

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 11th June 2026

Present: Cllr Eryl O'Neill (Chair), Cllr Zoe Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Tony Biella, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Jane Wayling, Cllr Tim Williams, Cllr Colin Woodley, Cllr James Woodward

Apologies: Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Adam Rogers

Excused: Cllr Karen Morgan

Attending: Dan Delahay – South Wales Community Engagement Officer for Tenovus Cancer Care.

Cllr Eryl O'Neill welcomed Dan Delahay to the meeting.

2026/140 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Cllr Adrian Harford arrived at the meeting at 6.38pm.

2026/141 – Dan Delahay - South Wales Community Engagement Officer for Tenovus Cancer Care

Dan Delahay provided Cllrs with an update on how Tenovus Cancer Care supports people from diagnosis, through to treatment and beyond. Services include a support line, an Ask the Nurse service, a Call Back service, Benefits Advice service, Counselling Service, Holistic Therapies and a Mobile Support Unit.

Cllr Margaret Amos arrived at the meeting at 6.44pm.

2026/142 – South Wales Police Update

The following report was collated by Cllr Zoe Goss:

This information has been collated from South Wales Listens. For anyone not registered on the app, I have provided a high-level summary. For more detailed information please visit South Wales Police's website or reach out to the PCSOs via 101 or visit them at the next Cuppa with a Copper.

Upcoming Events:

- South Wales Police – Cuppa with a Copper on 6th July from 10am until 11:30 at the YMCA. This is giving residents the chance to meet their local PCSOs and discuss any local issues, provide information on crime prevention and for them to tell you about some of their local initiatives. These sessions are open to anyone and everyone.
- There is a Community Scrutiny Panel on 16th June at 6pm in Bridgend. This is an opportunity for the public to observe, review and challenge real policing activity in a safe and structured environment.
- Nominations are now open for the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Recognition Awards 2026. Nominations close on Sunday 5th July 2026. South Wales Police / PCSOs Activities during May /June:
- PCSO Goodenough and Anscombe were on foot patrol on 5th June, targeting some key ASB areas to show visibility, they were out again on 6th June 2026.

- South Wales Police shared information on reporting fraud and urging online shoppers to stay alert for unusual activity on their accounts following a rise in criminals gaining access to buy expensive goods. To report Fraud, you can do this via reportfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. For more information on ways to protect yourself further please visit South Wales Police website.
- There was a survey sent out to via their South Wales Listens app (which anyone can sign up for) asking for residents to share their thoughts on local policing to help shape and improve the service they provide to their communities. Should you have anything to discuss please see them at the Cuppa with a Copper on 6th July 2026.
- Knife Crime Awareness Week was week commencing 21st May 2026. They conducted Joint High Visibility patrols with RCT Community Wardens around Hirwaun; further patrols and a knife sweep was also conducted during this time in fields near Penderyn Road after concerns of drug dealing in the area. No Knives were seen or seized in this operation.

2026/143- Defibrillators

Cllr Adrian Harford advised that a new defibrillator has been installed at Hirwaun Welfare Ground. He then advised that Pen Y Cymoedd had confirmed that there is funding for replacement pads and batteries up to 2027, but the situation after that is unclear. He stated that in respect of the Woodland Park defibrillator, guidance would need to be sought from the British Heart Foundation on where best to site the defibrillator as RCT CBC won't agree to a mains supply. It was agreed that the Working Group would arrange a meeting with RCT CBC to ask what they will agree to.

Action 1 –Cllr Harford to continue with this, along with the working group.

2026/144 - County Borough Cllr reports.

The following report was provided by the County Borough Cllrs:

Police

Reported a vehicle driving around in Hirwaun with no tax or MOT.

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at YMCA Hirwaun on 6th July 2026 from 10:00.

6th June- Our PCSOs were out on foot patrol in the area of Hirwaun today.

5th June- This weekend our local PCSOs were out on foot patrol in the area, targeting some key ASB areas to show high visibility.

21st May- PCSOs conducted joint high visibility patrols with RCT Community Wardens around Hirwaun, further patrols and a knife sweep was also conducted during this time in the fields near Penderyn Road after concerns of drug dealing in the area. No knives were seen or seized in this operation.

On Tuesday 16th Jun at 18:00 there will be a Community Scrutiny Panel in Bridgend (Halo Bridgend Life Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4AH). Scrutiny Panel members needed! If interested, please e-mail equalitydiversityandinclusion@south-wales.police.uk. As a panel member, you will:

- Provide honest feedback on policing tactics, powers and procedures
- Help identify good practice and areas for improvement
- Contribute to shaping how South Wales Police delivers fair and effective policing

Streetcare

Next black bag waste collection date is Friday 12th June.

Broken glass reported *Penderyn Road* and *Lane between High Street and Co-op*.

Requested a larger litter bin for *Station Road* and *outside Penderyn Primary School*. And requested extra bins for *inside/entrance to Woodland Park* and *Brecon Road, between Lamb Inn and Co-Op*.

Reported uncollected garden waste along *Penderyn Road* and *Fairview estate*.

Reported the dog fouling bin that has dropped to ground close outside Lamb Hotel.

We have asked for improved street lighting for residents living at 42-50 Llwyn Onn. One light is not covering a large area where cars park and the lane outside of the bungalows is not well lit- "Unfortunately, there is no monies available for additional street lighting at this time, last year we replaced an existing column with a taller column and increased light output, I can however increase the light output further which will improve the lighting levels."

Reported overgrowth:

Hirwaun- *On the lane between John's Lane to Swansea Road (through Glancynon car park)*

Along Station Road. *Lane from Brecon Road to Cynon Terrace.*

Penderyn- *Trees opposite Penderyn Primary.*

Lane between Pontpren and Llwyn Onn

Lane outside of 42-45 Llwyn Onn

Lane from Llwyn Onn to Woodland Park

Along Chapel Road

Highways

Reported loose kerb at the entrance to W. D. Lewis

Requested traffic wardens to do more patrols at our hotspots in Hirwaun. Also asked for any statistics on those receiving penalties- "We are a team of 12 officers who cover the whole of the RCT area, and we'll try visiting as many towns and schools as we can. I have checked the system and during the month of May there were 8 PCNs issued in Hirwaun, this may seem like a small number but while the officers are there, most vehicles will have been moved on. Be assured we will attend as often as we can."

Queried the new posts installed on Chapel Road, Penderyn. We made RCT aware that signage outside the school was not placed- "While we were initially able to install most of the signage at this location, our contractor encountered difficulties when installing these larger posts. The newly installed larger posts are designed to accommodate illuminated signage, which improves conspicuity and driver awareness, particularly in low light conditions."

Limeslade Close, Hirwaun resurfacing- A while back we reported our concerns about the road condition at Limeslade Close. A Council Officer visited the site and recommended that works need to be done. On June 4th, that resurfacing work started. Thank you to those moving their vehicles which will allow the works to commence.

We have reported the lights on Swansea Road, Hirwaun a few times and RCT have visited the site. We have asked for either the lights to be replaced or for Go/Stop signage to be manned to prevent technological issues. We understand that workers need to focus on the job to get it done asap. There is an ongoing scheme in Wales to replace all the old cast iron gas pipes with plastic ones by 2031. This scheme has been ongoing for many years and now Swansea Road, Hirwaun is one of the many streets they will be working in within RCT this year. Wales & West are carrying out this work. No exact finish date unfortunately.

Reported abandoned signage at *Hirwaun Primary Carpark* and *Ty Bruce Lane*

Reported damaged walls along *High Street* and *Penderyn Road*.

Playgrounds

Following our request for improvements to the Springfield Gardens playground, RCT have confirmed that our suggestions will be added to the Capital Improvement List for future consideration as part of the ongoing review of play facilities across the county borough.

EV Chargers

Asked RCT for an update on the EV chargers for Penderyn. They are still on track to be installed following the works at the centre. There have been issues with Connected Kerb. The pot of money for new EV chargers has come to an end.

New consultations- On RCT website

Dog fouling and the rules for controlling dogs in public spaces in RCT- Dog mess is really unpleasant to look at and can lead to a serious illness in humans called Toxocariasis. This disease can be stopped if dog mess is cleared up straight away. Some of the playing fields also need to be checked quite often for dog mess before they can be used.

Walking and cycling routes in communities- Encouraging active travel as part of people's day-to-day journeys is an important priority for the Council with each council in Wales required to map their current walking and cycling routes, which also includes detailing their plans for the future. This resource needs to be reviewed and updated regularly, with the input of residents an important part of this process.

Cllrs reported the following matters to County Borough Councillors:

Cllr Adrian Harford requested a dog waste bin at the top of Tower Road.

Cllr Zoe Goss reported the following:

- that the bin at Greenwood Drive either needs a new lid or a replacement bin;
 - That the black bag collection is not working as black bags, and recycling bags are getting ripped open by birds;
 - that there is an issue with the school transport for Penderyn with buses breaking down on a weekly basis and parents not being told if the bus will be late, resulting in the children, and their parents being late on a regular basis. There is also an issue with children being offloaded into laybys if the bus breaks down
- Action 2** – Executive Officer to send an email to RCT CBC on behalf of the Community Council;
- she also raised concerns about two different sets of roadworks at the same time, causing disruption at Swansea Road and Croesbychan, where residents had not been informed of the timelines. A resident has hit the wheel of their car on the curb due to the road narrowing.

Cllr Colin Woodley reported dangerous road conditions on the A4059 at the Ystradfellte turning, which is being caused by chippings which were being stored in the layby, being washed onto the road. Due to these dangerous driving conditions, the road needs cleaning, and the chippings need to be cleared from the layby.

2026/145 - Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 21st May 2026 were, subject to a minor amendment, proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Zoe Goss, seconded by Cllr Margaret Amos and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from previous meeting

2026/146 - Bank signatory

The Executive Officer advised that the bank signatories have now been updated.

2026/147 - Village Green Project

It was advised that that Phase 1 is now complete and that the Working Group had met with Acton for Hirwaun to hold a site visit to discuss the signage and their locations for Phase 2. The Executive Officer asked that updated quotes be sought for the signage and explained the grants process in relation to any change made to the grant application.

Action 3 – Working Group to continue to liaise with Action for Hirwaun.

2026/148 - Cllrs Training

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing. **Action 4** – Executive Officer to review the outstanding training places and to allocate accordingly.

2026/149 - Cllr Vacancy for Hirwaun Ward

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing and the vacancy would at the readvertised with a deadline in time for discussion September meeting. **Action 5** – Executive Officer to re-advertise the vacancy during the summer recess.

2026/150 - Dignity at Work Policy

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing. **Action 6** – Executive Officer to seek the amendments from Cllr Karen Morgan.

2026/151 - Civility and Respect Pledge

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing. **Action 7** – Executive Officer to add to the Agenda once the updates for the Dignity at Work policy have been received.

2026/152 - Lease for the Old Fire Station

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing and will be dealt with over the summer recess. **Action 8** – Executive Officer and Cllr Colin Woodley to continue with this.

2026/153 - Electrical Certificate for the Old Fire Station

The Executive Officer advised that a quote had now been received and that it would be added to the July agenda for discussion. **Action 9** – Executive Officer to add to the July agenda.

2026/154 - Fence for the Old Fire Station

The Executive Officer advised that this is ongoing and will be dealt with over the summer recess. **Action 10** - Executive Officer and Cllr Colin Woodley to continue with this.

2026/155 - Public Consultation Event

The Executive Officer advised that this will be arranged for after the summer break.

Action 11 – Executive Officer to arrange this event.

2026/156 – Speed Indicator Device – Rhigos Road

The Executive Officer advised that the resident had been informed that a Freedom of Information request needs to be made to the Police.

2026/157 – One Voice Wales Biodiversity Packages

The Executive Officer advised that permission was being sought from RCT CBC to install these packages. It was advised that RCT have advised that permission will not be granted for wildflower seeds. **Action 12** – Executive Officer to continue with the application.

2026/158 -Planning Applications

1. Permission Granted – Change of use to improve facilities at Community Centre and provide café/shop – Penderyn Community Centre.

2026/159 - Community Councillors reports.

Cllr Adrian Harford advised that he had attended the Walking Festival and the Village Green meetings. He had liaised with Cllr Ann Crimmings in relation to the lack of response from the officers at RCT to Community Council emails. He had met with Cllr Tony Biella to discuss ideas to improve the village. He has been advised that a new bus shelter is likely for the Heol Uchel bus stop. He also helped with the Community Council planters.

Cllr Zoe Goss advised that she had helped with the Community planters and had delivered daffodil bulbs to Penderyn. She helped with the Bumble Bee Day competition and has drafted a graphic showing the location of the defibrillators in both villages.

Cllr Ceri Woodley advised that she had attended the Co-op Summer Picnic at Hirwaun Village Hall.

Cllr Tony Biella reported flooding on the pavement at the corner of The Prince of Wales.

Cllr James Woodward reported that he had helped collect the daffodil bulbs and had replanted the lavender plant from the flooded planter into the Butterfly Garden. He has carried out a mini litter pick around the Cefndon Flats, and attended the Co-op Summer Picnic, and the It's My Shout meeting at Hirwaun Village Hall.

Cllr Jane Wayling had helped with the planting at the Penderyn planters and has carried out a litter pick. She has also attended The Council as an Employer training.

Cllr Colin Woodley reported that he has unblocked the Planter at Penderyn and sought approval for the cost of more compost and chippings for the other flooded planters, which Cllrs approved.

Cllr Eryl O'Neill reported that she had helped to collect the daffodil bulbs and had helped to plant the planters. She has received large donation of marigold plants from a resident who donated the plants to be used in the Council's planters. She attended that meeting at Hirwaun YMCA as the Council's representative for their Health, Wellbeing and Social Prescribing Partnership Board. She also attended the Village Green meeting, and the It's My Shout meeting at Hirwaun Village Hall.

2026/160- Community Council Environmental Projects

Cllr James Woodward discussed the option of planting wildflower seeds at The Havens roundabout. He also reported that there is a tree blocking the signage at Hirwaun Public Toilets which will need to be dug out, and something more suitable planted in its place. It was noted that Cllr Adam Rogers and the Grass Verge Working Group are due to meet with the Biodiversity Officer at RCT CBC to discuss wildflower verges and grass cutting in the village.

2026/161 - Dog Fouling Campaign

The Working Group advised that this is ongoing. **Action 13** – Working Group to continue with this.

2026/162 - Spring Environmental Competition

Cllrs discussed agreed to allocate prizes to everyone who entered the competition.

Action 14 – Executive Officer to contact the winning residents.

2026/163- Walking Festival

It was advised that the date for the Walking Festival had been set, with the route being agreed from The Lamb Hotel, Penderyn up to the waterfalls. It was noted that there would not be a charge for hiring The Lamb, but that refreshments would be available to purchase from there after the walk. The Walk Leader has also waived their fee, and he would like to set up a regular walking group for walks in this area. **Action 15** – Working Group to continue with this.

2026/164 - Executive Officer's report

Daisy Communications - £121.27 Internal Audit - £450.00

Andrew Simmonds - £14,800 Zoom - £155.88

One Voice Wales training - £44.00

Consultations:

1. RCT CBC Dog Fouling Survey.
2. RCT CBC Let's Talk Active Travel Survey.

Correspondence:

- RCT CBC invite for Chair plus dual hatted Cllrs to attend the inaugural meeting of RCT's Town and Community Council Committee in September.

Other:

- Keep Wales Tidy have updated their Litter Hub documents for hirers to complete; including risk assessment and Do's and Don'ts.
- Digital Landline changeover – resident checklist.
- The Executive Officer advised that the Annual Return and Internal Audit is now complete and that once the Finance Meeting has been held to review the accounts, a Special Meeting of Full Council will need to be held before the 30th June in order for the Council to be in compliance of the Audit Regulations. The Finance Meeting and the Special Meeting were arranged for the next week. **Action 16** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2026/165- Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

The Chair advised that the unveiling of the Elizabeth Andrews statue would take place on the 25th June at Rhondda Heritage Park, and that BBC Wales had filmed the sewing class at the Village Hall for a news segment as they had provided the stitching which was used for the casting of the statue.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.