



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015 at Gelligaer Community Council Office, Council Chamber, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A P Angel, W David, W Griffiths, T Parry (Chairman), J A Pritchard and G Roberts.

Clerk: Ceri Mortimer

In Attendance: Mr P Cooke, CCBC Sustainable Development Team Leader, Mr G Davies & Ms O Clatworthy of CleanEarth.

Chairman, Cllr Teresa Parry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the address by CleanEarth and subsequently left the chamber, playing no part in the brief discussions.

Mr G Davies spoke about a proposal to erect a single 77 m wind turbine at Castell Llwyd Farm. A planning application had been received by the community council which was included within the agenda and to feature later in the meeting for consideration.

Chairman, Cllr Teresa Parry, thanked G Davies and Ms O Clatworthy for their attendance, and they subsequently left the meeting.

Cllr Wynne David returned to the chamber.

50 Community Benefit Grant

Mr Paul Cooke, CCBC's Sustainable Development Team Leader apologized for not attending last month's meeting.

Mr Cooke, having already glanced through our presentation papers on our environmental projects, commented that he thought we had already undertaken some very good green initiatives. He spoke about various projects from pollinators, dry stone walling, salmon in rivers, and sustainable energy to Japanese knotweed. Members agreed that the community benefit be spent on clean/green projects. Mr Cooke would research suitable projects for our area and would return to our next meeting in September with some suggestions.

Chairman Cllr Teresa Parry thanked Mr Cooke for his attendance, he subsequently left the meeting.

51 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bolter, Cllr D Cushing & Cllr T Matthews. Cllr Hefin David due to paternity leave, Cllr G Hughes due to illness, Cllr M James due to holiday and Cllr N Quarry due to work commitments.

52 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in Planning (Min no.68)

53 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman, Cllr Teresa Parry announced the following:

- Our congratulations to Cllr Hefin David and Mrs Anna David on the birth of their first child, daughter, Caitlin Lucy David. Mother and baby are both doing very well. The clerk will send our best wishes.

- Wedding anniversaries of Mr & Mrs Drayton and Mr & Mrs Edwards. The chairman delivered flowers to both with our very best wishes.
- A thank you card had been received from the Croeso Club, thanking us for their financial assistance
- A letter of thanks was received from Cllr Leon Gardiner, Mayor of CCBC, to thank the chairman for £100 contribution towards his charity.
- A letter of thanks was received from Bethel Baptist Church for the funding we provided for improving disabled access.

54 Minutes

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24/06/2015 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record

55 Current Financial Situation as at 15/07/2015

(i) Balance of Funds

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

(ii) Cheques

Chairman received and signed copied cheques

(iii) Reconciliation

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

(iv) Bank Statements

Bank Statement no's 69, 3,2, 81 and 29 were received and signed by non-signatory member

(v) Financial Statement April 2015 to July 2015

Members noted actual spend to date against budget headings and chairman signed

56 Festive Lighting Correspondence – Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) to withdraw Christmas lighting throughout the borough

It was noted that due to Caerphilly County Borough Council's savings they were withdrawing Christmas lighting throughout the borough.

Members were presented with cost implications and were requested as to whether they wished to take over the Christmas lighting.

It was RESOLVED that the Community Council are to take on the Christmas lighting.

Estimate No. 1 and No.2 were presented to the members

It was RESOLVED that the Community Council accept Estimate No.1 for the ensuing year.

Therefore, Elsbury Access Platforms were the newly chosen contractors to undertake the storing, erecting and maintenance of our Christmas lighting for December 2015. The clerk will visit CentreGreat's yard and arrange for the collection of the lights. She will also arrange to visit Elsbury to go through the contract and energy details.

57 Financial Assistance

(i) Pengam Pigeon Football Club Application No.10

It was RESOLVED that £250 be granted to Pengam Pigeon Football Club

(ii) The Players Theatre, Gelligaer Application No.11

It was RESOLVED that £200 be granted to The Players Theatre, Gelligaer

(iii) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd Application No.12

It was RESOLVED that £250 be granted to Eisteddfod y Cymoedd

(iv) Cefn Hengoed OAP Association Application No.13

It was RESOLVED that £250 be granted to Cefn Hengoed OAP Association

(v) Gelligaer Ladies Bowling Club Application No. 14

It was RESOLVED that £200 be granted to Gelligaer Ladies Bowling Club

(vi) The Melody Makers Application No. 15

It was RESOLVED that £400 be granted to The Melody Makers

58 Office furniture

Members agreed that the clerk order suitable furniture for the office

59 Asset Register – to be tabled at the meeting

The asset register was presented at the meeting. The clerk has made a full and comprehensive list of all assets, under the headings: building contents, buildings and outside areas, regalia and stationery. The list is near completion and will be a 'live' document that will be regularly updated.

60 Health and Safety Risk Assessment

An officer from CCBC and Advanced Fire Protection Ltd has inspected the property and both are satisfied that adequate equipment and signage is in place. The fire alarm is wired to the intruder alarm and annual PAT tests are carried out on all electrical equipment. The boiler and fire extinguishers are inspected annually too.

They did however recommend that a fire blanket be fitted in the kitchen and that current extinguishers need to be fitted to the walls. The clerk will arrange that this is undertaken.

61 Presentation – Gelligaer Community Council's Environmental Presentation

The clerk briefly showed the presentation to the members which the clerk alongside Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Teresa Parry had delivered to delegates that had attended the One Voice Wales' Larger Council Conference at Hafod a Ynys, Royal Welsh Showground on the 8th July 2015.

62 One Voice Wales - Community and Town Councils: examples of innovative practice

This item was noted.

63 NALC Legal Briefing – The Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013

This item was noted. The community council are complying with new legislation in relation to transparency and council business being available electronically within the given timescales. Although it is not obligatory for members to have an email address, it is however advisable that if they do for community council business, that it be separate to their personal email address.

64 Ombudsman Annual Report 2014/15

This item was noted- a hard copy of the report is available to view at the office

**65 Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council News Bulletin April – June 2015
The Patients Voice**

This item was noted

66 Gwent and Powys Army Cadet Force

This item was noted

67 Projects

(i) Container at Tiryberth

Members agreed to move the container to the s/o the allotments, at an approximate cost of £100 - £150. The clerk will meet with CCBC's Officer Dave Beveridge and Kelly Young from the TYB & GYN Partnership to confirm that new location is suitable and that all residents backing on the new location are all in agreement.

(ii) Newsletter

The clerk will start work on the next newsletter to be printed and distributed towards the end of October. The chair will write an introduction.

(iii) Project Summary

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 to be undertaken: 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 to be undertaken: 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 to be undertaken: Install Motorbike Inhibitor Cost: £950

Project No.335 Day trip to the beach for families

Work to be undertaken: 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

Works to be undertaken: Bands in the Park 2015 at Tiryberth Park and Ystrad Mynach Park.
Cost: £692

Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2015

Work to be undertaken: To arrange Pantos at (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 to be undertaken: Hard standing & pathway completed. Names of fallen are required for inscriptions on the granite. Member is making enquiries

Project No. 218: Wild Flower Sowing

Work to be undertaken: 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. 217: Pensioner bungalows, Heol Dewi Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: 4 car parking spaces Cost: £5,000

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

Work to be undertaken: Presentation for good deeds within the community
Cost: £205 Next event: tbc

Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Work to be undertaken: Newsletter – Summer 2015
Cost: £1150 & distribution costs

New Project – Health messages on TV monitors

Work to be undertaken: quote received for TV monitor (£619) & brackets (£63), awaiting installation costs

New Project – Siloh Church Garden

Work to be undertaken: To improve garden area to the front of church
Cost: Further detail & cost required

New Project – Pottery Lane

Work to be undertaken – smarten up area, to rid of litter and restore natural beauty

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

68 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 15/0365/FULL Site Area: 1136m²

Location: Land Adjacent To 79 Penallta Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed

Proposal: Erect residential development of 6 no. walk-up flats and associated works

Applicant: United Welsh Housing Association C/o Asbri Planning Ltd Mr D Green Unit 9 Oak Tree Court Cardiff Gate Business Park Cardiff CF23 8RS

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

Case Officer: Mrs M Davies 01495 235227 daviem2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314374 (E) 194851 (N) Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Case Ref. 15/0499/FULL Site Area: 3965m²
Location: Castell Llwyd Farm Heol Las Nelson Treharris CF46 6PW
Proposal: Erect a single wind turbine of max 77m to tip, along with associated infrastructure including an access track and electrical housing
Applicant: Mr G Davies Unit 2A Trenant Industrial Estate Wadebridge PL27 6HB
Case Officer: Mr A Pyne 01495 235197 pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 313402 (E) 193832 (N) Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Case Ref. 15/0446/FULL Site Area: 364m²
Location: 11 Hengoed Road Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BQ
Proposal: Convert attic
Applicant: Mr G Hughes 11 Hengoed Road Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BQ
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01495 235019 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314248 (E) 197432 (N) Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council – **NO OBJECTIONS**

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman