



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: C Bezzina, D Cushing, S Griffiths, W Griffiths, M James, T H Matthews, S A Milford R E Osborne, T Parry and J A Pritchard (Vice Chair).

Clerk: C Mortimer

Vice Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10 Apologies

11 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.18 NJC National Salary

C. Mortimer declared an interest in Minute No. 18 NJC National Salary

12 New Chairman's Announcements – there were no announcements

13 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on **25/04/2018** were received approved and signed as an accurate record.

14 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

15 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

Resolved: 'Balance of Funds' document, which includes list of authorised cheques and debit card payments were received approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Reconciliation

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

(iii) Bank Statements

Resolved: Lloyds bank statements were received approved and signed by non-signatory member as an accurate record.

16 Notice of annual audit of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018

(i) Summary of timescale from our external auditors BDO LLP, outlining the audit arrangements was received and noted.

Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights	21 May – 3 June 2018
Appointed date set for the exercise of elector's rights to inspect the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2017	4 June – 29 June 2018
Statutory deadline for RFO & Council to approve Annual Return	30 June 2018
Date by which BDO LLP are to receive approved Annual Return	2 July 2018
Council to publish certified Annual Return	30 September 2018

17 Financial Assistance 2018/19 – pink paper
(i) Cefn Forest Marching Display Band – this item was deferred for further information

(ii) Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club Application No. 2
Resolved: Council agreed to fund £1,300 to the Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club

(iii) Holy Trinity Church Ystrad Mynach Application no. 3
Resolved: Council agree to fund £300 to Holy Trinity Church Ystrad Mynach

Ceri Mortimer and Cllr Carmen Bezzina declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber

18 NJC National Pay Award for 2018/19
Nalc Employment Briefing E01-18 and new salary scales applicable from April 2018 were received and noted.
Resolved: Council agreed to the salary award applicable to the Clerk from April 2018 and relayed this decision to the clerk on her return to the chamber.

Ceri Mortimer and Cllr Carmen Bezzina returned to the meeting.

19 Projects
(i) Project Summary - was receive and noted.

Cllr Carmen Bezzina left the meeting

(ii) New Project Proposals:

a) End of WWI – poppies
Resolved: Council agreed to the purchase of 300 poppies from RBL. 1st Ystrad Mynach Scouts and Cascade Army Cadets will be approached and invited to assist with installation of poppies.

b) Christmas Lighting – item deferred

c) Supporting Outstanding Individuals
Statutory Guidance to Welsh Local Authorities on the Power to promote or improve Economic, Social or Environmental Well-Being under the Local Government Act 2000 was received and noted.

d) Clerk's report in relation to potential candidate (pink paper) was received and noted.
Resolved: Council agreed the following criteria items (1) – (4) for awarding grants in support of outstanding individuals:

(1) Must have previously been awarded a young citizens award by Gelligaer Community Council

(2) Residency – must be a resident of Gelligaer Community Council area, and proof will be required

(3) Up to three awards of £1,000 each per annum, to support outstanding individuals.

(4) Only one grant may be awarded per individual.

Resolved: Council agreed that £1,000 be awarded to Mr Kyron Jones and agreed that a further £1,000 each be awarded to two further sporting individuals on the proviso that they met the criteria.

e) Young Citizens Award – 2 x nominees for consideration were accepted on the proviso they reside within the Gelligaer Community Council area.

20 One Voice Wales – Motions for AGM 29th September 2019

Two motions were invited, per member Council, for consideration for debate at the AGM on Saturday 29th September 2018.

Resolved: Council agreed the proposed motion for One Voice Wales:

ACCESS TO RADIO

Notes: -

- The UK Government are considering the turning off of FM and LW signals, their argument being that 49% of the U.K. are now listening to digital radio. (possibly because most car manufacturers are now choosing to put DAB radios in their cars as standard).
- In 2013 Ed Vaizey, the then Minister for Culture and the Digital Economy, suggested that this would be done by 2020.
- 90% of the UK population has access to radio, and there are still 51% listening to Analogue FM and LW (the majority). This in part is probably due to significant signal issues, because of the equipment they have and because of tradition.

Gelligaer Community Council believes: -

- The UK Government's proposal will have significant impact on the more vulnerable, isolated, disabled, and/or sensory impaired citizens.
- It will have a widespread financial impact on low income individuals and families in our communities, as they will have to purchase new equipment.

Action required: -

- To call on the UK Government to abandon these plans.

21 Office Furniture – quotes received and costs noted.

Resolved: Members agreed to the purchase of one office chair to replace broken chair and two tables for the chamber.

22 Development at Former Greenhill School, Gelligaer.

Resolved: Members agreed that the stopping up order proceed on the basis of the revised plan which retains the layby in part as per drawing.

23 Next meeting date 27th June 2018 – group photos prior to meeting

Noted

24 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were received & discussed

Email date: 11/05/2018

Case Ref. 18/0367/FULL Site Area: 211m²

Location: 34 Maes-Y-Dderwen Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DP (UPRN 000043012710)

Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and construct a new single-storey extension for disabled adaptation

Applicant: Mr J Carpenter 34 Maes-Y-Dderwen Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DP

Agent: Mrs S Denman 6 Clos Mynach Bryn Siriol Hengoed CF82 7TD

Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01443 864347 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313983 (E) 197429 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Resolved: No objection

Email Date 03/05/2018

Case Ref. 18/0357/CLPU Site Area: 214m²

Location: 24 Griffin Drive Penallta Hengoed CF82 6AH (UPRN 000043167699)

Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed conservatory to the side elevation

Applicant: Mr Tallon 24 Griffin Drive Penallta Hengoed CF82 6AH

Agent: Dunraven Windows Mr D Thomas St David's House Heol Mostyn Village Farm

Industrial Estate Pyle Bridgend CF33 6BJ

Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01495 235120 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314392 (E) 195388 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Resolved: No objection

Email date 03/05/2018

Case Ref. 18/0362/FULL Site Area: 16344m²

Location: Land At Grid Ref 313945 195746 Winding Wheel Lane Penallta Hengoed (UPRN 000043172292)

Proposal: Erect residential development and associated works

Applicant: United Welsh Housing Association Mr S Hunter-Smith Y Borth 13 Beddau Way
Caerphilly CF83 2AX

Agent: Asbri Planning Ltd Mr D Green Unit 9 Oak Tree Court Cardiff Gate Business Park
Cardiff CF23 8RS

Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref:313945 (E) 195746 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Resolved: No objection

ADDITIONALPLANNING APPLICATION – TABLED:

Email received: 18/05/2018

Case Ref. 18/0392/FULL Site Area: 254m²

Location: 45 Hengoed Avenue Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7HX (UPRN 000043020335)

Proposal: Erect detached garage to rear

Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217 wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314784 (E) 195994 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Resolved: No objection

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Signed: _____ **Chairman Date: 27th June 2018**