

## **Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council**

### **Agreed Minutes of Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Present:** Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair), Cllr Richard Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr Jenny Myring, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Lynwen Law, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Deborah Smart, Cllr Morien Morgan, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach

**Attending:** CBC Graham Thomas

**Apologies:** Cllr Claire Matsell, Cllr Jenny Edwards, Cllr Christine Chandler

The Chair started the meeting by welcoming Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach to the Community Council and introductions were made.

#### **2020/001- Disclosures of Personal Interest**

Cllrs Jenny Myring and Ceri Woodley disclosed an interest in agenda item 13.

#### **2020/002 - PCSO report**

There was no report received from the PCSO. There were no matters to report to the PCSO. **Action 1** – Executive Officer to contact the Police in relation to the PCSO’s non-attendance.

#### **2020/003 - CBC reports**

-CBC Graham Thomas provided the following written report:

- Zip Wire. Application number 19/1192/10 - The application for the Zip Wire was determined/approved at RCT Planning & Development Committee on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. This will involve the erection of three zip wire courses (4 zip lines), laying of hard standing, creation of internal access roads and pedestrian routes, temporary siting of cabins and use of land for car parking on land at Rhigos Mountain and former Tower Site. The zip wire development will utilise the same technology and structures that are used at Zip World’s existing Velocity attraction at Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda, however riders will ride in an upright seated rather than a prone (lying face down) position. It is proposed to use “stealth trolleys”, as are used in Penrhyn Quarry, as these are significantly quieter than standard aluminium trolleys. It is estimated that the attraction will receive around 400 visitors each day with approximately 100 visitors being on site at any one time. If this was extrapolated over a 365-day year this would equate to approximately 146,000 visitors per annum. The car parking area will be in very close proximity to a group of cabins, which will be used as office, reception, “kitting up” and “de-kitting” and toilets. This will be the central area where visitors will report to upon arrival and book in, before being “kitted up” ready for their zip wire adventure. Once booked in and “kitted up”, riders will wait to be transported up, in groups, by Zip World to the top of Zip A. The access route will be from Tower Colliery, along the Rhigos Road (public highway), leaving at a junction which provides access to Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm, onto a private road. Zip A is the first zip wire course, which comprises the top section located at Rhigos Mountain. Zip A measures approximately 191m in length and comprises of an overall drop of

22m from start to finish. Zip B comprises the longest section of the zip wire course, covering a distance of 932m from start to finish, despatching from above and sailing over Llyn Fawr. Zip B has the largest overall depth of 157m from despatch to landing. Zip C is the final and lowest part of the zip wire course covering a distance of 661m. It starts from a close distance to the bottom of Zip B and extends over ground, landing within a reasonable walking distance from the Tower Colliery site. Riders will finish their journey by walking back through the Tower Colliery site which will be fenced, back towards the car park and reception area. Trip Generation - It is noted that there is to be up to 33 full time equivalent staff members along with visitors and therefore the off-street car parking provided should be for the worst case scenario taking both visitors and staff into consideration. A change in the speed limit to 40mph, on the A4061 will be introduced, from the Tower Junction to Treherbert. This change will be funded by Zip Wire.

- Dropped kerb Church Road - This is to be installed by the end of January.
- Resurfacing Chapel Road - This has been reported to the Highways Projects Engineer and a site visit will be arranged to assess with a view to inclusion in the Capital Programme to be agreed in March for future work programmes.

Cllrs reported the following to CBC Thomas:

- Cllr Margaret Amos reported that rubbish is being fly tipped at the top of Church Road, and that RCT's nappy collection is not being collected from Llwyn Onn or Bryn Onnen.
- Cllr Morien Morgan reported that the limbs on the ancient oaks at the back of the Foel Road have been cut down and the limbs left on the ground. He asked the question if they are allowed to cut down ancient oaks?

No report was provided by CBC Karen Morgan and no apologies were received. There was nothing to report to CBC Morgan.

#### **2020/004 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were, subject to a minor amendment, proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Ceri Woodley and seconded by Cllr Jenny Myring and agreed nem con.

#### **Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

##### **2020/005 – Dogs Barking -Hirwaun**

Cllr Harford advised that CBC Karen Morgan had responded to him and was dealing with the matter.

##### **2020/006 – Tower Community Liaison Meeting**

Cllr Colin Woodley advised that the Tower Community Liaison meeting had been postponed. Cllr Morien Morgan agreed to attend the next meeting.

### **2020/007 – RCT Planning Training for Community Cllrs**

Cllrs confirmed their attendance to this.

### **2020/008 – Parking Issues**

The Executive Officer advised Cllrs that this had been reported to the Police and to RCT asking that enforcement action continues. It was agreed that Cllr Richard Jones would carry out his next considerate parking campaign in Hirwaun. Cllrs discussed that when the police carry out their patrols, they take photos of offending vehicles on their bodycams, and talk to the drivers involved. **Action 2** – i) Cllr Richard Jones to contact the police to take forward the considerate parking campaign, ii) Executive Officer to ask police to add details of the vehicles contacted as part of their parking patrols in their monthly report.

### **2020/009 – Finance Training for Community Cllrs**

Cllrs confirmed their attendance to this, and the Executive Officer advised that Cllrs from other RCT Community Councils would also be attending.

### **2020/010 – RCT Corporate Plan**

The Executive Office confirmed that Cllr Jenny Edwards had submitted our response.

### **2020/011 - Landowner – Hirwaun Village Green**

Cllr Colin Woodley advised Cllrs of the landowner of the Village Green and advised that he would pass the information on to Cllr Jenny Edwards.

### **2020/012 – Car on Pavement- Brecon Road, Hirwaun**

The Executive Officer advised that the police had been informed of the car jacked up on the pavement with no wheels but no response had been received. It was confirmed that the car is still there.

### **2020/013 – Right of Way Signs – Hirwaun Village Green**

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs with the response from CBC Karen Morgan.

### **2020/014 – Bee Friendly Mural**

The Executive Officer advised that a meeting would be held with RCT shortly to discuss the project. **Action 3** – Executive Officer and Hirwaun Village Improvements committee to continue with this.

### **2020/015 – Environment Wales Act report**

The Executive Officer confirmed that this had been submitted to Welsh Government and published on our website.

### **2020/016 – Keep Wales Tidy Project**

The Executive Officer confirmed that Keep Wales Tidy had been asked to keep us in the loop to become involved in their project.

## **2020/017 – Community Wish List**

The Executive Officer invited Cllrs to submit further suggestions for this list.

## **2020/018 - Planning Applications**

1. Retention of change of land from vacant to a one family traveller site (retrospective resubmission) – Rose Row, Penderyn Rd, Hirwaun – No further comment
2. Change of use from former public house to hairdressers and retail shop (amended plans) – 54 High St, Hirwaun – No further comment
3. Variation of condition 2, change of house type to Plot 9, Land off Penderyn Road, Hirwaun – No comment

## **2020/019 - Community Councillors reports:**

Cllr Jenny Myring provided the meeting with an update in relation to the recent One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting she attended. She advised that there would be a speaker from Transport for Wales at the next meeting and invited Cllrs to submit questions to her to raise at the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Colin Woodley would attend the meeting with Cllrs Jenny Myring and Jenny Edwards. **Action 4** – Cllrs to submit questions directly to Cllr Myring.

Cllr Adrian Harford advised the meeting that he is liaising with CBC Karen Morgan in relation to rubbish being burned on the old Ferrari's site.

Cllr Colin Woodley provided the meeting with an update on the Waterfalls Project.

## **2020/020 - Reports from Subcommittees**

There were no reports from subcommittees.

## **2020/021 – Request for Bus Shelter at Rhigos Road**

The Executive Officer advised Cllrs that RCT will be carrying out a site visit to ascertain if the location is suitable for a bus shelter to be installed, and that RCT will not know until the next financial year if funding will be available. It was agreed that no decision would be made until RCT had carried out the site visit. **Action 5** – Executive Officer to advise RCT that Cllrs Richard Jones and Morien Morgan wished to attend the site visit.

## **2020/022 – Networking Event**

Cllr Richard Jones advised that this was ongoing.

## **2020/023 – VE Day 75 Events**

Cllrs discussed the proposed events for VE Day 75. It was agreed:

Tea Dance:

- To approve the discounted cost of the big band for the tea dance.
- To hold the Nations Toast at 3pm.
- To ask the Co-op to donate prosecco for the toast.

- To try to find a dance instructor to donate their time for the dance
- To ask Tesco and Asda to donate decorations and cakes
- The times of the event were agreed, along with Cllrs who could attend.

**Action 6** – Executive Officer to continue with this in conjunction with Cllr Richard Jones and Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach.

**Memorial Ceremony:**

- The times of the ceremony were agreed by Cllrs.

**Action 7** – Executive Officer to contact the British Legion and the Church to plan the event.

**Action 8** – Executive Officer to register both events on the VE Day 75 website.

**2020/024 – PAT Testing**

Cllrs discussed the PAT testing arrangements for the Community Council office and Village Hall and agreed to continue to fund the cost of £40 per year.

**2020/025 – Executive Officer’s report**

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

Print Partnership - £3.19      Daisy Communications - £76.12  
 Marchant Harries Solicitors - £385.00

**Consultations:**

- None

The Council had received the following correspondence:

1. Land Registry – Marchant Harries have confirmed that the first registration of the Old Fire Station is complete.
2. RCT LGPS – Preliminary results of 2019 evaluation received.

**Other:**

1. Community Liaison Committee Meeting – Cllrs Morien Morgan and Adrian Harford to attend.
2. Community Council Liaison Officer at RCT – updated provided on how they will assist with our queries and in relation of who to address correspondence to.
3. Charter – The Charter is ready to be signed by the Chair and Executive Officer  
**Action 9** – Executive Officer to arrange this.
4. Cllr Trudi Penny has lost her place due to non attendance. As such, this vacancy for Hirwaun Cllr will be advertised via RCT.

**2020/026 – Relief Caretaker’s Probationary Period**

Cllrs accepted the Village Hall Trustee’s recommendation to accept the Relief Caretaker’s probationary period as passed.

**2020/027 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion**

The Community Council's SLCC membership is due for renewal but expires before the next meeting. Cllrs agreed to renew this membership. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to do this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Agreed