



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council
Wednesday 26th September 2018 at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel (Chair), D Cushing, C M David, W David, S Griffiths, W Griffiths, M James, T H Matthews, S A Milford and J A Pritchard (Vice Chair).

Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Alan Angel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

54 Apologies – were received from Cllr C Bezzina due to sickness and R E Osborne due to other commitments.

55 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.61(i) – Cefn Hengoed Financial Assistance Application.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.66 - Planning

56 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr A Angel read out the following thank you cards and letters from:

- Cascade Carvers, Melody Makers, Kidney Wales and Bargoed Male Voice Choir in respect of their grants.
- One Voice Wales motions were discussed:

1. Barry Town Council

We call upon all members of One Voice Wales to support and adopt all campaigns that actively promote initiatives within their communities to rid beaches, streets, parks, hedges and riverbanks of the plastic litter scourge:

- *Remove single-use plastic items from their own premises*
- *Encourage and support local shops and businesses to use sustainable alternatives to plastic*
- *Promote campaigns and events to highlight the damage that plastic waste is doing to the countryside, coastlines and towns*
- *Welsh Town and Community Councils to strive to achieve a 'plastic free' status award*

RESOLVED: Council agreed

2. Llangynog Community Council

"One Voice Wales acknowledges the need for the implementation of countermeasures aimed at reducing the damaging impact Mega Dairy farming (CAFO) operations are having on the Welsh rural communities and their environment and will actively lobby Welsh Government to develop policy and procedures to address the situation."

RESOLVED: Council agreed

3. Machynlleth Town Council

This council urges One Voice Wales to lobby the Welsh government to introduce without delay, legislation that will ensure that those communities who are losing or who have lost their high street banking services due to closure are enabled and assisted to set up, accommodate and promote community banking initiatives.

RESOLVED: Council agreed

4. Peterston Super Ely Community Council

One Voice Wales calls on the Welsh Government to lead on a 20mph default for restricted roads (ie those with lighting) with a view to reduce road danger where people live, work, shop and learn as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: Council objected to motion 4 but agreed to 20pmh limits on roads near schools and other learning facilities.

5. Tredegar Town Council, Pencoed Town Council and Wrexham Flint Area Committee Composite Motion

'One Voice Wales recognizes that the current environment of financial austerity is having a profound impact on the ability of Unitary Authorities to continue to support non-statutory service provision. Consequently One Voice Wales calls upon Welsh Government to:

- Put in place a financial programme to enable Community and Town Councils to have available funded resources to enable the efficient and effective transition of services from Unitary Authorities to the community and town council sector*
- Review the current Public Service Board representation to ensure in future community and town councils are represented on all such bodies across Wales*

RESOLVED: Council agreed

6. One Voice Wales Motion *"That membership fees are uplifted by up to 4% for the financial year 2019-20*

RESOLVED: Council opposed Motion 6 and agreed that delegated powers be given to Cllr Donna Cushing at the AGM to propose an amendment to the motion, 'That membership fees are uplifted in line with inflation, and not above, for the financial year 2019-20'.

57 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on **25/07/2018** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

58 Matters Arising

It was recommended that a Community Council notice be placed on the toilets in Ystrad Mynach Park and Parc Penallta.

59 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Reconciliation

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

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statements 69,68, 67,8,7, 12,13 & 14 were received and signed as an accurate record by a non signatory member.

60 Annual Return Year Ended 31st March 2018 – Deferred as BDO had failed to return documents in time.

61 Financial Assistance 2018/19 (pink papers)

Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

- Cefn Hengoed Old Age Application No.13
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £350 to Cefn Hengoed OAP

Cllr Donna Cushing returned to the meeting

- Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club Application No.14
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £1,300 to Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club
- Cascade Allotment Association Application No.15
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £350 to Cascade Allotment Association
- Tredomen Allotment Association Application No.16
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £350 to Tredomen Allotment Association
- Vicarage Allotment Association Application No.17
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £350 to Vicarage Allotment Association

- vi. Derwendeg Primary School PTA Application No.18
Resolved: Council agreed to fund £300 to Derwendeg Primary School PTA

62 Projects

(i) Project Summary was received and noted:

Project

No.

- 380 Ystrad Mynach Park Toilets
To arrange & pay for longer opening Mon - Sun 7.30am -7.00pm
July/ August - October 2018
- 379 Tiryberth Helping Hands
To fund one off payment of £300 for Xmas lights
Installation, PAT test and storage annually £150
- 378 Intergenerational Luncheon
To support the provision of luncheon club at Lewis School Pengam for the 50+
- 377 Outstanding Individuals
Support/sponsor 3 individuals per annum (sport, arts or music)
3 nominees received, one accepted - KJ
- 376 Commemoration of WW1
300 poppies to be installed on lampposts – 1st Ystrad Mynach Scouts to assist
- 375 Book development
Book development and publishing with Ysgol Penalltau
Session 1: 4th July 1-3pm, Session 2: 6th July 1-3pm
Session 3: 9th July 9.30am -11.30am, Session 4: 10th July 9.30 -11.30am
Sessions 5 & 6: 11th July 9.30am - 1.30am & 1-3pm
Illustration session: 19th July 1-3pm
- 374 Gelligaer Welfare Assoc.
Lay 50 metres x 3 metres concrete to access - 3 quotes received. GCC to partially fund £7k
Completed
- 373 Book read & workshop Gelligaer Giant at Derwendeg & Glyngar. Cost £300
- 372 Silent Soldier
To purchase and install 3 soldiers @ £250 each plus installation costs (tbc) at YM cenotaph
o/s Glanynant Memorial (tbc) or Pengam & Tiryberth
- 369 Llwyn Onn, bollards
Installation of bollards to alleviate parking on pavements & residents' gardens
- 366 Memorial
Supply & install memorial at Cascade Re: Mr Graham Moore on grassed area, Pengam Rd
near bus stop. Consent required from planning. Design to be confirmed. Trophy in his memory
for " Player of the year" with local club Change of name from Cascade Playing Field
- 355 Christmas Lighting 2018
Erect Christmas lighting throughout all wards of Gelligaer CC.
Clerk to purchase new LED's
LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors)
- 353 Ystrad Mynach
Contribution of £2k towards the Christmas Market Christmas Market 2018 to ensure its
continuity Saturday 17th Nov. Clerk to purchase gas & prom items
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)

- 348 Youth Club
Rebuild/ Refurbishment of centre Cefn Hengoed
Technical services fees
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
- 342 Hanging Baskets
17.5 summer hanging basket throughout the town of Ystrad Mynach plus 3 planters of flowers attached to railings to the front of pier head building
LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors)
- 335 Family Day Trip 2018/19
Fund 7 x 49 seater coaches for families £275 per coach to Barry / £295 per coach to P/Cawl
Day trip to beach leaving o/s:
(x2) Gelligaer Community Centre Sat 11th Aug
(x1) Sat Penybryn Aug 11th 2018 10.00am
(x1) Lindsay Club Sat 18th Aug 2018
(x1) Hengoed Community Centre Sat 18th Aug
(x2) TYB Primary Sun 26th Aug 2018
Resolved: Council agreed not to run buses from Penybryn & Ystrad Mynach due to poor take up. LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 228 Pantomimes throughout villages of Gelligaer CC
(1) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 05/12/18 6.30pm
(2) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 10/12/18 Dec 6.00pm
(3) Lyndsey Club Wed 12/12/18 5.30pm
(4) TYB Primary Thurs 13/12/18 6.30pm
(5) Lewis Girls Sunday Sun 16/12/18 2.30pm
(6) Glanynant Memorial Hall Sun 16/12/18 7.00pm
(7) Hengoed Community Centre Mon 17/12/18 Dec 5.30pm
(8) Cascade Community Centre Thurs 20/12/18 5.30pm
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)
- 218 Wild flower seed mix
Sowing at (1)Tiryberth park banking, (2)by The Cross P/H (3) on triangular section near Derwendeg School, (4)in the verge past Brynsiriol R/A
LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 212 Presentation of awards & grants and Young Citizens & Community Service
Invitation to community volunteers (100 -120 people)
Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr 10th November 2018 2.00 -4.30pm
Awards Certificate, frames & gifts (up 10 nominees)
Funded with Chairman. Bargoed Male Voice Choir to perform
LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 167 Community Newsletter Next issue - no. 10
LGA 1972 s.142
- New Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Memorial Install a memorial
Project War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as extended by LGA 1948 s.133
- New Claerwen Grassed area o/s no's 1-21
Project To create pathway. Awaiting quote
- 367 (i)Welfare Playground
Installation of pathway to access welfare, Cefn Road Hengoed
Quote agreed £1,819.24 Work completed. CIL
- New Bedwlwyn Road Bridge
Project Supply and install parapet at the southern west corner of the bridge to mitigate antisocial behaviour.
Quote required.Clerk requested spec from j higgs. Cllr T Parry & Clerk met with CCBC CIL

New Black Ash Path Hengoed Avenue to New Road TYB
Project Quote required to resurface remaining half of path CIL

New Dog waste composter at Parc Penallta
Project Awaiting quote

(ii) Christmas Lighting

Quotations were invited from 4 lighting contractors and discussed.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that Zenner Electrical be awarded the contract for 2018/2019 with the view to extend further.

(iii) Young Citizens Award & Community Service Awards - Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr Saturday 10th November 2018 2.00-4.30pm

Three pupils of Lewis School Pengam were nominated for this award in recognition of their efforts in tending to the grave at St Cattwg's Cemetery of Forgotten Soldier Lance Corporal, Haydn Carlyle Phillips 14894

RESOLVED: Council agreed the nominations: Lucas, Mackenzie and Nathan.

(iv) WW1

(a) Commemorative mugs

RESOLVED: Council agreed to present all primary school children with a commemorative WW1 mug. Clerk to order 2100.

(b) Lamp post poppies – 1st Ystrad Mynach Scouts

It was noted that the 1st Ystrad Mynach Scouts would assist with erecting poppies.

(c) Wreaths – TYB, YM, CH & Gelligaer

It was noted that wreaths would be distributed at our meeting on 24th October 2018 for Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Memorial, St Cattwg's Church Gelligaer, Tiryberth Memorial and Ystrad Mynach Cenotaph.

(d) Derwendeg Primary School – Memorial Update

It was noted that Head Teacher Mr Stewart Davies, CCBC's Ms Sue Davies were satisfied with the proposals and that legal would now need to draft a lease agreement/license.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to proceed with the lease agreement/license.

(v) Ystrad Mynach Christmas Fayre 17th November 2018

RESOLVED: Council agreed the following (a) – (f)

(a) To have a stall again this year

(b) Fronting stall – Clerk will set up. Morning cover: Cllrs Christine David & Wynne David; Midday: Cllr Judith Pritchard; Afternoon: Cllr Donna Cushing and C Mortimer

(c) Promotional items – delegated powers be given to clerk to purchase promotional gifts, balloons and gas to the sum of £2,500

(d) Selection boxes – enquiries were being made with local stores.

(e) Tree – artificial tree to be inspected or a tree to be purchased

(f) Grotto – To take place in Siloh Centre. £1.00 charge to continue for children visiting Santa, which will include a selection box.

63 Local Toilet Strategy Consultation

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/consultations/local-toilet-strategy-consultation>

Closing date: 28th September 2018

Toilet strategy was received and discussed and the following comments submitted:

'I am writing in response to the Local Toilet Strategy Consultation on behalf of Members and residents of Gelligaer Community Council.

We believe this survey is actually asking the wrong questions.

Many people, especially older people and those with disabilities and medical needs plan their journeys according to their knowledge of toilet facilities in particular locations and avoid places if they do not know that there are toilets there.

This will tend to increase use of large supermarkets to the detriment of smaller town centre shops. Lack of toilets in town centre locations therefore undermines the Council's "Choose the High Street" campaign.

Toilets should be provided at bus stations and interchanges to encourage people to travel by public transport.

In particular the public toilets in Nelson should be re-opened at the central bus station as people change buses there. They were an essential facility for bus drivers and residents and visitors walking along the Taff Trail.

Toilets should be provided in country parks and large urban parks in towns, for instance in Ystrad Mynach which is much used by parents with children. They should be kept open at times when the parks are most used by the public, especially at weekends.

Older people, those who are disabled and/or have a medical need and parents and their young children are particularly disadvantaged by lack of well-managed and clean toilet provision

A mobile phone app informing residents and visitors of the location of the nearest toilet available to the public with opening times would be useful. However café, restaurant and pub owners are unlikely to welcome people to use their toilets without purchasing something from the premises, so they are unlikely to agree to display stickers or posters’.

64 Changes to Bus Service C16 (Caerphilly 19:05 – Nelson 19:40) from 5 November 2018

It was noted that Monday to Saturday evening journeys will be provided by N.A.T. Group as opposed to Harris Coaches. Route, timetable and tickets will be unaffected.

65 Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils in Wales

Members received and noted the findings and recommendations that will be submitted to Welsh Government. It was hoped that Community & Town Council’s will be consulted further as members disagreed with some of the recommendations.

Chair Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.

Vice Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard chaired the next item in the Chairs absence.

66 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were received and discussed.

It was noted that comments or enquiries are to be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email.

Email 21/09/2018

Case Ref. 18/0710/FULL Site Area: 361m²

Location: 14 Trosnant Crescent Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7FU (UPRN 000043011498)

Proposal: Erect a single storey extension to the rear of property

Case Officer: Miss E Rowley _ 01443 864776 _ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313613 (E) 196295 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 18/0782/FULL Site Area: 371m²

Location: Land Adj. To The Haven 4 Old Parish Road Hengoed CF82 7HU (UPRN 000043030370)

Proposal: Erect three bedroom dwelling with off road parking

Case Officer: Mr A Pyne _ 01443 864523 _ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315138 (E) 195213 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Deferred for further information.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: 24th October 2018