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Minutes of the full Council Meeting held at 7.00pm, 16 December 2019, at Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Mike Sherwood, Stuart Thomas, John Harrison, Jena Quilter, Simon Roberts, Sandie Rosser, Chris Priday, Teresa Filipponi, Wynford Ellis Owen, Karen Thomas, Sara Pickard

Cllr Graham Thomas

Two residents
Mike Colley, Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch
Sam Ryall, resident

In attendance: Helena Fox, Clerk

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Davies; Cllr Gavin Hill-John
2. **To receive any declarations of interest:** There were none.
3. **To consider police matters:** No crime figures had been received before the meeting. There were no issues raised.
4. **Public Session (length of adjournment at Chairman's discretion):**
 - a. Sam Ryall, a Pentyrch resident, addressed the meeting about the dangers of Church Road

Cllrs Thorpe, Priday, Quilter, and S Thomas joined the meeting

Mr Ryall commutes to work by bike. In the last week and a half two incidents have forced Mr Ryall to use a GoPro camera on his helmet.

Cllr K Thomas joined the meeting

Mr Ryall no longer felt confident on the road because of aggression from drivers in the PCC area. Recently he was overtaken by a campervan on Church Road (near the new houses) at about 50mph. Mr Ryall wanted to raise the issue to PCC. The danger is experienced daily and is worse as traffic pressure has increased. He asked PCC to do what it can to help with this matter.

- b. Two residents from Gwaelod y Garth raised their serious concerns about flooding of the stream behind their house.

Cllr Simon Roberts joined the meeting.

The stream runs into a culvert before joining the River Taff. After rain, the stream level rises. This autumn leaves, litter and debris in the stream have blocked a 5ft wide pipe that runs under the road. It has a 2ft x 5ft x 6ft cage over the top of culvert. This is a maintenance issue for Cardiff Council and has been a problem for five years. Cardiff have taken legal action to be able to install electrical monitoring equipment. The residents asked PCC for support to ensure that Cardiff take full responsibility for maintaining the water course.

Cllr Sandie Rosser noted that there had not been a problem when Cardiff regularly kept the stream running freely but other landowners have prevented Cardiff from getting access to do this work.

The residents noted that the recent clearance revealed access steps which had been completely overgrown and shows now how the site should look. Cardiff has only reacted to this now and not before. Cardiff have had previous opportunities to get this clearance work done and the residents want to know why it was not done.

Cllr Roberts also agreed that Cardiff used to clear the site regularly.

5. To consider and decide on any matters arising from the Public Session:

- a. Church Road and cycling:
 - i. Cllr K Thomas noted that she is a recreational cyclist locally but not in rush hour because of the attitude of drivers that changes in rush hour. PCC is looking for ideas to encourage local cycling. PCC has few powers to finance this but wants to be a voice for the community. Cllr K Thomas asked for suggestions from local cyclists.
 - ii. Cllr S Thomas noted that PCC will be meeting with Cardiff Highways and any suggestions can be put to Highways
 - iii. Cllr Ellis Owen noted that PCC could raise awareness about this via social media and could include quotes from local cyclists.
 - iv. Cllr Priday noted that this is more evidence for Church Road's danger for all users. PCC have highlighted this to Cardiff for some three years. She was very disappointed that the recent Highways meeting did not go ahead. Calls for local protests are getting more pressing.
 - v. Cllr Thorpe noted that Keep Creigiau Tidy are meeting with Sustrans in the New Year who are looking for grant funding and invited cyclists to attend.
 - vi. It was **RESOLVED** to publicise this issue via social media
- b. Flooding in Gwaelod y Garth: It was **RESOLVED** that PCC write to Cardiff and explain that PCC has recently heard about this matter. In light of the damage to residents PCC will ask that Cardiff immediately reinstate the regular maintenance regime and monitoring and ask for a copy of the planned maintenance schedule.

6. To discuss road and transport issues:

- a. The meeting with Cardiff Highways scheduled to take place on December 2 did not take place: CCC did not attend. An email sent by them did not reach the office in time. The Clerk is rescheduling.
- b. Bus 136: There was no update. Cllr K Thomas noted that this bus leaves at more than one Cardiff bus stop and this is confusing for users. Stagecoach has introduced an extra bus which is only a 136 (and not the 136/124 bus) and this goes from a different stop. This will be explained again in the next Community Link.
- c. Cllr Gavin Hill-John had previously reported on flooding in Gwaelod y Garth (see above). He will send in the most recent correspondence on receipt. The short summary is that funding had to be applied for from Welsh Government which is now in place and Cardiff is waiting for a legal issue with access to be resolved. Hopefully this can be resolved quickly and the new solution implemented. Cllr Hill-John is in regular contact with CCC regarding this matter.
- d. Cllr Gavin Hill-John had previously reported on the subsidence (not sink holes) in the playing fields in Gwaelod. He was in site on December 13 with the team from CCC and immediate action was taken to secure the site. An investigation will be carried out shortly and an update provided on the actions needed.
- e. Cllr Sandie Rosser had previously reported that on Friday 6th December 2019 the 11.30am bus left Whitchurch and arrived in Gwaelod y Garth at 11.50, but the entrance to the village was closed due to a culvert collapse (see above). Along with passengers picked up at Gabalfa, there were 4 people who live in Gwaelod. The driver refused to divert down Heol Berry and turn left into Heol y Nant then turn right on to Main Road, a detour of 2/3 minutes. He then drove to

Asda, and drove on to The Hollybush where the Gwaelod passengers got off. They then waited for the Pentyrch bus where they got off opposite the power station and were faced with a long uphill walk, some carrying heavy shopping. The weather was freezing cold and these pensioners are all over 80 years old. PCC and residents have complained constantly over the years about this particular driver who refuses to comply with the contracted bus stops and thinks nothing of leaving Gwaelod passengers stranded.

- i. Cllr Sherwood asked if this had happened again. Cllr Rosser explained that the driver regularly does not drive up to Garth Olwg – sometimes due to parked cars causing a blockage. Cllr Filipponi agreed that social media reports support this.
 - ii. It was **RESOLVED** to write to CCC and Traffic Commissioner for Wales to complain on behalf of residents. Any evidence, dates and facts can be submitted to the Clerk as well as existing incidents to make the complaint as specific as possible. This should be considered when drawing up the new contract.
- f. Cllr Ellis Owen raised the issue of a huge pot hole on Cardiff Road that is some 8” deep.
 - g. A4119: blocked road gullies the Church at Capel Llanilltern are causing road floods. The Clerk has previously reported this and will chase.
 - h. Heol Gogh: tree felling and logs: The Clerk explained that Cemex and Cardiff were in discussion about logs rolling on to the road. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Cemex about the need to keep the highway safe after tree felling.
 - i. Commuter parking in Gwaelod y Garth for use of Taffs Well train station continues to be a problem.

7. To receive reports from County Councillors: reports were received and circulated in advance.

Cllr Graham Thomas reported:

1. Heol Pant Y Gored Road closure for new Gas Pipeline - details had been circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Thomas was in the process of setting up a public event so that residents are as informed as possible. Persimmon still want a meeting in both Creigiau and Pentyrch to discuss the road closure with residents. Cllr G Thomas hopes to get Cardiff Highways to attend.

Cllr S Thomas asked for information from Cllr G Thomas on local bus services. Provision has been made for school buses and the schools are aware. The 136 bus proposal is unknown. Cllr S Thomas would like to know why the road closure could not be done in one rather than two separate sections.

Cllr G Thomas noted that the quarry drainage report has been sent to PCC and will be circulated

Cllr K Thomas asked whether there could be access for cyclists and walkers along Heol Pant y Gored during closure.

2. Creigiau Quarry Liaison Committee Meeting was held last week. Minutes to follow. Cardiff's passing bay consultation has been completed. The main take-away was the granting of a 20mph zone for Creigiau: details to follow. Cardiff will not put up barriers to prevent vehicles mounting the Heol Pant Y Gored pavement largely because it would the road unsafe for cyclists. Cllr Thomas still thinks that raised kerbs could be a solution.
3. Please keep reporting in blocked drains to Cardiff. The Council have been out on numerous occasions clearing gullies due to heavy rainfall and stormy weather. We have several instances of localised flooding.

Cllr S Thomas noted that in the Tarmac meeting it became clear that more ecological surveys are needed and the hibernation and nesting season must be avoided. He asked for an update from Cardiff Highways on this. Cllr G Thomas said that Stuart Williams of Cardiff is looking into this.

Highways meeting: PCC Members were very annoyed that the December 2 meeting did not take place.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Highways Officer expression significant disappointment that the meeting did not take place because officer could not attend at the last minute.

Cllr G Thomas left the meeting.

8. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 18 21 2019: The Minutes of the Meeting were proposed as accurate by Cllr Ellis Owen seconded by Cllr Priday were signed by the Chairman.

9. To approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on November 20 and December 4 2019:

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on November 20 were proposed as accurate by Cllr Sherwood, seconded by Cllr Rosser and agreed by all. They were signed by the Chairman.
- b. The minutes of the meeting held on December 4 were proposed as accurate by Cllr Sherwood, seconded by Cllr K Thomas and agreed by all. They were signed by the Chairman.

10. To receive the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on December 11 2019: The Minutes of the Meeting were proposed as accurate by Cllr Ellis Owen seconded by Cllr S Thomas and agreed by all. They were signed by the Chairman.

10.1. It was noted that at the previous meeting Cllr Sherwood proposed the Finance Minutes although he had actually left it before its end.

10.2. It was **RESOLVED** that £10,000 be drawn down from the CCLA account in early January 2020. Cllrs Sherwood and S Thomas signed the form.

10.3. It was **RESOLVED** to award the following grants from PCC: Cllr Thorpe registered a personal interest as a member of Creigiau Cricket Club.

- Pentyrch Tennis Club: £150 towards the cost of tennis court maintenance under the Power of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, S19.
- Creigiau Cricket Club: £100 towards the cost of kit under the Power of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, S19.
- Eisteddfod Caerdydd: £100 under the Power of S137/Power of Well-being
- Cantorian Creigiau: £50 towards the cost of its 50-year celebrations
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru: deferred to March 2020

10.4. It was **RESOLVED** to vire £500 from the current budget for S137/Power of Well-being to Other Grants.

10.5. Community Link advertising: It was **RESOLVED** that advertisers be offered a discount of 10% on agreement to purchase advertisements in 4 future issues of the Link.

11. Matters arising: Cllr S Thomas asked about progress on the VE Day anniversary project. The Clerk explained that the office would start this after Christmas.

12. To receive the report of the Clerk:

12.1. March dates for Spring community meetings were being finalized and will be publicized shortly. Members asked that invitations be sent to attendees of the Civic Reception.

12.2. Environment Act report: this had been circulated with no comments received from Members. It will be submitted by the end of December, as required.

12.3. Well-being and Climate Change Working Group: the latest report was circulated in advance.

12.4. Pentyrch Village Hall Lease update: this is now completed.

12.5. Capital Asset Transfer from Cardiff: A list of 91 sites has been received and will be looked at carefully to see what PCC can take on and when. There are no machines available to buy from Cardiff; there are no records that Cardiff has on how long these sites take to maintain by their staff.

- 12.6. Love Where You Live: Recycling event arranged by PCC and Cardiff Council was held Wednesday November 20 7-9pm and Pentyrch Village Hall. 25-30 people attended.
- 12.7. Circular Walk: Saturday November 16. This took place with an excellent turnout. We are planning a New Year's Day walk and Cllr Simon Roberts has checked the route.
- 12.8. NHS consultation response was submitted.
- 12.9. To discuss the work of the North West Cardiff Group: next meeting 9.1.20
- 12.10. The PCC office will be closed w/c December 20 – January 6.

13. To decide on recommendations from a review of PCC: The report had been circulated in advance. Cllr Ellis Owen explained that PCC needed to consider succession planning for the Clerk and to free the Clerk's time to concentrate on more strategic issues, particularly as PCC takes on more tasks.

This was deemed a confidential matter from which the Press and Public were excluded as per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because staffing issues were discussed.

One remaining member of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Ellis Owen had made recommendations in the report to better manage the work of PCC. PCC has a responsibility as employer of staff to consider workloads. Only three members had responded to Cllr Ellis Owen.

Cllr Ellis Owen was congratulated on this work. In light of the need to discuss this matter in proper detail it was **RESOLVED** to defer to this matter to the January 20 meeting and be the first agenda item. The meeting will be brought forward to 6:30pm if this is possible.

The meeting was re-opened to the public. No one was then present.

14. To discuss a draft budget and precept for 2020-21: It was **RESOLVED** to defer to this matter to the January 20 meeting and after the item above.

15. To discuss PCC's plans for Operation London Bridge: Explanatory information on this had been previously circulated. The Clerk advised that PCC should decide what it wants to do in the sad but inevitable death of HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

- 15.1. It was **RESOLVED** that a task and finish group will consult with the local community and report to the February 2020 meeting. The group members: Cllrs S Thomas, Quilter, Thorpe, Rosser and Harrison.

16. To discuss Cardiff's proposed changes to mobile library provision: This was circulated previously. The information was noted. The Clerk will send Cllr S Thomas' maps to Cardiff's Library Service.

17. To report back on the meeting with Natural Resources Wales on Brofiscin Quarry: Cllr Sherwood and the Clerk had attended a meeting with NRW earlier in the day. NRW's responsibility extends no further than checking that the water courses and ground water do not show any pollution above permitted levels. Any health matters arising from this are the responsibility of the health authority. Any planning matters are the responsibility of Cardiff and RCT who should consider the site in their planning processes. Cllr Sherwood had thanked Mark Drakeford, AM for arranging the meeting and pointed out that no one body has overarching responsibility for the site.

- 17.1. It was **RESOLVED** that PCC write to NRW each year for an update and to be notified of any changes.
- 17.2. Cllr Sherwood and the Clerk were thanked for their work in pursuing this.

18. To discuss consultations and guidance documents: There were no comments.

19. To consider any correspondence received and not reported elsewhere: There were none.

20. To discuss planning matters not covered by the Planning Committee: It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Roberts be a member of the Planning Committee.

21. To receive reports from Councillors and Surgery Reports:

Councillor	Report
Mike Sherwood	November Main Meeting Planning Committee Finance Committee 11.12.19 NRW 16.12.19 Creigiau Ward Surgery
Stuart Thomas	November Full Council Planning Committee 23.10.19; 6.11.19 Finance Committee 11.12.19 Planning 11.12.19 Standards & Ethics Meeting Tarmac meeting notes had been circulated: Cardiff do not appear to be keeping to their Ecological Survey. Cardiff are now proposing to introduce a 20mph limit for Creigiau in 2020.
Chris Priday	November main meeting Planning Committee Pentyrch Village Hall Meeting Pentyrch Neighbourhood Watch Library
Simon Davies	November Main Meeting Finance Committee 11.11.19 Planning Committee 6.11.19
Sandie Rosser	November Main Meeting Planning Committee 23.10.19; 6.11.19 Meeting with Cllr Gavin Hill-John, 5/10.19, to discuss buses in Gwaelod y Garth
John Harrison	November Main Meeting Community Speed Watch
Jenna Quilter	November main meeting
Wynford Ellis Owen	November Main Meeting PCC Review Report
Simon Roberts	November Main Meeting Pentyrch Circular Walk 2 December 2019: Church Road meeting, PCC 2 December: Pentyrch School Governors meeting 3 December: Sustrans path clearance Creigiau old rail track 5 December: Meeting with Head of Pentyrch School / Governor 6 December Lan memorial Gwaelod-y-Garth: Representing Pentyrch CC and providing photography for the event 13 December: Final risk assessment of New Year's Day Walk

	<p>Cllr Roberts handed over his responsibilities for the Lan Memorial and Gwaelod y Garth Village Hall Management Committee to Cllr Filipponi.</p> <p>There will be a country fair for Ty Haven Charity in conjunction with the Royal Welsh Show. PCC will promote in due course: August 2020.</p>
Amanda Thorpe	November Main Meeting
Karen Thomas	November Main Meeting Climate Change Working Grp 3 Dec Planning Committee 4 Dec Creigiau Quarry Liaison 11 Dec PCC Circular Walk
Sara Pickard	November Main Meeting
Teresa Filipponi	November Main Meeting

Date of the next meeting: January 20 2020 at Pentyrch Village Hall at 6:30 (to be confirmed)

The meeting closed at 21:15.

Signed _____ Dated January 20 2020