



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council on Wednesday 21st March 2018, 7.30pm at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, C M David, W David, W Griffiths, M James (Chair), R Osborne, T Parry and J A Pritchard

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Ms Tracy Wallbank, PETRA Coordinator, Mr Lyn Davies and Mr Lenny Holton of Gelligaer Welfare Association and Mr Gareth Williams of Gelligaer Bowls.

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

156 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors C Bezzina due to being unwell, D Cushing, S Griffiths, T H Matthews and S A Milford due to other commitments.

157 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 M James declared an interest in minute no.164 (ii) Financial Assistance for Vicarage Allotments Association.

Cllr W David and Cllr A Angel declared an interest in minute no.171 Planning

158 Book Development - Ms Tracy Wallbank, PETRA Coordinator

Ms Wallbank gave members a verbal overview of PETRA, which stands for Parents Engaging To Raise Aspirations. Costings, schedules and publishing matrix were received and noted. A sample of books were distributed and discussed and Members agreed to discuss potentially funding a project, later under the Projects heading.

Ms Wallbank was thanked for attending the meeting.

Ms Wallbank left the meeting.

159 Gelligaer Welfare Access – Mr Lyn Davies and Mr Lenny Holton of Gelligaer Welfare Association and Mr Gareth Williams of Gelligaer Bowls.

Mr Lyn Davies spoke with members in relation to the ongoing issues with pot holes along the access road to the Welfare. Mr Lyn Davies is to pursue the enquiry with the Welsh Church Fund. Members agreed to discuss potentially funding this project later under the Projects heading.

Members of the Welfare and Gelligaer Bowls were thanked for their attendance.

Mr Davies, Holton and Mr Williams left the meeting.

160 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Martyn James announced the following:

- A book "Lewis Lore" which was written by pupils of Lewis School Pengam, telling the tales of local folk lore 100 years ago but written in a more contemporary style by the pupils of today was circulated. An email was also received from Assistant Head, Mr Mike Oliver, at Lewis School Pengam stating that the school have also been nominated for a national training award based on their wellbeing and community work.

- A letter of thanks had been received from Ystrad Mynach Male Choir in relation to the grant of £400 that community council had awarded them
- Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society “Three Cardiff Communities: Roath, Splott and Adamsdown” lecture on Tuesday 27th March 1.30pm at Neuadd St Cattwg Community Hall.
- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board “Your Voice Matters” Consultation is being held on Tuesday 10th April 2.00 - 4.00pm at the Caerphilly Miners Centre.
- Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Richard Osborne had attended a Community Engagement Training with One Voice Wales.
- Ystrad Mynach Master Plan consultation at Ty Penallta on Thursday 22nd March, 5.00pm

161 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on **07/03/2018** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

162 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

163 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

‘Balance of Funds’ document, which includes list of authorised cheques and debit card payments was received, approved and signed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman and Cllr A Angel

(ii) Reconciliation

Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statements 5 & 6 from Unity Trust were received, approved and signed by a non-signatory member as an accurate record. It was noted that Lloyds Bank Statements that were presented to Council on the 7th March were unchanged.

164 Financial Assistance

(i) Easter Flowers – St Cattwg’s Church Application No.38

Resolved: Council agreed that a donation of £75 be made to St Cattwg’s Church towards Easter flowers.

Chair, Cllr Martyn James declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions. Cllr Alan Angel chaired the item.

(ii) Vicarage Allotment Association Financial Assistance Application No. 39

Resolved: Council agreed to pledge the sum of £350 to the Vicarage Allotment Association

Chair Cllr Martyn James resumed at chairing the meeting

165 Projects

(i) Project Summary was received and discussed.

It was noted that only projects for 2018/19, ongoing projects and annual projects will appear on the next project summary in April 2018.

(ii) PETRA Book Development

Resolved: Council agreed to fund £9k on developing a book (bilingual) with one of the schools, to include printing sufficient copies and to hold readings and creative writing sessions at all 8 primary schools.

(ii) Gelligaer Welfare Association – Resurface the Access Road.

Resolved: Council agreed to fund up to a maximum of £7k towards this project with no further funding. Gelligaer Welfare Association were advised by the Community Council to make an application to the Welsh Church Fund to secure the remaining sum. Discussions were in place.

166 British Gas Care Plan Renewal 2018/19

Council was requested to consider renewing our Care Plan at a cost of £245.30

Resolved: Council agreed to renew the Care Plan for 2018/19

167 Reform of Data Protection Legislation – Members noted the update and workshop dates.

168 Zurich Insurance Renewal 2018-19

(i) Policy Schedule was received and noted. Clerk is to enquire as to the value of the property.
Resolved: Council agreed to renew the policy for 2018-19 at a cost of £746.15

169 Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for Wales 2018

(i) Letter from Chair of the IRP, Mr John Baden was received and noted.

(ii) IRP Report February 2018 (pages 1-9, 40-45 are applicable to C&TC's) was received and noted.

Resolved: Council agreed as "Group B" the following Determinations:

Determination 44 - Approved: Community council to make a payment of £150 to each member for cost incurred in respect of telephone usage, IT and consumables

Determination 46 – Not Approved

Determination 47 – Approved: Community council to make payments for travel costs for attending approved duties outside the borough amounts as per IRP report.

Determination 48: Approved: Community council to pay overnight stay for a particular duty, amounts as per IRP report and on the base of receipted claims.

Determination 49 – Approved: Community Council to pay financial loss compensation for the amount as per the IRP Report, for attending an approved duty

Determination 50 – Approved: Community Council to pay for the reimbursement of necessary additional costs for the care of dependent children and adults up to a maximum sum of £403 per month, on the production of receipts from the carer.

Determination 51: Approved: Community Council to pay £350 to the Chair of the Council to carry out the functions of that office, this is in addition to the £150 for costs and expenses.

Determination 52: Approved: Community Council to pay £100 to the Deputy Chair of the Council to undertake the functions of that office, this is in addition to the £150 for costs and expenses

170 S116 Highways Act 1980 stopping up Highway at Penywrlod Road Gelligaer

Resolved: Gelligaer Community Council strongly objects to this order. The layby is used by parents whilst they wait to pick up their children from school, who walk along the safe route from Greenhill Primary.

The safe route to school was developed at great expense for our children to be able to walk to and from school safely. If the layby is removed, our children's safety will be compromised.

The Clerk will write to Mr Marcus Lloyd of Highways and Ms Helen Lewis of Legal.

Cllr Alan Angel and Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussion.

171 Planning Applications - pre planning and planning applications were received and discussed:

Pre planning application received from Asbriplanning in relation to for residential developments and associated works in land at the former Penallta Colliery, Penallta Road, CF82 7SW

Resolved: No objection

Case Ref. 18/0194/COU Site Area: 416m²

Location: Horeb Baptist Chapel Castle Hill Gelligaer (UPRN 000043169960)

Proposal: Convert Grade II listed chapel into a residential property

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Leader Horeb Welsh Baptist Chapel Castle Street Gelligaer CF82 8EB

Agent: STP Architects Mr D Poole Old School House Hengoed Road Hengoed CF82 7JS

Case Officer: Mrs M Davies _ 01443 866690 _ daviem2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref:313644 (E) 196987 (N) Council Expected Decision Level:Delegated

Community Council: Gelligaer Community

Resolved: No objection

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: 25th April 2018