colin Woodley, Cllr John Mullaney, Cllr Wendy Donovan, Cllr Karen Morgan,

2025/222 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2025/223 - PCSO report

The Executive Officer advised that a report had not been provided by the PCSO's. Cllr Adam Rogers advised that the PACT meetings were due to start back up. It was agreed that the Cllr representatives would attend the PACT meetings. **Action 1** – Cllrs to report back to council following the PACT meetings.

2025/224 – Defibrillators

Cllr Adrian Harford updated Cllrs in relation to the defibrillators for Hirwaun. It was advised that Pen Y Cymoedd have agreed to pay for the armoured cabling required for the installation of the last two defibrillators, and that they will be installed in the next few weeks. It was agreed that we would then advertise the locations of the defibrillators within Hirwaun and Penderyn. It was advised that the potential defibrillator for Woodland Park was still being looked in to.

Action 2 - Cllr Adrian Harford to continue with this.

2025/225– County Borough Cllr reports

The following report was provided by the County Borough Cllrs:

Police issues

We are arranging a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting with our PCSOs for the evening of October 16th at Hirwaun YMCA at 6pm.

Highways

The consultation on the 20mph speed limits review is now open. 26 roads across RCT are being considered for reversion to 30mph. The consultation will run from September 22nd to October 13th. To respond, please search the RCT Council website.

Carriageway resurfacing has been programmed to commence on Monday 29th September along The Pandy, Hirwaun. Works are expected to take approximately 10 working days, subject to weather conditions.

Concerns were relayed to us about the difficulties parents/carers with prams have been having with the barriers right outside Hirwaun Primary School. We contacted RCT about the issue and the barriers have now been removed to enable prams and wheelchairs to go through.

Reported potholes- *Railway Terrace, Hirwaun* *Church Road, Penderyn*

Put in a request for the white lines on Brecon Road, Hirwaun to be re-painted as they are fading

There is a temporary road closure of Meadow Lane, between 29/09/25-17/10/2025. The works are intended for electricity cable installation/work.

Council intends to close a section of the Cynon Trail, North of Penywaun. Construction works will take place to realign this section, 27/10/25-27/03/26.

Reported a blocked drain on Chapel Road, outside Penderyn Quarry.

Streetcare

Upcoming black waste collection day- Friday October 24th

Reported flytipping- *Lane behind Glannant Street* *Lane behind Cynon Terrace*

Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru

With the repeating issues of burst pipes and low pressure in Penderyn, we have asked Welsh Water for a public meeting to speak with residents and answer questions. When properties and businesses were without water recently, some had water delivered and many others did not receive.

Reported a leak along Chapel Road, Penderyn. Water is coming from the verge onto the highway.

Flooding

We asked for an update on the flooding of the zebra crossings. The Council has responded that a design was created and has been approved. The Streetcare department will procure a contractor to carry out the works.

Trees/Overgrowth

Reported trees along the length of Keepers Lane in Hirwaun. An officer inspected and removal will be done along the ditch and highway.

National Grid

Reported the detached wiring from the poles along the Mineral Line between Hirwaun and Penderyn. Also, a leaning post which is close-by has been reported.

Save the School Transport RCT

We attended the group's meeting in Pontypridd. We received an update on the progress done to date. A lot has been done but a lot is left to do! The petition- 'To review all guidance on Home to School Transport for all of Wales' has reached nearly 12,000 and has been closed.

There is a Welsh Government consultation open until November 28th on the Learner Travel operational guidance. The group has encouraged as many people as possible to respond. Please find on Welsh Government website.

Full Council

RCT Councillors unanimously supported Plaid Cymru's proposal to use our Council to maximise youth political engagement. Our Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Sera Evans and seconded by Councillor Adam Owain Rogers requests that the Democratic Services Committee receives an Officer report, which will consider:

- A review of the actions taken to-date in respect of this area for democratic participation;
- Commissioning a series of interactive and engaging sessions to Years 11-13 students in all its secondary settings; and
- Exploring innovative digital mechanisms to enhance youth participation in future elections.

Cllrs reported the following matters to the County Borough Cllrs:

Cllr Zoe Goss reported a tree branch down on the hill at the Bryncynon turning, and that the recycling bags supplied by RCT CBC are too thin and are being ripped open by birds.

Cllr Margaret Amos reported that trees have been cut back but left on the pathway between Bryn Onnen and Woodland Park.

2025/226 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Meeting of 18th September 2025 were proposed to be true and accurate, subject to a minor amendment, by Cllr Zoe Goss, seconded by Cllr Ceri Woodley and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2025/227 – Traffic Issues Rhigos Road

The working group advised that this is ongoing. **Action 3** – Working group to continue with this.

2025/228 – Lease for Old Fire Station

It was advised that this is ongoing. **Action 4** – Executive Officer plus Cllrs Colin Woodley and Adrian Harford to continue with this.

2025/229 – Cllrs Training

It was advised that this is ongoing. **Action 5** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2025/230 – Wildflower Strip for Penderyn

It was advised that this has been referred to the Working Group. **Action 6** – Working Group to deal with this.

2025/231 – Outstanding Cheque for Garden Show

It was advised that this has now been paid. It was also advised that only one cup had been returned.

2025/232 – Bank Signatory

The Executive Officer advised that this was ongoing. **Action 7** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2025/233 – Poppy Seeds for Penderyn

Cllr Margaret Amos agreed to plant these seeds at the War Memorial with the children from Penderyn Primary School. **Action 8** – Cllr Margaret Amos to continue with this.

2025/234 – Local Places for Nature Package

The Executive Officer advised that Cllr Karen Morgan was asked to seek permission from RCT CBC to install a package on the grass verge adjacent to the Ironworx Gym. **Action 9** – Cllr Karen Morgan to report back at the next meeting.

2025/235 – Advertising on Bus Shelters

The Executive Officer advised that Penderyn Community Centre had been informed that they could not place posters on the bus shelters, but that they could use the small section of the new noticeboard at the sheep sales site. The Executive Officer advised of the need of a pathway to be installed at the noticeboard as the ground is covered in brambles. Cllr Adrian Harford agreed to go and cut the brambles back. **Action 10** – Cllr Harford to clear the brambles.

2025/236 – Noticeboard Complaint

The Executive Officer advised that this was ongoing due to the IT issues currently being experienced. **Action 11** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2025/237 – BBNP Authority

The Executive Officer advised that the email had been sent asking for a representative who represented the Ward to be appointed. Cllr Adam Rogers advised that Cllr Louisa Addiscott had been appointed by RCT CBC as the representative for this committee.

2025/238 – National Contributions Increase.

The Executive Officer advised of the increase in employer contributions.

2025/239- Planning Applications

None received.

2025/240- Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Adrian Harford advised that he had cut the grass at the grass verge adjacent to Hirwaun Clock. He also enquired as to the possibility of installing metal poppies on the verge in time for Remembrance.

Cllr Eryl O'Neill advised that she had attended the Facilities Day at Hirwaun YMCA and the Connecting Communities event.

Cllr Adam Rogers advised that he had attended the Governance Toolkit training.

2025/241– Community Youth Representative Report:

There is no report for this month.

2025/242 – Village Green Grant Application

The Executive Officer advised that a partial grant had been awarded for this project, with Pen y Cymoedd requesting that we raise the shortfall through community fundraising. It was advised that Action for Hirwaun have agreed to carry out the fundraising. Cllrs

agreed to the accept the grant. **Action 12** – Executive Officer to accept grant. Action for Hirwaun in conjunction with Cllr Karen Morgan to start fundraising.

2025/243 – Bus Shelters for Hirwaun

Cllrs discussed the requests made for additional bus shelters to be installed in Hirwaun. Cllrs noted the costs of purchase and installation of these shelters and agreed that there is no money in the budget for this at present but that they would consider it for the future.

Action 13 – Cllr Adam Rogers to speak to the person who made the request to advise them accordingly.

2025/244 – One Voice Wales Biodiversity Package

Cllrs discussed the options for these packages. It was agreed that Cllrs Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Margaret Amos, Adrian Harford and James Woodward would form a working group to take this forward. **Action 14** – Working Group to continue with this in conjunction with the Executive Officer.

2025/245– Executive Officer's report

Daisy Communications - £101.00

Print Partnership - £6.48

Consultations:

1. Cllrs update from RCT re 20mph speed limit consultation.
2. Draft annual remuneration report 2026/27.

Correspondence:

1. One Voice Wales Bulletins and Newsletters.
2. One Voice Wales Biodiversity webinars.

Other:

1. Christmas Painting Competition – It was agreed that Cllrs Zoe Goss, Adrian Harford and Marguerite Courtney-Solbach would judge the competition.
2. Caretaker Vacancy – Cllrs were advised that the Caretaker at Hirwaun Village Hall had handed in their notice and that the position was now being advertised.
3. An update was provided on the Cllr vacancies. A question was asked of the selection process for vacancies 1 and 2. **Action 15** – Executive Officer to seek advice from RCT CBC.

2025/246 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.