



**GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council
held on Thursday 17th December 2015, 7.30pm, at
Gelligaer Community Council, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol**

PRESENT

Councillors: D Cushing, H David, W David, W Griffiths, M James, T Parry (Chairman), J A Pritchard & N Quarry (arrived late).

Clerk: C Mortimer

127 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Angel due to work commitments, Cllr G Hughes and Cllr G Roberts due to sickness

128 Declarations of Interest

Ceri Mortimer declared an interest in minute no.134 (SLCC)

Cllr Hefin David declared an interest in minute no. 139 (ii) (Penybryn Village Hall)

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in minute no.139 (ii) (Penybryn Village Hall) and minute no.140 (Planning)

Cllr Nicola Quarry arrives at the meeting

129 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman, Cllr Teresa Parry announced the following:

- Santa's float, which the Community Council had sponsored, would be travelling through our wards on Saturday 19th at 5.05pm
- Attended Ystrad Mynach Fayre which had been a huge success, donated raffle prizes
- Met and delivered gifts for raffle to Tiryberth & Hengoed Pensioners
- Enjoyed a Christmas meal with Cefn Hengoed Pensioners and donated gifts
- Attended Croeso Club Fayre and donated gifts
- Attended Hengoed Community Centre pantomime which was a great success, as were others. Lewis Girls pantomime is this Sunday. Gave gifts to raffle at all pantomime performances.
- Presented flowers to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Anne & John Braine
- Attending Arthritis Care dinner next week

130 Minutes

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18/11/2015 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record

131 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

132 Current Financial Situation as at 08/12/2015

(i) Balance of Funds

Balance of Funds were received, confirmed and signed as an accurate record which included a list of authorised cheques. Chairman and vice signed.

(ii) Cheques & Debit Card Payments

Chairman received and signed copied cheques and debit card receipts

(iii) Reconciliation

Reconciled cheque list was received and signed by non-signatory member

(iv) Bank Statements

Bank statement no's 13, 12, 74, 83 & 29 were received and signed by non-signatory member

133 Financial Assistance

(i) Wales Air Ambulance Application No.26

It was RESOLVED that £100 be granted to Wales Air Ambulance

Members re-affirmed the current position that financial assistance requests from national charities would be considered case by case, on merit, and only awarded if it was highly likely that local inhabitants of Gelligaer Community Council were to benefit either socially, economically or environmentally.

- (ii) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales – deferred for further information
- (iii) Llamau – deferred for further information
- (iv) Open Spaces Society – item noted

The clerk declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber playing no part in the ensuing discussions

134 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Membership renewal 2016/17

On the clerk's return to the chamber the following was relayed:

Due to SLCC providing a professional, supportive and innovative service to the clerk, which enables her to undertake her role to the best of her ability,
It was RESOLVED that council would renew the clerk's membership for 2016/17 at a cost of £167

135 Staff Appraisal

Members were requested to nominate one or two members to undertake a 6 -12 month appraisal sessions with the clerk.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Teresa Parry and Cllr Wynne David would undertake a 12 monthly appraisal with the clerk.

136 Written Statement by the Welsh Government

Re: Transparency of Senior Remuneration in the Devolved Welsh Public Sector by Leighton Andrews AM, Minister for Public Services - received and noted.

137 Community Health Council – this item was received, displayed and noted

Are you interested in improving the health service? Volunteers are required from all walks of life to act as the eyes and ears of patients and the public, working with the health service to improve quality of patient care. 3 – 5 days a month, travel expenses will be reimbursed

For further information, please contact CHC's board on 02920 235558 or email member.recruitment@waleschc.org.uk

138 Caerphilly's Budget Challenge

Residents across the Caerphilly county borough are being given the chance to have their say on proposals to deliver in 2016/17.

The budget consultation runs for 12 weeks, from: Monday 19th October - 8th January 2016

An online survey is now available on the CCBC website (www.caerphilly.gov.uk/budgetchallenge)

Members made the following comments for submission on some of the proposals:

Social Services & Public Protection

- Gelligaer Community Council disagrees with the Introduction of charges to schools for the setting up of sandwich places
- Rat Treatment Fees - the Community Council disagrees to rat treatment fees as it has been proven in other authorities to be unsuccessful, as less referrals are received ,which poses a public health concern.
- Decommission Care & Repair (Safety at Home) Contract – the community council believes that impact to users should be minimal

- Decommission Age Concern Hospital Discharge contract – the Community Council disagrees as this could potentially increase bed blocking.
- Respite Care – Reduce number of Learning Disability establishments from 2 to 1 and reduce overall number of respite care nights provided – the Community Council would like an assurance that an alternative is in place before withdrawing the service.
- Reduce operational Breakfast Clubs costs by 1 hour of staffing per day – the Community Council objects, as this service is beneficial to a child's day and learning ability.

Education & Community Service

- Review of car parking charges on all Council Pay 7 Display car parks, together with review of locations:
The Community Council are strongly opposed to the reviewing of tariffs, as we have three Pay & Display car parking areas within our community council area: Hengoed, Pengam & Ystrad Mynach. It would cause mayhem on the highway as users are more likely to park in residential streets and any other space they can find as opposed to having to pay for parking.

139 Projects

- (i) St David's Day Event – correspondence from Ms Pauline Elliott, CCBC's Head of Regeneration & Planning in relation to CCBC's funding and the reluctance of elected CCBC members to forego rotating events throughout the towns in the Caerphilly borough to include Ystrad Mynach was noted and the clerk will respond expressing our disappointment at being excluded.

- (ii) Pantomime – all performances were well received.

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Penybryn Village Hall – Chairman Cllr Teresa Parry discovered on visiting the hall that extra costs had been incurred due to the transportation of a stage. It was RESOLVED that Penybryn Village Hall be recompensed the additional cost. An invoice will be submitted to the clerk.

Cllr Wynne David & Cllr Hefin David returned to discussions

- (iii) Ystrad Mynach Christmas Fayre – was a very enjoyable day and positive feedback had been received from traders, retailers and visitors. It was RESOLVED that Santa's grotto items would be safely stored at the community council.

- (iv) Christmas Lighting
Members ratified an additional spend of £775 on transformers and 3 LED figurines and 1 string of lights

- (v) Cascade Fencing - estimate received.
It was RESOLVED additional spend of £6,000 to meet the shortfall based on the estimate and to complete the job

- (vi) Community Benefit – Children's book update
Received and noted - The group is on track and is still been established, there are 9 parents who are regularly involved and attend the weekly session at the Community centre. They are all excited about the prospect of writing a book and have started thinking about themes. The workshops will begin in January. This group will take a bit longer to establish as they are a new group and it is important that they get to know each other, this is a flying start area so all the families are the targeted customer group that were hoped for, so there will be some key referrals into the Communities First projects. Key people are being contacted to come to discuss the history of the area, so this will influence the story.

- (vii) Community Benefit – Compost disabled WC at Parc Penallta update
Currently gone out to procurement
- (viii) Newsletter – the clerk will send out details via email
- (ix) Project Summary:

Project No. 363 Bus Shelter o/s Derwendeg Primary School

Work: Supply & install bus shelter

Cost: £5,000

Project No. 362 Community Benefit – Solar Schools

Work: Supply & Install solar panels as gift to 3 schools – Glyngaer primary, Hengoed primary & YGG Bro Allta plus asbestos & structural surveys to all 8 primary schools.

Cost: £33,000

Project No. 361 Community Benefit – write & publish children’s book

Work: Community 1st to work with families to write local book for children (bilingual)

Cost: £5,000

Project No. 360 Community Benefit – Compost toilet

Work: Install disabled toilet at Parc Penallta suitable for all to use

Cost: £4,000

Project No. 359 Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre

Work: Install showers for footballers

Cost: £2,000 (plus area forum monies £9,000)

Project No. 358 Glanynant

Work: Supply & Install green loop fencing remaining stretch near Glanynant Memorial Hall.

Cost: £6,000 (plus area forum monies £4228)

Project No. 357 Siloh Christian Centre Ystrad Mynach

Work: Develop small garden to the rear (phase 1)

Cost: £545

Project No. 356 Cascade Methodist Church

Work: Install e external doors and new signage

Cost: £2,161, pledged £2500

Project No. 355 Christmas Lighting throughout area

Work: Install 63 figurines, dress 7 trees, curtain of lights.

Cost: £4,286 plus £1166 for supply & lighting tree at Derwendeg primary

Project No. 354 Heath Messages in Local Surgeries

Work: Install TV monitors to display health messages in Gelligaer & Oakfield surgeries

Cost: £777

Project No.353 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market

Work: Contribution towards the Christmas market to ensure its continuity.

Cost: £1,500

Project No. 352 Bethel Evangelical Church, Gelligaer

Work: To improve disabled access and DDA W/C

Cost: £2,500

Project No. 351 Roman Fort Welsh Guide Books

Work: Design and print 200 books in readiness for the Eisteddfod

Cost: £835

Project No. 350 – Community Notice Board

Work: Supply & install notice board o/s Magnum Stores, Cefn Hengoed for the community to use and for the community Council to display items of interest.

Cost: £1167

Project No. 348 – Youth Club, Cefn Hengoed

Work: Rebuild/refurbishment centre.

Cost: £ 3,520 (fee for technical services)

Project No. 345 - Women's refuge

Work: to improve the interior to make more homely & welcoming for women & children.

Inventory of items/works has been drawn up

Cost of printing: £330 for Welcome Packs for Gilfach & £330 on mattresses for Ystrad Mynach

Project No. 343 Ystrad Mynach Primary School Centenary Mosaic

Work: Artists to work with children in designing and installing a mosaic in the grounds

Cost: £2,000

Project No. 342 Hanging Baskets at Ystrad Mynach

Work: Supply & fit 12 summer hanging baskets throughout the town plus planter on railings to the front of Pier Head building & daily watering

Cost: £3,406

Project No.336 Motorbike Inhibitor between f/path on Hospital Road

Work: Install Motorbike Inhibitor Cost: £950

Project No.335 Day trip to the beach for families

Work: 2 coaches from each community 1st ward (i) Gelligaer (ii) Tiryberth (iii) Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed, to transport families for a day out to Porthcawl

Cost: £1,950

Project No. 330 Bands in the Park

Work: Bands in the Park 2015 at Tiryberth Park and Ystrad Mynach Park. Cost: £692

Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2015

Work: Arrange 7 pantomimes at 6 venues (1) Tiryberth Primary

(2) Gelligaer Community Centre (3) Lindsay Club (4) Hengoed Community Centre (5) Ystrad Mynach x 2 (Lewis Girls) & Penybryn Cost: £4,000

Project No. 222: Tiryberth Memorial

Work: Hard standing & pathway completed. Names of fallen are required for inscriptions on the granite. Member has made enquiries and awaiting information from Mike Headington. CCBC's Bereavement Officer.

Project No. 218: Wild Flower Sowing

Work: sowing/planting at: (1) Tiryberth park banking

(2) by The Cross P/H (3) on triangular section of grass near Derwendeg Primary

(4) in the verge past the entrance and R/A to Brynsiriol estate Cost: £1,250

Project No. 212: Bi-annual Gelligaer Young Citizens Award

Work: Presentation for good deeds within the community

Cost: £205 Next event: tbc

Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Work: Newsletter 2015/16 – clerk has started the newsletter

Cost: £1150 & distribution costs

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

140 Planning

Case Ref. 15/0714/FULL Site Area: 215m²
Location: Land Adjacent To 8 Nant-Y-Ffyddlon Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DQ
Proposal: Construct a two-storey, three-bedroom dwelling house
Applicant: Miss J McCarthy 8 Nant-Y-Ffyddlon Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DQ
Case Officer: Mrs M Davies ☐01495 235227 ☐daviem2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313889 (E) 197418 (N) Target Date: 11.01.2016
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated –
NO OBJECTION BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Case Ref. 15/0731/FULL Site Area: 264m²
Location: 7 Duffryn Close Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DN
Proposal: Erect garage and dormers to the front and rear of the property
Applicant: Mr A Berry 7 Duffryn Close Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DN
Agent: Bryson Developments Mr B Curtis 5A Riverside Court Arrowford Buildings
Commercial Street Pontllanfraith Blackwood NP12 2JG
Case Officer: Mr A Pyne 01495 235197 pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313949 (E) 197604 (N) Target Date: 14.01.2016
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
NO OBJECTION BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Case Ref. 15/0738/FULL Site Area: 549m²
Location: 8 Penallta Villas Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7GH
Proposal: Erect a single storey rear extension
Applicant: Mr J Pope 8 Penallta Villas Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7GH
Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01495 235120 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314448 (E) 195141 (N) Target Date: 18.01.2016
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
NO OBJECTION BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTICE UNDER CIRCULAR 20/90 – ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS AND OVERHEAD LINES

Divert existing 33kV overhead line due to proposed extension to working Quarry Land At Bryn Quarry, Gelligaer, CF82 8FY.
GRID REFERENCE - 312485(E) 196441(N)
NO OBJECTION BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr Teresa Parry thanked the Clerk and Members for their hard work and commitment over past year and wished them all a Happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman