

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 9th July 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, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Debbie Smart

Attending: n/a

Apologies: None

2020/125- Disclosures of Personal Interest

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2020/126 - PCSO report

No report was provided by the PCSO. Cllrs had no matters to report to the PCSO.

2020/127 – County Borough Cllr reports

There was no report from CBC Karen Morgan.

Cllrs reported the following matter to her: The fence at the Swansea Road entrance to the Cefndon playing fields has collapsed.

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 Morien Morgan raised concerns in relation to a likely increase in flood issues if the capacity for water is increased at Tower Colliery. It was agreed to invite an engineer to speak to Cllrs. **Action 1** – Cllr Morien Morgan to ring CBC Graham Thomas to discuss the matter further and to raise questions for the engineer.

Cllrs discussed the advice received from RCT to initially exclude outside parties from online Community Council meetings. Cllrs agreed to invite both County Borough Cllrs to attend from the September meeting onwards.

There were no matters to report to CBC Thomas.

2020/128 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Meeting of 21st May 2020 were proposed to be true and accurate, by Cllr Richard Jones and seconded by Cllr Jenny Edwards and agreed nem con.

The minutes of the Meeting of 11th June 2020 were proposed to be true and accurate, by Cllr Jenny Edwards and seconded by Cllr Margaret Amos and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2020/129 – PCSO response to COVID Breaches

The Executive Officer advised that an email had been sent to the PCSO but no response had been received. Cllrs again raised concerns about the lack of communication from the PCSO. **Action 2** – Executive Officer to contact the Police Inspector.

2020/130 – Broken Stile - Penderyn

The Executive Officer confirmed that it had been reported to BBNP who were sending an Area Warden to investigate and replace/repair in due course.

2020/131 – Small Acts of Kindness

The Executive Officer provided an update on the gifts delivered in round 1 and confirmed that round 2 nominations were underway. **Action 3** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/132 – Seed Bomb Event

Discussions took place regarding this event and the distribution of the seed bombs. **Action 4** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/133 – VJ Day 75

Cllrs discussed the plans to commemorate VJ Day online using the Bugler and Piper. It was agreed that a wreath would be laid in Penderyn in addition to Hirwaun. **Action 5** - Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/134 – RCT LGPS Policy

The Executive Officer confirmed that this is ongoing.

2020/135 – Rose Row planning application

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs with an update from RCT planning.

2020/136 – Fly tipped Rubbish – Penderyn

The Executive Officer advised that this has been cleared.

2020/137 – Centenary Fields – Yr Eithin

The Executive Officer provided an update on the dedication for Yr Eithin and advised that the repair to the plaques is ongoing.

2020/138 - Planning Applications

- Enviroparks, Fifth Avenue, Hirwaun Industrial Estate (pre-planning consultation) – Cllrs discussed this consultation in detail raising concerns in relation to pollution and the impact to the area. It was agreed to raise Cllrs objection to this planning application. **Action 6** – Executive Office to raise an objection.
- First Floor Rear Extension with Alterations – 1 Pontpren, Penderyn,
- Renewal of planning to Demolition of existing bungalow and build a new two storey dwelling – The Dell, Croes Bychan Rd, Llwydcoed.

- Tower Railhead planning meeting
- Proposed single domestic garage to side of dwelling – 69 Llwyn Onn, Penderyn

2020/139 – Virtual Garden Show

The Executive Officer provided an update and it was agreed that the sub-committee would continue with this. **Action 7** –Sub-committee to organise the online show.

2020/140 – Butterfly Mural

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on this project. It was agreed that Cllrs Colin Woodley and Ceri Woodley would judge the butterfly painting competition entries. Cllrs discussed the artists and their quotes before making a decision on which artist to proceed with. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/141 – Walking Festival

Due to social distancing guidelines Cllrs agreed to cancel the Walking Festival for this year.

2020/142 – Groundwork Wales Project Funding

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs in relation to funding available with Groundwork Wales to work with the Community Council on a project to make and install planters. Cllrs agreed that this would be an ideal project to carry out for Penderyn. **Action 9** - Executive Officer to continue with this.

2020/143 - Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Claire Matsell raised the issue of dog fouling in the village. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to report to RCT.

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach stated that more dog waste bins were needed.

Cllr Jenny Myring asked for an update on the tyres being buried at Cae Felin Parc. It was advised that CBC Karen Morgan was dealing with this issue. **Action 11** – Executive Officer to ask for an update.

Cllr Morien Morgan reported that recycling is being put out at the wrong times resulting in the bags spitting open and rubbish being blown around. **Action 12** – Executive Officer to report the matter to RCT.

Cllr Margaret Amos asked if we could liaise with the relevant authority to seek reimbursement for Penderyn Primary School in relation to the alarm call out charge made following the blast at the quarry. **Action 13** – Executive Officer to refer the matter to CBC Graham Thomas.

Cllr Amos also advised that the dog waste bin on Bryn Onnen had been emptied but the bag not collected. **Action 14** – Executive Officer to report to RCT.

Cllr Carol Hindley asked about a pop pom tree at Yr Eithin. It was advised that she should contact Penderyn Community Centre who manage the woodland. Cllr Hindley also asked if Cllrs were aware of when the Glancynon would be re-opening. Cllrs did not have this information.

Cllr Debbie Smart reported parking issues at the bottom of Chapel Road which were causing an obstruction. **Action 15** – Executive Officer to refer to CBC Graham Thomas and to the PCSO.

Cllr Smart also provided an update in relation to the dedication of the new War Memorial in Penderyn, and the Waterfalls meeting recently attended.

Cllr Jenny Edwards raised concerns in relation to the lack of rubbish and dog waste bins. **Action 16** – Executive Officer to chase a response from RCT to our previous bin request.

Cllr Adrian Harford asked if we could use our CIL money to purchase bins. It was advised that the purchasing of these remains the responsibility of RCT.

Cllr Harford advised Cllrs that he is liaising with CBC Karen Morgan in relation to issues on the old Ferraris site.

2020/144 – Executive Officer's report

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

Print Partnership - £382.74	Daisy Communications - £71.99
Siemens - £171.46	Hirwaun Village Hall - £136.03

Consultations:

- RCT Dog Fouling consultation – It was agreed that Cllrs should respond individually, and that Cllr Claire Matsell should also submit a response on behalf of the Community Council.

The Council had received the following correspondence:

- Email from Vikki Howells – update in relation to Penderyn Quarry.
- Letter from Julie James MS – asking for people's thoughts on how we should support future post-Covid recovery and reconstruction in Wales. Cllrs discussed this and agreed to support local businesses by holding a Small Business week on our Facebook page, along with circulating a second newsletter featuring businesses in Hirwaun and Penderyn.

Other:

- Waterfall Country newsletter.
- An update on the number of people following our Facebook page.

- Newsletter – The Executive Officer advised Cllrs on the full costs of the newsletter circulated by us, along with the funding still available to circulate a second edition.
- Keep Wales Tidy Great British September Clean **Action 17** – Executive Officer to add this information to our Facebook page.
- The Executive Officer provided an update on our Bee Friendly status application 2020.
- The Executive Officer provided an update on the competition entries for the Village in Bloom competition. **Action 18** – Executive Officer to continue with this.
- The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on their workload for the summer break.

2020/145 – Annual Leave requirements for Staff under COVID measures

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the advice received from One Voice Wales in relation to staff taking their annual leave following COVID restrictions. Cllrs accepted this advice.

2020/146 – Staff PPE

Cllrs agreed that the Community Council would be responsible for the COVID PPE for Community Council staff.

2020/147 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

Cllrs discussed the pay awarded to the Relief Caretaker during lockdown and agreed the format of the pay going forward whilst this pandemic remains. It was also agreed to write a policy to support this should it be needed for the future. **Action 19** – Executive Officer to deal with this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.