

PENTYRCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the full Council Meeting held at 7.00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, at The Pavilion, Creigiau.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Stuart Thomas (Chairman), Sandie Rosser, John Harrison, Graham Thomas, Sara Pickard, Christine Priday, Wynford Ellis Owen

Also present: Cllr Gavin Hill-John; Sarah Evans, Ian Evans, Rhodri Jones and Ieuan Griffiths for Pentyrch Eisteddfod appeals committee; PCSOs Richard Davies and Scott Evans

In attendance: Helena Fox, Clerk

**201. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs N Howard, P Hill-John, C James, Clare Bath, Brynmor Jones, J Troughton

**202. To receive any declarations of interest: There were none**

**203. To consider police matters:** PCSO Richard Davies and Scott Evans (observing from Fairwater) reported the latest crime figures:

**Creigiau**

ASB – 0; Burglaries – 1 – shed burglary, nothing taken; Theft – 7 – 1x theft of vehicle J33; 2x make off without payment J33; 1x construction equipment J33; 1x theft from trailer HGV J33; 1x theft of cable from golf club; 1x personal theft

**Pentyrch**

ASB – 1 – off road bikes woods Pentyrch Quarry; Burglaries – 1 – Pentyrch RFC, reported today, tools taken; Theft – 0; Damage – 1 – graffiti

**Gwaelod-y-Garth**

ASB – 0; Burglaries – 0; Theft – 1 – theft of motor vehicle, recovered

There is currently burglary operations ongoing covering Creigiau, Pentyrch, Radyr and Tongwynlais with plain clothes officers and marked vehicle patrol strategies

The next Creigiau PACT meeting will take place on 24 or 31 July. Meetings are held with Neighbourhood Watch in Pentyrch. Councillors stressed that the meeting needs to be advertised well for better attendance. Once confirmed, PCC can put the date in the Community Link, on Noticeboards and online. The Police will advertise on Community Messenger. Emails have been shared in the past but notices of meetings are not sent out.

An update was given on the anti-social behaviour on Garth Hill: high visibility and unmarked vehicle patrols are taking place. PC Helen Abdullahi has spoken to residents and there have been noticeable improvements. This will continue although it is a difficult

area to patrol. The Chairman noted that PCC had not heard about this problem in the past. PCSO Davies said that one of last month's ASBs included these incidents and two reports had been made to the Police in 2017.

Cllr Graham Thomas thanked the Police for their help over school parking problems. Police had visited again and spoken to people parking on yellow lines and will be visiting other local schools after the Easter break. Most Cardiff schools have these problems with poor parking facilities on narrow and busy roads. Cars causing an obstruction can be ticketed at £30 otherwise it is a matter of patrolling and speaking with drivers.

**204. Public Session (length of adjournment at Chairman's discretion):** Rhodri Jones, chairman of Pentyrch's Eisteddfod appeals committee addressed the meeting. The Eisteddfod will be in Cardiff in August 2018. Pentyrch has a target of £20,000 to fund raise. The May 12 event at Pentyrch Rugby Club is the first of several to be held. The Eisteddfod is for everyone, Welsh-speaking or not and PCC supported the previous local appeals committee. In 2018, the Eisteddfod is hoped to be a no-fence event in Cardiff Bay with no overall admission fee except into the Millennium Centre events. The group are also seeking local business support and ask PCC to support the local committee this time around.

Cllr Ellis Owen thought that PCC should set an example to the community at the start of this big funding drive.

Cllr Pickard noted that PCC represents an area with a strong Welsh identity of which she was proud and the Eisteddfod boosts that. She is learning Welsh and that has been very helpful to her.

**205. To consider and decide on any matters arising from the Public Session:** Following a discussion it was proposed to make a commitment to reserve £1,500 in PCC's 2018-19 budget. An amendment to £1,200 was then proposed and it was **RESOLVED** to reserve £1,200 for the Pentyrch Eisteddfod Appeal in PCC's 2018-19 budget: 4 in favour; 3 against.

**206. To receive reports from County Councillors:**

206.1. Cllr G Hill-John noted that projects were restricted during the election campaign. He was continuing with general work. The area deep clean was a success and people did notice the improvement with Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth being the first of the outer wards to be done. Cllr Hill-John will press for this again in future. He thanked PCC for its support and work over the past two years in resolving local issues. Working together achieved some great results and he hoped to work with PCC again in future.

206.2. Cllr G Thomas seconded Cllr Hill-John's thanks to PCC. He had had a couple of negative comments on the deep clean because some leaves were spread further. He is still waiting to hear if the Creigiau Quarry legal agreement has been signed.

206.3. Cllr Harrison had had good feedback on the area deep clean but people also commented this used to happen more regularly.

206.4. The Chairman spoke for all PCC members to thank both councillors for their contributions. They were an important part of PCC meetings, useful for any public present and for integrating the work of everyone. He also passed on thanks and good wishes for the future from Cllrs P Hill-John, and J Troughton.

Cllr G Hill-John left the meeting.

**207. To receive the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on March 20 2017:** The minutes were proposed as accurate by Cllr Ellis Owen, seconded by Cllr G Thomas and agreed by all. They were signed by the Chairman.

**208. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes not reported elsewhere:** There were none.

**209. To receive the report of the Clerk**

209.1. The Clerk thanked all the members who are standing down and looked forward to continue working with those who were re-elected.

209.2. Staff Training: PCC has agreed to both CMOs undertaking training in winching, hung-up trees. A chainsaw ticket is a pre-requisite of this training at a cost of £674 + VAT.

209.3. Following a discussion on the work of PCC generally and the recent distractions of the LDP and Creigiau Quarry it was **RESOLVED** to consider the wider training needs of PCC staff as part of a 5 Year Business Plan. The Plan will be a foundation for PCC's work and help to minimize disruptions. It should have short, medium and long term achievable and realistic goals for PCC. Members recognized that it will take some work to produce a good effective Plan. The Plan might identify new skills that might affect staff remuneration which should be properly considered. New services that PCC could deliver might be identified that would need new training.

209.4. Councillor bespoke training on the Code of Conduct and Induction for New Members will be arranged with One Voice Wales.

209.5. PCC Noticeboards: PCC does not need planning permission for boards that are necessary for it to carry out its functions as a local authority (Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992). The notice board in Gwaelod y Garth will be moved to new location.

209.6. Bank: Change of signatory forms have been delayed by a name that did not match the mandate. The Clerk is dealing with this but it will all become moot after the election and a new bank mandate will be needed anyway.

209.7. Penuel Graveyard: There was no update.

209.8. CRAMC: The Clerk is working on arrangements for a meeting to discuss the lease and MoU and getting formal quotes for signage.

209.9. Clerks hours: 0 extra hours in March

209.10. The PCC office will be closed over Easter from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and re open Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**210. To approve the schedule of payments and receipts for April 2017:** Payments of £13,583.93 and receipts of £984.64 were recorded for March 2017. Acceptance of the figures was proposed by Cllr Ellis Owen; seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed by all.

**211. To renew the commercial vehicle insurance policy:** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the policy provided by Chaucer Syndicates Ltd at £508.00 via brokers, Watkin Davies.

**212. To decide on requests for grants from PCC:** This was dealt with above.

**213. To receive the bank reconciliation for April 2017:** This was deferred to the May meeting because of an issue with Sage.

**214. To receive a report from the OVW Larger Councils meeting of April 5 2017:** This was circulated in advance and is filed with these Minutes. The date of next meeting is 18 October 2017.

**215. To consider a response to the White Paper: Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed:** This sets out the Welsh Government's statement of intent about the future of local government in Wales and refers directly to community councils. It asks for comments by 23:59 on 11 April 2017. Since the OVW response had not been received in time for the meeting it was **RESOLVED** to delegate a decision about supporting the OVW response to the Chairman and Vice Chairman once the draft was received.

**216. To decide on donations made for delivery of the Community Link:** This was deferred to the Ordinary May meeting.

**217. To decide on terms and conditions for advertisers in Community Link:** It was **RESOLVED** to make no changes to the existing terms.

**218. To receive an update on a project to commemorate WW1:** The Clerk reported that costs of a commemorative bench with a WW1 design as seen at the last meeting were £ 647 + VAT and delivery. Local suppliers are being explored.

**219. To consider signage on Garth Mountain re cyclists:** PCC had been contacted by Cardiff Council about cyclists on public footpaths on the Garth. To prevent the establishment of a permissive right of way, PCC **RESOLVED** to install no cycling signs: 6 in favour, 1 against. The idea of establishing cycle routes will be explored.

**220. To consider any planning applications:**

220.1. Pentyrch: 17/00075/MNR: Cllr Harrison had heard nothing further from the developers of the telecoms mast proposed for Mountain Road but possibly moving to the PSA site.

220.2. Creigiau: 17/00702/MNR: Ty Nant Road: application for a new house: PCC **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that access onto Ty Nant Road is restricted; the road is very busy and will become busier with the LDP development. It is made dangerous by of a dip on a bend.

**221. To consider any correspondence received and not reported elsewhere:** There was none.

**222. To consider the reports of Councillors**

Date	Councillor	Report	Action Taken
10.4.17	Cllr C Priday	The absence of a bollard at end of Penuel Road is a traffic hazard and a car has been seen hitting it. .	Clerk to report to CCC, again.
10.4.17	Cllr S Thomas	Cllr S Thomas suggested that a summary of Councillors' Reports be included in future issues of the Community Link.	
10.4.17	Cllr S Thomas	There is a public seat at the bus stop on the A4119 opposite the entrance to Star Lane Capel Llanilltern. The seat is in need of refurbishment.	Clerk to arrange
3.4.17	Cllr P Hill-John	I regret I will be unable to attend Monday's meeting and to inform you that it is with regret I will not be standing again. I feel I am just starting to 'appreciate and get into the role', so it is a shame, however I am pursuing other things which demand more of my time. I wish you all well and thank you for your support and guidance in the role.	
22.3.17	Cllr J Harrison	Welsh Government White Paper: There are many implications for Community Councils, one being the Devolution of Services. Although there may be some benefits to Community Councils	

		<p>this will have a considerable financial impact and is something that those offloading responsibilities may not be generous (if indeed they offer anything) in their offerings. I would not want these decisions to be forced in without proper and agreed transfer of funds.</p> <p>The suggestion that Community Councillors accept mandatory allowances could be fun.</p> <p>I notice Bridgend CBC have Charter acceptance in place and wonder what they do that is different than CCC, although it appears that meetings are poorly attended.</p>	
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**223. Date of the next meeting: May 15 2017 at Creigiau Pavilion, 7pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:51pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_