

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Special Meeting 23rd June 2026

Present: Cllr Eryl O'Neill (Chair), Cllr Zoe Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Adrian Harford, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Jane Wayling, Cllr Colin Woodley, Cllr James Woodward, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Adam Rogers

Apologies: None

Excused: Cllr Karen Morgan

Attending: n/a

2026/166 - Disclosures of Personal Interest

Cllr Margaret Amos declared an interest in agenda item 3 as the Internal Auditor is a family member.

Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach arrived at the meeting at 6.32pm.

2026/167 -2025/26 Annual Return and Audit

Cllrs noted the completed annual return and accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the 2025/26 annual return and audit. This was proposed by Cllr Ceri Woodley, seconded by Cllr Adrian Harford and agreed nem con. Cllr Margaret Amos refrained from voting due to her declared interest. **Action 1** – Executive Officer to submit the annual return to Audit Wales.

Cllr James Woodward arrived at the meeting at 6.44pm.

2026/168 – Safe Routes in Communities

The Executive Officer advised Cllrs in relation to the expression of interest form for the Safe Routes in Communities scheme. It was noted that Hirwaun had previously received funding to install safety features such as speed cameras and additional crossings. It was advised by the Executive Officer and confirmed by Cllr Adam Rogers that while we can apply again, we are unlikely to receive a high scoring over other areas who have not received funding before.

Cllrs were of the opinion that RCT CBC should have done more for Hirwaun and stated that Penderyn residents had also asked for cameras and safety measures.

Cllr Adam Rogers advised that there were not enough statistics to justify an extra crossing at Glannant St, and that Hirwaun Primary have been advised that they can employ a school crossing patrol out of their budget. It was hoped that the ongoing traffic patrols on Brecon Road would pick up more stats moving forward.

Cllrs stated that most of the children who live in Penderyn live on the same side of the road as the school so there is no requirement for a crossing. It was also noted that that most of the children get driven to school rather than walking or come in on the bus. Cllrs agreed that there was a higher safety need for Hirwaun Primary.

Concerns were raised that the speed camera on Brecon Road was not turned on, other than for a short period, and was now the responsibility of the police.

Cllrs discussed community engagement to gauge residents' concerns.

Cllrs agreed to submit the expression of interest form to request a crossing between Glannant St and Cynon Tce in the hope that RCT CBC would consider that this would join up the last weak link between Hirwaun and Penywaun Wards who have both received funding previously, and are on the main school walking route from Trenant and Trewaun. It was agreed that Cllrs Adam Rogers, Eryl O'Neill and Adrian Harford would form a Working Group to complete the expression of interest form, which would then be forwarded to the Executive Officer to submit before the deadline. **Action 2** – Working Group to complete the expression of interest form.

2026/169- Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

The Executive Officer advised that a request had been received from Hirwaun Community Events (HCE) for the Community Council to have a stall at their Duck Race. Cllrs Adam Rogers, Zoe Goss and Adrian Harford declared an interest at this point as they are part of the HCE committee. Cllrs agreed to the request, with the Executive Officer and Cllr James Woodward manning the stall. Cllrs agreed to the cost of sweets to be purchased to give out on the stall and discussed a Guess the Name of the Duck competition. **Action 3** – Executive Officer and Cllr James Woodward to attend the event.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7pm.