



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council Wednesday 12th December 2018 at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel (Chair), C Bezzina, D Cushing, W David, M James, T Matthews, T Parry and J Pritchard

Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Alan Angel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

96 Apologies – were received from Cllr D Cushing as she would be arriving late, Cllr C David due to feeling unwell and Cllr S Griffiths & Cllr W Griffiths due to other commitments.

97 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 C Bezzina declared an interest in Minute No. 103 Caerphilly County Borough Council's Budget Consultation

98 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Alan Angel announced that a donation would be made to the Valley Storehouse from the chairman's account, in support of their Christmas party and gifts.

Letters of thanks were received and noted from Caffi Calvary and Ystrad Mynach OAP's in respect of grants received and a "wonderful afternoon at Llancaiach" and praise for the newly installed memorial at Derwendeg Primary School.

99 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 28/11/2018 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

100 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

101 Financial Assistance 2018/19 – there were no applications received.

102 Projects

(i) Project Summary December 2018 was received and noted:

Project

387 Cascade Methodist – complete rewiring of building. Cost £4,300

386 Tower of London Ceramic Poppy

Gifted poppy to be framed alongside certificate of authenticity and displayed at Derwendeg Primary School. Cost tbc

385 Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Memorial Install a memorial Cost £13,008

Project War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as extended by LGA 1948 s.133
Completed

384 Hengoed PTA – purchase outdoor furniture Cost £500

383 Ystrad Mynach Library – supply & fit community notice board on library wall Cost: £1,059

382 VAS signs on junction of Glyngae & Duffryn Park Cost: £10,000

381 WW1 Mugs to all primary schools Cost £4,188

380 Ystrad Mynach Park Toilets

To arrange & pay for longer opening Mon - Sun 7.30am -7.00pm July/ August - October
2018 Cost £1,532

- 379 Tiryberth Helping Hands - to fund one off payment of £300 for Xmas lights. Installation, PAT and storage annually £150. Community Council to store and erect in future.
- 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 & Glyngaer. 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 in 2019/20 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 Claerwen Grassed area o/s no's 1-21
Project To create pathway. Awaiting quote. Member to chase

367CIL(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 rec'd for assessment spec received (j Higgs) Cllr T Parry & Clerk met on site with CCBC

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

Cllr Donna Cushing arrived at the meeting

Cllr Carmen Bezzina declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

103 Caerphilly County Borough Council's Budget Consultation

(i) Council received Caerphilly's Budget Consultation 2019/20 Challenge and unanimously agreed the following comments:

1. Gelligaer Community Council strongly opposes the proposed closure of Penallta Civic Amenity Site due to it being a well-used facility, with higher tonnage than other sites such as Rhymney and Aberbargoed. There is good off road access to Penallta Civic Amenity on the Penallta Industrial Estate and it serves several large communities.

We also oppose suggestions of expanding Trehir, due to very poor access. Trehir has a single lane and bailey bridge accessing the site, which only allows access for 3 to 4 cars at a time. As a result, a buildup of traffic is likely to occur on the roundabout.

Also people do not travel north. Therefore the Rhymney Civic Amenity Site will not see more usage. We urge CCBC to base money saving decisions on tonnage and population.

Sites producing less tonnage and in more sparsely populated areas should be considered for closure to make savings.

We therefore urge that Penallta Civic Amenity Site remain open.

2. Gelligaer Community Council opposes the proposal of introducing charges for rat treatment. If charges are applied, rat sightings and infestations will go unreported, thus becoming a public health issue.

A system whereby victims are blamed is unfair, victims should not be held to account.

3. Gelligaer Community Council strongly opposes the voluntary sector cuts.

Barnardos are far more effective at providing family support than the council. Cutting this voluntary support is counterproductive as vulnerable families will lean more heavily on Social Services.

Also our Citizen's Advice Bureau is regarded as a life line to many in areas of high deprivation, and people would find it extremely challenging to lose a much needed and highly used service.

Members of the public have reported that your budget consultation paper is misleading as it is scant on detail with reference to 'Reduction in voluntary sector Service Level Agreements'.

Gelligaer Community Council abhors cuts to the voluntary sector.

4. Gelligaer Community Council objects to the proposed reduction of 1 hour caretakers support across all centres from April and further, the proposal to remove caretakers support from all centres from October.

We urge CCBC to adopt a different approach by looking at the income/expenditure, balances and usage of each centre in turn.

We also object to the reduction in subsidy at Glanynant Memorial Hall.

Community Centres are the hub of our communities. It is where community spirit, support and friendship is found.

We strongly recommend that CCBC looks at each centre as opposed to an across the board approach before making any decisions.

5. Gelligaer Community Council objects to the cessation of the Community Warden Service. The wardens are the "eyes and ears of our community, helping to keep our streets safe", working in partnership with other organizations. Losing this service will inevitably mean our streets will be less safe.

6. Toilet Strategy

In view of the recent publication of the strategy for consultation, we feel that CCBC is premature in proposing the closure of public toilets, and a decision on this subject should be deferred.

104 Planning Applications – there were no planning applications received.

105 Next Meeting date: Wednesday 23rd January 2019

It was noted that our budget and precept will be discussed and set at this meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date: 23rd January 2019**