

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 11th June 2020

Present: Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair), Cllr Richard Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr Morien Morgan, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Jenny Edwards, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Jenny Myring, Cllr Claire Matsell, Cllr Lynwen Law, Cllr Carol Hindley

Attending: n/a

Apologies: Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Christine Chandler

2020/106- Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2020/107 - PCSO report

The PCSO provided the following written report:

We have been dealing with Covid breaches throughout the valley. There was also a positive drugs warrant executed in Hirwaun this month.

She also thanked Cllrs for their offer of support in relation to helping to minimise the COVID breaches by adding the information to our Facebook page. She advised that the breaches had been spread out throughout the Cynon Valley and that there isn't a particular hotspot in Hirwaun to be concerned about.

Cllrs discussed the breaches that they had seen themselves and had reported via 101, and raised questions about the police patrols.

Action 1 – Executive Officer to contact the PCSO to ask about the COVID breaches seen in Hirwaun.

2020/108 - CBC reports

There was no report from CBC Karen Morgan. Cllrs had no matters to report to her.

CBC Graham Thomas provided the following written report:

- Operations at Penderyn Quarry - Over the last two months complaints in relation to dust; odour; noise and blasting have increased substantially. These have been reported to Rhondda Cynon Taf Environmental Health and Brecon Beacons National Park in conjunction with Carmarthenshire County Council who have the outsourced responsibility for Mineral Planning within the National Park. Generally, matters associated with the main Quarry operations e.g. blasting/mining and haulage are within the remit of Brecon Beacons National Park via Carmarthenshire CC. Environmental issues fall within an Environmental Permit and directed to RCT. Council. The complaints peaked following one blasting operation on Friday 29th May at around 3.15pm. Residents reported experiencing vibrations at their home far greater than previous incidents. Complaints were made also of trip switches switching electricity supply off

within homes. Power switches tripped further away at Penderyn Primary School, at the time of the blasting operation and I received a complaint from a resident near the school regarding vibrations from the blast and other issues. All matters are being investigated by National Park/Carmarthenshire and RCT Council. This has been the case for many years with limited success in obtaining improvements together with the deterioration as explained in recent months. I have now engaged the good offices of our Member of Parliament and Member of the Senedd to contact appropriate agencies to assist in the matter.

- Coronavirus update re Shielding - There are two changes, from June 1st, to the rules on Shielding of vulnerable residents.
 1. Residents under Shielding restrictions are able to leave their home for exercise providing that the social distancing rules and hygiene practices are strictly followed.
 2. They are also, (as announced for others), able to meet with other people from a different household, as long as it is outdoors and social distancing and hygiene practices are observed.

The rules on not going shopping (Food and prescription requirements to be delivered) or not attending work outside home still apply.

- Welsh Government funding secured for 20/21 - Major Economic Infrastructure (LTF), £1.4m – to further progress the ongoing strategic highway improvement schemes at Coed Ely, Llanharan, Gelli and Cynon Gateway North (Aberdare Bypass). Note this includes the Cynon Gateway North link from Trecynon to Croesbychan.
- Revised Restoration Application Tower Opencast - The following application is likely to go before committee during the month of July, date yet to be set. My understanding is that Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council have been consulted and responded.
Proposal: discharge of condition 8, proposed environmental/ecological amendments to base restoration plan 16. (previous planning permission 13/0466/15) Location: tower colliery railhead, Hirwaun.

Cllr Margaret Amos reported a broken stile on Church Road. **Action 2** – Executive Officer to report to Brecon Beacons National Park.

There were no matters to report to CBC Thomas.

2020/109 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2020 were proposed to be true and accurate, subject to a minor amendment, by Cllr Jenny Edwards and seconded by Cllr Lynwen Law and agreed nem con.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of 21st May 2020 were deferred until the July meeting subject to amendment.

The minutes of the Special meeting of 28th May 2020 were proposed to be true and accurate, subject to a minor amendment, by Cllr Richard Jones and seconded by Cllr Jenny Edwards and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Meeting 14th May:

2020/110 – St Cynog's Church

The Executive Officer advised that BBNP had advised that they do not have the timescales for the work to be carried out, and do not consider it necessary to request this information at this time.

2020/111 – External Audit

The Executive Officer confirmed that this had been sent to the auditors.

2020/112 – Tyres buried at Llys Cynon

The Executive Officer advised that no further update had been received.

Special Meeting 21st May:

2020/113 – Website/Facebook page

The Executive Officer confirmed that the additions to the website and Facebook page in relation to COVID are being added.

2020/114 – Newsletter

The Executive Officer confirmed that this has been printed and delivered to residents. Cllr Morien Morgan thanked Cllr Richard Jones and the Executive Officer for designing it. Points to note were discussed should a newsletter be circulated again. Positive feedback from residents were relayed to Cllrs. Cllr Richard Jones advised that Beth Winter MP had stated that she was impressed with the newsletter. Finally, it was advised that a grant had been applied for to cover the cost of the newsletter.

Special Meeting 28th May:

2020/115 – Small Acts of Kindness

The Executive Officer provided an update on the nominations received along with the gifts being purchased for residents. **Action 3** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/116 – Planning Applications

No planning applications were received this month.

2020/117 – Kids Seed Bomb event

Cllrs agreed to cancel this year's event due to COVID-19 and social distancing measures. It was agreed to hold an online event instead, making seed bombs available to residents to plant themselves. **Action 4** – Executive Officer to set up online event, and to arrange for the seed bombs to be made up and distributed.

2020/118 – Garden Show

Cllrs agreed to cancel this year's show due to COVID-19 and social distancing measures. It was agreed to hold an online show instead. A sub committee was formed to take this forward. **Action 5** – Cllr Jenny Myring to forward the schedule to the Executive Officer. Sub committee to organise the online show.

2020/119 – Butterfly Mural

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the entries received, plus the quotes from the mural artists. **Action 6** – Quotes to be decided upon at the July meeting.

2020/120 – VJ Day 75

Cllrs discussed this based on the advice received from the VE Day Pageantmaster and social distancing guidelines. Based on this advice, it was agreed that the day would be marked online only. **Action 7** – Cllr Margaret Amos to find a suitable poem to reflect VJ Day and commemorate it appropriately. Executive Officer to continue with the online posts.

2020/121 – RCT LGPS Employer Retention Policy

Cllrs reviewed this policy and agreed to adopt it. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/122 - Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Claire Matsell asked for an update on the Rose Row site following the refusal of the planning application as there is still activity on the site. **Action 9** – Executive Officer to contact RCT for an update.

Cllr Jenny Edwards advised that some properties that she tried to deliver newsletters to had dogs in the front gardens so she was unable to deliver to those houses.

Cllr Lynwen Law reported fly tipped rubbish which included a baby walker, and tyres at two separate locations close to the Rose Row site. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to report to RCT.

Cllr Margaret Amos reported that two of the Centenary Fields plaques at Yr Eithin needed repair. **Action 11** – Executive Officer to arrange for the repair to be carried out.

Cllr Richard Jones asked if Cllrs would support the Black Lives Matter movement. Cllrs agreed to support this. **Action 12** – Cllrs to send their photos to the Executive Officer. Cllr Richard Jones will compile the photo montage for the Facebook page.

2020/123 – Executive Officer's report

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

Print Partnership - £7.67	Daisy Communications - £71.63
Boverton Nurseries - £1,784.40	Gwilim Florist - £100.00
Veg Boxes - £40.00	Busy Pins & Needles - £30.00
Hirwaun Village Hall - £1,510.00	

Consultations: None received

The Council had received the following correspondence:

1. Email from Vikki Howells - letter to residents affected by the floods – Invitation to apply to the Cynon Valley Flood Recovery Fund.

2. Supplementary report – The Principles in respect of the Reimbursement of Costs of Care.

Other:

- Waterfall Country newsletter.
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Nil return for Cllrs expenses completed and submitted to IRP.
- Update on end of year work to be completed by Executive Officer.
- Staff annual leave due to COVID-19. **Action 13** – Executive Officer to contact One Voice Wales for advice and to add to the July agenda for discussion.

2020/124 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.34pm.

Agreed