



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7.30pm at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

#### PRESENT

**Councillors:** A Angel, D Cushing, C M David, W David, M James (Chair) S A Milford and J A Pritchard.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

*Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a happy new year.*

#### 125 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bezzina and Cllr R E Osborne due to other commitments, Cllr T Parry due to attending a meeting with the Police, Cllr S Griffiths and Cllr W Griffiths due to illness.

**Resolved:** Council agreed that Cllr S Griffiths' continuous leave of absence be extended by a further 6 months. Clerk to write to Cllr S Griffiths confirming Council's decision and with our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

#### 126 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 A Angel and Cllr W David declared an interest in minute no.142 (Planning)

#### 127 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Cllr Martyn James confirmed that the pantomime at Ystrad Mynach and the 7 other venues throughout our area had been a great success again.

#### 128 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on **13/12/2017** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

#### 129 Matters Arising

Minute No. 114 Lewis School Pengam – Luncheon Club

Cllr J Pritchard had attended the luncheon and reported that prices for a 2 course meal had increased to £3.50 and numbers had dwindled. Members agreed that it continued to be an excellent initiative building bridges between the young and older generation.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to subsidize £1.50 per meal up to £3,000 per annum under projects commencing Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Clerk will contact Assistant Head Teacher Mr Mike Oliver and advertise on social media.

#### 130 Finance

##### (i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document, which includes list of authorised cheques, BACS and debit card payments was received, approved and signed as an accurate record. Chairman and Vice signed.

##### (ii) Reconciliation

Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed by a non-signatory member as an accurate record.

##### (iii) Bank Statements

Bank statements 59,58,57,56,55,54,99,98,48,91&3 were received approved and signed by a non-signatory member as an accurate record.

### 131 Precept 2018/19

Items (i) – (iii) were received and discussed:

(i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) for 2018/19 Correspondence was noted.

(ii) Clerks report on the Precept for 2018/19

Clerk's report was received and noted including:

(iii) Appendix 1:

A) Current year's budget (2017/18) - noted

B) Spend v Budget up to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - noted

C) Anticipated spend to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - noted

D) Proposed Budget for 2018/19 showing 2% and 3% increases discussed and noted.

Members agreed that following end of year accounts, reserves will be discussed further and earmarked for potential projects.

**Resolved:** Council agreed a 2% increase in precept, increasing Band D equivalent dwellings to £14.92 per annum, an increase of 0.29p. Thus providing the Council with a total precept of £93,557 for 2018/19, to spend on worthwhile projects within the community.

### 132 Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2018-19

It was noted that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2018-19 is £7.86.

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to the area or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2017-18 will be £7.86 per elector.

**13,616 electors (as at Jan 2018 CCBC) x £7.86 = £107,022**

### 133 Financial Assistance – none received

### 134 Projects

(i) Project Summary was tabled and noted.

- 370 Bus shelter in layby near Cross Inn

**Resolved:** Council agreed not to proceed due to objections from neighbouring properties.

- 363 Bus shelter o/s Derwendeg Primary

**Resolved:** Council agreed to remove this proposal from the project listing for the time being.

- 360 Compost toilet – clerk to enquire with Ranger on the usage of the toilet.

- 361 Gelligaer Giant – clerk to organise 2 further readings and creative writing workshops for Glyngaer Primary and Derwendeg. Clerk also to make contact with M Jones regarding the writing of another book funded by the community council

(ii) New project proposals:

- Bus shelter at Penybryn, near The Fox & Hounds (deferred from last meeting)

**Resolved:** Council agreed to the installation of a bus shelter in this area following consultation with residents at a cost of between £3,000 - £5,000.

- Family day trips to the beach.

**Resolved:** Council agreed that a family day trip to the beach from Ystrad Mynach take place this year. Cllr M James and Cllr A Angel to distribute flyers and accompany the residents on the trip at a cost of £295

- 135 CCBC Silent Soldier Concept** (deferred from last meeting)  
Resolved: To purchase 3 silent soldiers at £295 each, to position at (i) the cenotaph at Ysbyty (ii) To the railings o/s Glanynant Memorial Hall (if permitted by Highways) (iii) at the Tiryberth memorial.  
Clerk to enquire regarding fixings.
- 136 Cardiff Conservation Volunteers** (deferred from last meeting)  
Correspondence was received and noted. Clerk to invite to a future meeting.
- 137 Christmas Letter from Cllr Mike Cuddy – Chair One Voice Wales**  
Correspondence was received and noted.
- 138 Welsh Government Independent Review Panel - Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales**  
Council responded to the 4 following questions posed by the panel:  
Q1. What should Community and Town Councils be responsible for?  
A1. Community & Town Councils should have the flexibility to decide what services they should provide according to local need.  
Q2. How should they operate?  
A2. Community & Town Councils should be open and transparent and keep residents informed. They should encourage residents to take an interest in their activities. They should run professionally with, if at all possible, a trained clerk and financial officer.  
Q3. What's standing in their way to deliver for the local community?  
A3. Lack of financial knowledge and other resources. A lack of information about activities of other statutory bodies.  
Q4. How do councils ensure they best represent their local community?  
A4. By being accessible to local residents and ensuring residents know of their existence through newsletters, websites and social media, and encouraging residents to make their views known.
- 139 Reform of Data Protection Legislation**  
Council noted that the EU regulation known as General Data Protection Regulator (GDPR) will come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. One Voice Wales will assist Community & Town Council's to prepare for GDPR and workshops will be held early in the new year.
- 140 Cleansing St Cattwg's & Hengoed**  
Members provided the following areas that require additional cleansing, which will start week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Location	Brief Description
1. Black ash path between Hengoed Ave & Tiryberth	Litter and vegetation
2. Black ash path between Penybryn & Pottery Lane	Litter and vegetation
3 Black ash path between Gelligaer Medical Centre & Glyngaer Primary School	Litter and vegetation
4.Path from Hengoed Hall Drive to Hengoed Ave(rear of Birch Crescent, Cefn Hengoed)	Litter and vegetation

- 141 Happiness Pulse**  
This item was noted - A new survey will highlight how happy, connected and active people in Gwent are and will also provide an insight into the well-being of people living in Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, and Newport.  
The survey is launching across Gwent on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – the day recognised as Blue Monday – the most depressing day of the year for many, with people's mood possibly affected by their post-Christmas finances, the bad weather and the long wait for summer.  
Residents of Caerphilly county borough are being encouraged to fill in a simple online survey by 28<sup>th</sup> February. The survey will provide individuals with their own happiness score and links to hints and tips on how to improve their happiness.

*Cllr Alan Angel and Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.*

**142 Planning Applications**

The following applications were received and discussed:

Case Ref. 17/1062/FULL Site Area: 249m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 7 Clos Mynach Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 7TD (UPRN 000043021445)  
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension  
Applicant: Mr Harris 7 Clos Mynach Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 7TD  
Agent: Williams Architectural Design Services Mrs K Williams 3 Tansy Close Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8LF  
Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217 wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314610 (E) 197112 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
Email date 4/1/2017  
**Resolved:** No objection

Case Ref. 17/1066/LA Site Area: 20m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Caerphilly County Borough Centre For Sporting Excellence Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7EP (UPRN 000043018265)  
Proposal: Change the use from garage/store to food outlet for the use of attendees at Ystrad Mynach Centre for Sporting Excellence  
Applicant: CCBC Mr I Lawthom Caerphilly County Borough Council Penallta House Tredomen Park Tredomen Ystrad Mynach Hengoed  
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314512 (E) 193601 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
Email date 4/1/2017  
**Resolved:** No objection

**Meeting Closed at 9.10pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**