



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER

**Minutes of Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council
Wednesday 21st September 2016 7.30pm, Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.**

PRESENT

Councillors: D Cushing (Chairman), W David, W Griffiths, G Hughes, M James (Vice Chairman), T Parry, J Pritchard, N Quarry & G Roberts.

Clerk to the Council: Ceri Mortimer

52 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Angel & Cllr G Roberts due to work commitments, and Cllr D Bolter and Cllr T Matthews due to family holiday and Cllr H David due to attending a prize giving evening at Heolddu Comprehensive.

53 Declarations of Interest

Councillors were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in minute no. 60 (iii) (Financial Assistance) and minute no. 63(iv) (Presentation).

Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in minute no.60 (iii) (Financial Assistance)

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in minute no.67 (Planning)

Chairman Cllr D Cushing welcomed Mr Paul Cooke to the meeting

54 Future Generations Workshop with CCBC Mr Paul Cooke

Mr Paul Cooke explained that the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about listed public bodies working together with communities to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, long term.

Public workshops had been held across the borough, which Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Teresa Parry and the Clerk had attended, to get an understanding of what was important to people. . Themes that ran through discussions were in summary:

- better linked up transport between rail, road and bus services for ease of access to work, shopping, recreation and for the elderly.
- a sustainable environment in relation to recycling and renewable energy;
- building more affordable energy efficient housing. Members suggested thermal insulation.
- Communities being more vibrant, encourage and support volunteers, more activities for the youth. A member suggested more drop in clubs for elderly and lonely males.
- Better access to social care for vulnerable people, improved mental health services
- Better education for improved employment opportunities, vocational skills to be given more value
- Support to be given to town centres to retain banks, shops etc
Members requested that CCBC distribute the allocation of money for town centres proportionately. Current practice means that the town of Ystrad Mynach is being excluded.

55 **Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman Cllr Donna Cushing announced the following duties undertaken:

- Presented a cheque to the Alzheimer's Society at the Lindsay Club.
- Presented a cheque to Connor Webb who was running to raise funding for Velindre Cancer Centre.
- Attended a Police & Crime Commissioner workshop at Ty Penallta and the Mid Valleys West Well Being of Future Generations workshop at Siloh Christian Centre alongside Cllr Judith Pritchard.
- Cllr Judith Pritchard & Cllr Teresa Parry had attended the opening of the Bargoed & District Art Society Exhibition at Llancaiach Fawr. The Clerk attended at a later date. It was another enjoyable exhibition showcasing local talent and skills.
- Cllr Donna Cushing & Cllr Teresa Parry oversaw the family day trip to Barry from Hengoed and Cefn Hengoed. It was a very successful day with all families enjoying the trip and the children were impeccably behaved.

56 **Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on **20/07/2016** were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

57 **Matters Arising – there were no matters arising**

58 **Current Financial Situation as at 13/09/2016**

(i) Balance of Funds

The current 'Balance of Funds' document, which includes a list of authorised cheques, direct debits and debit card payments were received, approved and signed by the Chairman and Vice Chair.

(ii) Cheques & Debit Card Payments

Chairman received, approved and signed copied cheques and debit card receipts.

(iii) Reconciliation

'Reconciliation' document was received, approved and signed by non-signatory Member.

(iv) Bank Statements

Bank statement no's 24 25,26 / 82,83 / 86 / 31, 32, 33 were received, approved and signed by non-signatory member.

59 **Completion of Audit Year Ended 31st March 2016**

BDO have completed the audit and it is to issue an unqualified (acceptable) certificate.

(i)Members received, discussed and noted the Clerk's Report and Appendices

Resolved: Council agreed to re-approve amendments 1-3 below on the Annual Return:

1. The date of the council meeting that approved the Annual Return was omitted and this has now been included.
2. The value of the Christmas festive lighting, which was given by CCBC to the Community Council in 2015/16, was included in the fixed assets of the Council. The auditors have pointed out that the value of any gifts acquired by the council should not be included in the fixed assets total. As a consequence the fixed asset value on the Annual Return should be reduced accordingly to £114,598
3. Rounding figures to whole pounds resulted in the statement being out of balance by £1. 'Other Payments' total should be changed from £78,053 to £78,052 in order to correct the statement.

(ii) Resolved: Council agreed, as recommended by the external auditor, to consider the level of reserves when setting the budget for the next budget/precept report, and its proposed uses are to be identified and considered.

Cllr Gethin Roberts left the meeting

60 Financial Assistance

- (i) Cascaid Community Action Group Application No.21
Resolved: £ 300 be granted to Cascaid Community Action Group (cheque to be presented at Presentation).
- (ii) Cascade & District Allotment Association Application No.22
Resolved: £ 300 be granted to Cascade & District Allotment Association (cheque to be presented at Presentation).

Cllr Donna Cushing & Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Vice Chairman Cllr Martyn James chaired the meeting.

- (iii) Derwendeg Primary School PTA Application No.23
Resolved: £ 300 be granted to Derwendeg Primary School PTA.

Cllr Donna Cushing & Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to the chamber and Cllr Cushing resumed to chair the meeting.

- (iv) Gelligaer Ladies Bowls Application No.24
Resolved: £ 200 be granted to Gelligaer Ladies Bowls
- (v) Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society Application No.25
Resolved: £ 200 be granted to Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society (cheque to be presented at Presentation).

61 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2015/16

Correspondence in relation to amended CIL for 2015/16. Additional sum amounting to £2,712.78 (plus £800 previously received)
Resolved: Members agreed that £3,512.78 is to be spent on top of Cefn Road Hengoed on the installation of a pathway to access the small welfare park. This item to be placed on Project Summary.
CCBC to be notified by October 2016
Total sum must be spent by 2021

62 BT Consultation – removal of payphones

Correspondence was received in relation to proposed removal of pay phones due to decline in usage.

(i) Hengoed Avenue
Resolved: Agreed to its removal

(ii) Penybryn Terrace
Resolved: Agreed to its removal

(iii) Glanynant
Resolved: Objection to its removal. If objection is not upheld, the Community Council to adopt the phone box for £1.

Consultation closes 3rd December 2016

63 Projects

- (i) Health monitor project at Gelligaer Surgery
Resolved: Clerk to write to Dr Holland for confirmation as to whether or not they would like to receive the health monitor.
- (ii) Request re: funding an external notice board at Tiryberth Community/Village hall
Resolved: Agreed to fund supply and installation of new board.
- (iii) Winter Wonderland Trip
Resolved: Agreed not to take this proposal forward.
- (iv) Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr Saturday Nov 12th 2016
An update was received.

Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.

Vice Chairman Cllr Martyn James chaired the next item

Resolved: Members agreed that all nine or ten members of the Melody Makers that would be performing at the presentation, be invited to join us for the meal.

Cllr Donna Cushing returned to chair the meeting

New Project Proposals/Additions to Existing (not on agenda):

Cllr Wynne David proposed the next item but played no part in the ensuing discussions and resolution:

- (v) Glan y Nant Memorial – to alleviate further vandalism to the established playgroup's outside space, a gate and 23.4 metres of fencing to be supplied and installed.
Three quotations were received.
Resolved: Members agreed to the project and to Aber Wrought Iron Ltd.'s quotation of £1,500 plus VAT to undertake the work. Clerk to progress.

Cllr Wynne David returned to discussions
- (vi) Cascaid Community Action Group
3 x generator request for Santa's sleigh.
Quotation received.
Resolved: Members agreed to the proposal of gifting 3 no generators to Cascaid Community Action Group, and accepted the quotation from Generator Direct of £239.99 (incl. VAT) each. Clerk to progress.
- (vii) Glanynant
Fencing to be continued along Pengam Road, approx. 25 metres remaining,
Resolved: Members agreed that Clerk to obtain quote and agreed that underspend of £3,272 on Project No. 358 be contributed towards the project.
- (viii) Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market Stall 2016 – Project 353
Resolved: Members agreed to have a presence at the Fayre to advertise our community council business and provide promotional gifts
- (ix) Hanging baskets at Ystrad Mynach – Project 342
Resolved: Members agreed to fund a further 4 baskets in the town on the junction near Emlyn Lloyd and opposite, The Beech Tree and outside the fish and chip shop.

(x) Family Day Trip - Project 335

Resolved: It was agreed that the day trip to Barry be advertised as a “family” day trip on the posters, to ensure that organisers and residents are clear as to eligibility.

Cllr Graham Hughes left the meeting

(xi)Project Summary:

Project No. 366 Mr Graham Moore Memorial

Work: (i) Support a memorial on Pengam Road. (ii) Request Cascade Playing Fields be renamed – Clerk to write to CCBC Interim Chief Exec. (iii) Player of the year trophy. Family member writing to clubs.

Cost: £1,500

Project No. 365 Defibrillator at Ystrad Mynach town centre o/s the library

Work: Donated Defibrillator to be installed. Cabinet to be purchased & installed.

Cost: £800 (estimated)

Project No. 364 ABC Gelligaer District Boxing Club,

Work: Supply & install new roof

Cost: £4,200

Project No. 363 Bus Shelter o/s Derwendeg Primary School

Work: Supply & install bus shelter

Cost: £5,000

Project No. 362 Community Benefit – Solar Schools

Work: Supply & Install solar panels as gift to all 8 primary schools, plus asbestos & structural surveys.

Cost: £33,000 2015/16 & £13,000 2016/17

Project No. 361 Community Benefit – write & publish children’s book

Work: Community 1st to work with families to write local book for children (bilingual) English version printed awaiting Welsh version and book marks.

Cost: £5,000

Project No. 360 Community Benefit – Compost toilet

Work: Install disabled toilet at Parc Penallta suitable for all to use

Cost: £8,000

Project No. 359 Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre

Work: Showers have been installed for footballers

Cost: £2,000 (plus area forum monies £9,000)

Project No. 358 Glanynant

Work: Supply & Install green loop fencing remaining stretch near Glanynant Memorial Hall.

Cost: £9,272 (plus area forum monies £4228)

Project No. 355 Christmas Lighting throughout area

Work: Install 63 figurines, dress 7 trees, curtain of lights.

Cost: £4,286

Project No. 354 Heath Messages in Local Surgeries

Work: Install TV monitors to display health messages in Gelligaer & Oakfield surgeries

Cost: £777

Project No.353 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market 2016

Work: Contribution towards the Christmas market to ensure its continuity.

Cost: £2,000

Project No. 348 – Youth Club, Cefn Hengoed

Work: Rebuild/refurbishment centre.

Cost: £ 3,520 (fee for technical services)

Project No. 342 Hanging Baskets at Ystrad Mynach

Work: Supply & fit 12 summer hanging baskets throughout the town plus planter on railings to the front of Pier Head building & daily watering

Cost: £3,406

Project No.335 Family Day Trip

Work: 2 coaches from each community 1st ward (i) Sat 06/08/16 Tiryberth (two coaches) (ii) Sun 07/08/16 Gelligaer (iii) Sun13/08/16 Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed, to transport families for a day out to Barry Island Cost: £1,620

Project No. 330 Bands in the Park/Town

Work: Bands in the Park 2016 Ystrad Mynach Park. Cost: £281

Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2016 – Little Red Riding Hood

Work: Coordinate pantomime performances at 6 venues:

(i) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 30th Nov 6.30pm

(ii) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 5th Dec 6.00pm

(iii) Lindsay Club Wed 7th Dec 5.30pm

(iv) Tiryberth Primary Thurs 8th Dec 6.30pm

(v) Hengoed Community Centre Monday 12th December 5.30pm

(vi) Cascade Community Centre Thurs 15th Dec 5.30pm

(vii) Lewis Girls, Ystrad Mynach Sun 18th Dec 2.00pm

Cost: £4,095 (plus £100 for stage at Penybryn)

Project No. 218: Wild Flower Sowing

Work: sowing/planting at: (1) Tiryberth park banking

(2) by The Cross P/H (3) on triangular section of grass near Derwendeg Primary

(4) in the verge past the entrance and R/A to Brynsiriol estate Cost: £1,250

Project No. 212: Bi-annual Gelligaer Young Citizens Award

Work: Presentation for good deeds within the community - 3 nominees accepted for Nov 2016

Cost: £205 Next event: tbc

Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Work: Newsletter

Cost: £1150 & distribution costs

New Project: Cefn Hengoed Memorial

Work: Install a memorial in Cefn Hengoed.

Cost: tbc Ward member to make enquiries as to location. Clerk will forward details of Mike Headington to member.

64 CCBC Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group To carry out a county wide review of the operation and management of highway owned council car parks.

Member received correspondence and Appendix 1 - CCBC Scoping of the Countrywide Review of the Operation and Management of Highway Owned Council Car Parks.

Cllr Martyn James and Cllr Judith Pritchard were nominated as representatives to attend the Task & Finish Group meeting on the 27th October 10am at Ty Penallta.

A member can either speak at the meeting or make a written submission.

65 Exclusion of Press & Public Resolution required for the exclusion of press and public under schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972

66 Code of Conduct

Members discussed Code of Conduct and the possibility of refresher training sessions for the future.

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

67 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following planning applications:

Case Ref. 16/0715/FULL Site Area: 233m²

Location: 46 Penybryn Terrace Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GG

Proposal: Construct a car parking hardstanding

Applicant: Mr A Paget 46 Penybryn Terrace Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GG

Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01495 235271 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313677 (E) 196297 (N) Target Date: 10.10.2016

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 16/0729/RET Site Area: 3965m²

Location: Castell Llwyd Farm Heol Las Nelson Treharris CF46 6PW

Proposal: Retain as-built access track and field entrance used to service a single wind turbine (previous planning application ref 15/0499/FULL)

Applicant: Clean Earth Energy Ltd Mr G Davies Unit 2A Bess Park Road Wadebridge Cornwall

Case Officer: Mr A Pyne 01495 235197 _ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 312872 (E) 194716 (N) Target Date: 17.10.2016

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

NO OBJECTION

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: 19th October 2016