

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 13th February 2020

Present: Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair), Cllr Richard Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr Jenny Myring, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Lynwen Law, Cllr Deborah Smart, Cllr Morien Morgan, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Jenny Edwards, Cllr Christine Chandler

Attending: CBC Graham Thomas, CBC Karen Morgan

Apologies: Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Claire Matsell, PCSO Carys Norman

The Chair started the meeting by welcoming local residents to the meeting.

2020/028- Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2020/029 - PCSO report

There was no report received from the PCSO. There were no matters to report to the PCSO. CBC Karen Morgan advised Cllrs the PCSO could not attend the last PACT meeting due to a family emergency.

2020/030 - CBC reports

- CBC Karen Morgan apologised for the lack of apologies for the last meeting. The following written report was provided:

- As part of the survey work for the dualling of the A465 the contractors will be undertaking further site works, including drilling, on the Heads of the Valley road near Tramway. Due to the traffic management requirements the work will be completed between 6.30pm and 6.30am. Works are due to start on the night of Wednesday 12th February and anticipated to be complete within 3 to 5 night shifts. There will be some activities where noise will be generated, however they will be using acoustic hoardings to try to reduce the impact to the best of their ability. They will also try to complete the noisier tasks as early as possible in each shift to keep disruption to a minimum. Letters have been delivered to residents living within a 100m radius from the works with contact details should there be any problems. I have also been in contact with the contractors today following complaints from Denbeigh Court about noise and lack of notice of the work. Firstly, they would like to apologise for the disturbance and that the residents had not received prior notification. Further drilling works are required to complete this location and this is due to start on the night of Monday 17th February and anticipated to be complete within 1 to 2 night shifts. Some residents in this area have also had similar complaints about the day work, i.e. lack of communication, noise and muck on the pavements. The contractor is also addressing this.
- The problem with flooding on Meadow Lane has now been rectified.
- Bus shelter Rhigos Rd – assessed as suitable but will depend on funding in new financial year.
- Extended closure notices have been placed at the PROW at the Welfare Ground and Ironworks Bridge. Welfare due to weather and Ironworks new bridge expected in new financial year.

- Attended Hirwaun Industrial Estate Stakeholder Liaison meeting to review the Draft Masterplan drawn up by the consultants. Emphasis very much on environmental and ecology issues.
- It was a pleasure to join with our new PCSO and Accessible Wales as part of the considerate parking campaign. We spent time on High Street, Harris St, Brecon Rd, Manchester Place, Ger-y-Mynydd and up the school for pick up time. Most parents were receptive about parking on pavements but complained about the lack of parking space at the school. I have discussed other accessibility issues identified with the responsible officer, should funding allow it is hoped these will be addressed as part of the planned dropped kerbs work for Fairview Estate and Station Rd.
- Storm Ciara, only problem reported was loose tarpaulin at the school.
- February PACT meeting – parking issues discussed again and the cars racing on the A465 between Hirwaun and Rhigos roundabouts.
- Hirwaun Community Events are planning a Summer Market for July 4th.
- Informed that the Glancynon is due to reopen with a new landlord.
- The planning application for the traveller site is being treated as a new application so any comments previously submitted will not be included but need to be resubmitted.
- StreetCare have attended after complaints of persistent dog fouling near the entrance of Cae Felin Parc. Enforcement will monitor. Dog waste bin at Cefndon reported for emptying because it was overflowing.
- Streetlight not working near the bus stop by Greenwood Drive reported.
- Celtic Wildflowers have recently completed planting of 2500 Devils Bit Scabious plants on behalf of Butterfly Conservation Wales to support the Marsh Fritillary butterfly. Hirwaun is described as a stronghold for this protected species. A local resident worked with them on the project.
- HPCC concerns about liability and Hirwaun Village Green noted. Cllr Morgan gave a brief explanation of the criteria related to Village Green initial and ongoing registration and emphasised that there was no reason why councillors should not be involved in maintenance etc. as residents and not necessarily representing HPCC.

There was nothing to report to CBC Morgan.

-CBC Graham Thomas provided the following written report:

- Church Road by field fly tipping - Visited the site no fly tipping visible must have been cleared.
- 57 LLwyn Onn not picked up a few times also Bryn Onnen - Reported to Streetcare. Checked after the next Friday collection and all has been collected.
- Tree branches cut on Foel Road is this permitted - Walked the footpath reached a locked gate, reported to Cllr Morien Morgan who had raised the issue.
- Church Road dropped kerb - One side has been completed and the other side is due to be completed next week. Workforce has been diverted to deal with damage caused by Sunday's storm.
- Chapel Road Site Visit - Visited Chapel Road with Project Engineer and viewed from junction with A4059 up to and around the bus terminus and joining road with Dolgynog. It was agreed that repair to the sunken section was required together with resurfacing. This will go to Cabinet for consideration in March for inclusion in highway repair for the Summer period.
- A4059 along Quarry and W.D.Lewis entrance - This is due to be attended during the Summer period.
- Nantymoel Road/Keepers Lane - There continues to be a problem due to the increased use of the road for access to the new developments at the top of the road. Areas of pot holes and side erosion of the road have been reported to the Highways Inspector to attend and he has arranged for minor repairs to the road. I have also reported the lack of passing places along the main route that consists of a narrow single road with deep ditches at either side. Some vehicles have become trapped in the ditches, requiring to be towed out, causing damage to the highway edges.

Cllrs reported the following to CBC Thomas:

- Cllr Debbie Smart raised an issue in relation to signs for Zip World as raised by a resident. It was advised that this was a matter for Rhigos Community Council.
- Cllr Richard Jones advised that a resident had expressed that they are happy with the dropped curb in Church Road.
- Cllr Colin Woodley reported the issue of pot holes on Ystradfellte Road.

2020/031 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2020 were, subject to a minor amendment, proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Debbie Smart and seconded by Cllr Jenny Myring and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2020/032 – PCSO Attendance

Cllr Richard Jones asked if another officer could attend our meetings if the PCSO is unable to. He also asked if the Police Inspector or Sergeant could either attend a council meeting or meet with the Chair/Vice Chair separately. **Action 1** – Executive Officer to contact the police.

2020/033 – Tower Community Liaison Meeting

Cllr Morien Morgan advised that he attended the Tower Community Liaison meeting but as no one else attended he was given a tour of the site instead. He advised that all works will be completed by June 2020. **Action 2** – Executive Officer to contact Tower to ask when the next meeting is.

2020/034 – Parking Issues

Cllr Richard Jones provided an update on the Considerate Parking campaign in Hirwaun which is being conducted under his disability service Accessible Wales. It was advised that literature had been left with businesses and schools and another patrol will take place in a few months.

The Executive Officer advised that the PCSO had been asked to include details of the vehicles contacted as part of their parking patrols in their monthly report but no response was received.

2020/035 – Community Council Wishlist

Cllrs asked that a passing place on Keepers Lane be added to the Wishlist. **Action 3** – Executive Officer to update the Wishlist and circulate it to Cllrs.

2020/036 – Rose Row Planning Application

Following the advice from CBC Karen Morgan, Cllrs discussed this planning application again. **Action 4** – Executive Officer to circulate the original comments to Cllrs. Cllrs to provide updated comments to the Executive Officer to submit.

2020/037 – Charter

The Executive Officer confirmed that the Charter between the Community Council and RCT has now been signed.

2020/038 – Vacancy for Hirwaun Cllr

The Executive Officer advised that RCT has advised that no election has been called and that we can now advertise via co-option.

2020/039 – One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting

Cllr Colin Woodley updated Cllrs following this meeting which was attended by Transport for Wales. It was advised that there are no firm plans for a railway station in Hirwaun as yet, and that the route was being surveyed in order to cost it. A scoping study will also take place in relation to Hirwaun to Swansea trainline.

2020/040 - Planning Applications

- Replacement dwelling – Garth Madryn, Church Road, Penderyn - The property owner addressed Cllrs in relation to this application. This included the background to the application, and confirmation that the concerns raised in the last planning application have now been addressed. Cllrs discussed the application and the information provided. Discussions included that the new plans show the house as smaller and lower than originally planned, concerns in relation to the glazing at the property in relation to dark skies and bats. Residents' concerns were discussed such as increased traffic, lack of pavement and wheelchair access, the property not being in keeping with the area, removal of trees and can the existing infrastructure cope with the size of the property. It was highlighted that points of material consideration could be considered when commenting on the application. It was agreed that subject to Brecon Beacons National Park being happy with the glazing requirements of the property that the Community Council would support the application. **Action 5** – Executive Officer to inform BBNP planning.

The residents left the meeting at 7.35pm.

- Ground Floor rear extension – 9 Fairview, Hirwaun – No comment

2020/041 - Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Richard Jones advised the meeting of the following:

- Access improvements such as dropped curbs are needed for the village. **Action 6** – Cllr Jones to provide a detailed list of the improvements needed.
- Access is difficult outside the YMCA at the moment – **Action 7** – Cllr Jones to speak to them.
- Beth Winter MP recently held a surgery in Hirwaun.
- There is a community clean up being held by a local group and Cllrs were encouraged to attend.

Cllr Morien Morgan advised the meeting that rubbish has been dumped adjacent to the river behind the Catholic Church. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to report this to RCT.

Cllr Debbie Smart informed the meeting that she will be liaising with Severn Wye in relation to the public meeting for the Waterfalls feasibility study. **Action 9** – Executive Officer to circulate the date once it is arranged.

Cllr Christine Chandler informed the meeting of parking issues on Tower Rd where cars block driveways. It was advised for residents to keep a diary of the incidences and to log them with 101. **Action 10** – Cllr Richard Jones to provide considerate parking flyers to place on the cars.

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach advised that Hirwaun Industrial Estate needs a clean up. It was advised that this falls under Rhigos Community Council.

Cllr Jenny Edwards informed the meeting that:

- A large pile of stones was left on blocking one side of the road on Penderyn Road.
- Can we ask RCT to install a grit bin on Richmond Drive? **Action 11** – Executive Officer to contact RCT.

Cllr Colin Woodley asked for the council's permission for himself and Cllr Debbie Smart to approach Brecon Beacons National Park in relation to their Local Development Plan to ask that the market site is maintained for Penderyn. Cllrs approved this request.

2020/042 - Reports from Subcommittees

VE Day Memorial – The Executive Officer provided an update in relation to the organisation of this event. **Action 12** – Meeting to be held with British Legion and the Church to finalise matters.

VE Day Tea Dance – The Executive Officer provided an update in relation to the organisation of this event. This included the band being booked, a dance instructor giving his time free of charge for the event and Welsh Hills Bakery, Co-op, Tesco and Asda all donating refreshments and decorations for the event. In addition to this The Cardiff Arms will be loaning us the use of their glasses.

In her absence, Cllr Claire Matsell has confirmed that the event poster has been designed. She also asked for council's approval for the following suggestions:

- A series of Facebook posts leading up to the event encouraging residents to share family stories, memories and photos. Cllrs approved this request. **Action 13** – Cllr Matsell to provide the content for the posts. Executive Officer to take this forward.
- In addition to posters, Facebook and the Crucible, flyers for the event were also suggested. Cllrs did not approve this request.
- Period costume competition for children. Cllrs did not approve this request. They did however approve the suggestion from Cllrs that all children attending receive a bag of sweets. Cllr Richard Jones agreed to donate these.

- Asking the schools if they will be getting involved with VE Day themselves and asking if we can assist by arranging for someone to go to the schools to give a talk. Cllrs approved this. **Action 14** – School Governors to contact the schools. Cllr Adrian Harford to contact local ex-servicemen/historians to ask that they give a talk.

Bee Friendly Mural – The Executive Officer provided an update on this project following a meeting with Cllr Claire Matsell and the Facilities Manager at RCT, this included the permissions granted to take this project forward and the grant funding available from outside organisations. It was agreed that this project may need to be completed in stages as funding becomes available and agreed that local businesses sponsoring a bench is an option. It was agreed that this will now be a butterfly mural and garden to support the Marsh Fritillary butterfly.

Cllr Claire Matsell provided the following suggestions in her absence:

- Both schools to submit drawings of butterflies, bees, caterpillars and flowers which can be incorporated into the mural. Cllrs agreed to take this forward. **Action 15** – Executive Officer to contact the schools.
- The Scouts could assist with planning in this area. Cllrs approved this suggestion.
- Designs of similar murals could give us ideas for the project. **Action 16** – Executive Officer to circulate the information from Cllr Matsell.

It was agreed that the Hirwaun Village Improvements committee will continue to take this forward. Other grant funding suggestions were provided by Cllrs. **Action 17** – Executive Officer to continue with funding options, and to contact the MP and AM'S offices to ask if they are aware of any funding options available to us.

2020/043 – Networking Event

Cllr's Richard Jones and Morien Morgan provided an update on the proposals for this event. It was agreed that due to time restraints in this meeting that a special meeting will be held to discuss this further.

Cllr Debbie Smart left the meeting at 8.50pm.

2020/044 – Proposed downgrade to services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital

Cllr Richard Jones put forward a motion to formally oppose the downgrade to emergency services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Cllrs discussed the impact this downgrade would have on an already overstretched Prince Charles Hospital, which would directly affect our residents. It was agreed to formally oppose the proposed downgrade to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Cllrs also agreed that Cllr Lynwen Law and Cllr Richard Jones would be appointed as lead Cllrs to take this forward. **Action 18** – Executive Officer to issue a press release formally opposing the proposed downgrade, and to write to Welsh Government and the Health Board. Cllrs Lynwen Law and Richard Jones to attend any public events being held and to liaise with the Leader of RCT CBC, the MP and the AM.

Cllr Jenny Edwards left the meeting at 9pm.

2020/045 – Community Cllr Facebook Accounts

Due to time restraints at this meeting, it was agreed to postpone this item until the March meeting.

2020/046 – Community Council Events for 2020

Cllrs discussed and approved the following events for the year:

- Garden Show – It was agreed that Cllr Jenny Myring would lead the subcommittee for this event, assisted by Cllrs Richards Jones and Adrian Harford.
- Easter Eggs for Schools – The Executive Officer advised that we were not successful in our grant application to fund this. Cllrs agreed that the Community Council would fund this as normal. **Action 19** – Cllr Colin Woodley to provide the number of eggs required to the Executive Officer.
- Hirwaun & Penderyn in Bloom
- Kids Seed Bomb event – **Action 20** – Executive Officer to ask Cllr Debbie Smart to assist with this. Cllr Christine Chandler to contact the bee keeper.
- Walking Festival – Concerns were raised about finding a group to lead the walk this year. **Action 21** – Executive Officer to take further advice from One Voice Wales into the legal requirements on leading the walk, and to add to next month's agenda for further discussion.
- Remembrance Day Parade

2020/047 – Website Accessibility Standards

The Executive Officer provided an update on this new legislation which we must comply with. Cllrs agreed for our website providers to write the accessibility statement which is legally required. **Action 22** – Executive Officer to deal with this.

2020/048 – Executive Officer's report

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

Print Partnership - £4.76 Daisy Communications - £77.22
Centregreat - £2,694.00

Consultations:

1. Powys LDP = Draft supplementary planning guidance public consultation.
2. Local Government and Elections Bill.
3. Consultation on Future Audit Arrangements in Wales – It was advised that it has been recommended that Cllrs sit in on a webinar from the audit office when it is published in the summer.
4. RCT Budget consultation phase 2.
5. South Wales Fire Service – Draft Strategic Equality Plan 2020-25 – **Action 23** – Executive Officer to circulate to Cllrs.

The Council had received the following correspondence:

1. Press release from Wales Audit Office.
2. RCT (Dynover Arms) Hazardous Substances Consent Revocation Order 2020.
3. Welsh Government – Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS): Proposed amendment to the sustainable drainage (Enforcement) order 2018.
4. Welsh Government – Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS): Proposed amendment to the sustainable drainage (approval and adoption) (Wales) Order 2018.

Other:

1. Brackets for flower baskets – The Executive Officer advised that the brackets for the flower baskets will need to be safety checked before the baskets go up.
Action 24 – Cllr Colin Woodley to inspect the brackets. Executive Officer to order any replacements required.
2. South Wales Community Mountain Rangers are keen to do a river clean up in Hirwaun and have asked if the Community Council wishes to be involved. Cllrs agreed to take this forward. **Action 25** – Executive Officer to advertise the event and ask for volunteers and suggestions of where the clean up is needed.
3. Great British Spring Clean – 20th March-13th April – Cllrs agreed to take this forward. **Action 26** – Executive Officer to arrange the event and ask residents for locations on where the clean up is required in Hirwaun, and to contact Keep Wales Tidy to borrow their litter pickers and vests.
4. One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting
5. The Role of a Place Plan in your community training session – Llantrisant.
6. Help the Ramblers preserve historic rights of way – **Action 27** – Executive Officer to add this information to the Facebook page.
7. RCT Tracks and Trails – **Action 28** – Executive Officer to circulate to Cllrs.
8. RCT's Staying Well at Work – The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on this free service offered by RCT for Community Council staff.

2020/049 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.