



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council on Wednesday 18th October 2017, 7.30pm at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: C Bezzina, D Cushing, C M David, W David, W Griffiths, M James (Chairman), T Matthews, T Parry & J A Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In attendance: County Councillor Ann Gair

Chairman Cllr Martyn James welcomed all to the meeting.

82 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Angel due to attending a residents association meeting, Cllr S Griffiths & Cllr R Osborne due to sickness and Cllr S A Milford due to other commitments.

83 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 Donna Cushing declared an interest in Minute 89 (i) (Cefn Hengoed OAP'S Financial Assistance)

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in Minute 89 (iv) (Ystrad Mynach OAP's Financial Assistance) and Minute no. 99

84 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Martyn James announced the following:

- He and the Clerk attended the book reading and creative writing workshop with author Mike Church at Ystrad Mynach Primary, which was delightful.
- There is a 50+ forum on 26th October 2.00pm at Caerphilly Castle. All welcome to come along
- Cllr Martyn James has been trying to contact Rhiannon Stone, but with no success, to discuss moving the funds raised for the park. The Clerk will draft a letter for Rhiannon to sign.
- Siloh Christmas Carol event is on Thursday 21st December at 6.00pm. There will be no involvement this year from the Community Council; however Cllr Martyn James will be overseeing it and will be contacting the Town Centre Management Group Committee Officers for support/advice.

85 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on 20/09/2017 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, as an accurate record.

86 Matters Arising

Councillors Teresa Parry and Judith Pritchard attended the One Voice Wales (OVW) conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Clerk attended the conference only. The conference was very interesting, the Auditor General for Wales Mr Hugh Vaughan spoke on external audit matters and good practices and Mark Drakeford AM spoke on electoral reform and the recent consultation.

At the OVW AGM, Gelligaer Community Council objected to an increase of 5% for membership for 2018, as we had previously agreed a motion of 3% as a Council. However we were overruled and an increase of 5% was resolved.

Also at the AGM there were discussions on the pension fund deficit within OVW. The Welsh Government were not prepared to underwrite it and therefore it fell on all member councils in the event of OVW becoming insolvent to meet the deficit. However given that there were several hundred member councils, this was unlikely to cost much per council. OVW were looking to change their constitution in 2018 to become a limited company by guarantee, if member councils were in agreement, which would reduce risks significantly.

87 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

Resolved: Council received and approved the 'Balance of Funds' document, which included list of authorised cheques and debit card payments to the 12th October 2017, the Chair and Vice duly signed.

(ii) Cheques & Debit Card Payments

Resolved: Chair received and approved copied cheques and debit card receipts and duly signed

(iii) Reconciliation

Resolved: Council received and approved the reconciliation document and a non-signatory member duly signed.

(iv) Bank Statements

Resolved: Council received and approved bank statement no's 51,50,96,95,90,46 & 45 and a non-signatory member duly signed.

88 Election Breakdown Recharge for May 2017

(i) Resolved: Breakdown was received and noted and approved for payment.

89 Financial Assistance

Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

(i) Cefn Hengoed OAP's Application no.16

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £350 to Cefn Hengoed OAP's

Cllr Donna Cushing returned to the chamber.

(ii) Gelligaer Ladies Bowls Application no.17

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £200 to Gelligaer Ladies Bowls

(iii) Home Start Caerphilly

Resolved: Council agreed to defer this item for further information

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

(iv) Ystrad Mynach OAP's Application no.18

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £350 to Ystrad Mynach OAP's

Cllr Wynne David returned to the chamber.

(v) Friends of Lewis Girls Application no.19
Resolved: Council agreed to fund £300 to Friends of Lewis Girls

90 Changes to Bus Services from November 2017

- (i) Changes to all routes – item noted, details of which are contained on our website, noticeboard and website.
(ii) Changes to X38 – item noted, details of which are contained on our website, noticeboard and website.

91 Armistice Service Sunday 12th November 2017

(i) Members collected wreaths for the following wards and services:

Cefn Hengoed wreath for Ystrad Mynach Cenotaph, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, 10.45am - Cllr D Cushing

Greenhill wreath for St Cattwg's Church at 10.45am – Cllr T Matthews

Tiryberth wreath for Tiryberth Memorial at 10.45am - Cllr C Bezzina

Ystrad Mynach wreath for Ystrad Mynach Cenotaph, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, 10.45am – Cllr M James

The service at Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach - 9.30am, followed by a procession to the Cenotaph was noted.

(ii) It was noted that all Armistice Service notices were on our website, noticeboards and Facebook page.

92 Minor Authority Governor Vacancy

Nominations were invited for the following:

- Ystrad Mynach Primary – deferred for future meeting
- Derwendeg Primary – deferred for a future meeting
- YGG Bro Allta – deferred for a future meeting.

93 Biffa Volunteering Scheme 2017 – footpath between Cefn Hengoed & Tiryberth FP12

Resolved: Council agreed that the vegetation on this footpath be addressed under the Biffa scheme.

**94 Autumn/Winter Weed Control – St Cattwg's & Hengoed Ward
Item noted, areas are to be submitted to the Clerk.**

Members noted that schedule was to be submitted to CCBC by 23rd October 2017.

95 Projects

a. Pantomimes

(i) Posters & tickets were distributed

(ii) Resolved: Council agreed that proceeds from ticket sales are to be donated to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

b. Presentation at Llancaiach Saturday 25th November 2017

(i) Resolved: Councillors M James, A Angel, J Pritchard, T Parry, D Cushing, C David, W David & W Griffiths will attend.

(ii) Resolved: The Clerk & Cllr T Parry to announce the clubs & Chair Cllr M James to award grants.

(iii) It was noted that Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir will be performing

(iv) It was noted that Shelter Cymru will be attending.

(v) Proposal: Proceeds from the day be donated to Shelter Cymru

Resolved: Council agreed that the raffle proceeds from the day be donated to Shelter Cymru.

(vi) Young Citizen's Award

Resolved: Council agreed that Mr Rob Thomas be invited to present the certificates and gifts.

(vii) Community Service

Resolved: Council agreed that Mr Rob Thomas be invited to present the certificates and gifts.

c. Christmas Fayre

(i) Resolved: Council agreed to spend up to £1,000 on promotional items and to purchase fluorescent waistcoats with Council's logo.

(ii) Confirmation was received as to which members will be available to front the stall, and times:

8.00am – 10.00am Clerk & Cllr T Parry to set up

10.00am – 1.00pm Cllr C David, Cllr W David & Cllr C Bezzina I

1.00pm – 6.00pm Clerk, Cllr T Parry, Cllr J Pritchard & Cllr D Cushing

d. Siloh Christmas Carols Event

This item was discussed under the Chairman's Announcements.

e. Container

(i) Email was received and noted.

(ii) Members noted that the Clerk has requested and been granted permission by CCBC's Community Centre Officer Mr Kevin Lodge and Mr Maldwyn Griffiths Secretary to Cascade Community Centre to site the container to the side of Cascade Community Centre. It was also noted that the container could be utilised to store our Christmas lighting, saving us storage costs of £10 per figurine x 62 figures = £620 plus £115 Christmas tree storage.

Total saving of £735 per annum.

Resolved: Council agreed to serve the appropriate notice and move the container.

f. Gelligaer Giant reading & workshop at Ystrad Mynach Primary School Thursday 26th October 2017 with author Mike Church

Cllr Martyn James and Clerk will attend. Cllr C Bezzina & Cllr D Cushing will confirm their availability.

Cllr C Bezzina and Cllr T Matthews gave their apologies and left the meeting

f. Project Summary – was received and noted

Project No.372 Wind turbine visit – Spring/Summer

Work: to invite our local schools to the turbine in Ystrad Mynach, to see it up close and receive a talk.

Cost: nil

Project No.371 Halloween & bonfire project

Work: Youths be taken to an event at the Rhondda Heritage Centre

Cost: 750

Project No.370 Bus shelter in lay-by o/s Cross Inn

Work: Supply & Installation of bus shelter

Cost: £3,000

Project No.369 Bollards installation at Llwyn Onn

Work: Installation of bollards to alleviate parking issues

Cost: £3, 200 GCC's contribution: £2,000 (min no.16(ii) 17/05/17)

Project No.368 Calvary Evangelical Chapel

Work: Installation of disabled toilets

Cost: £2,934 alongside Welsh Church Fund's contribution of £1,466 (min no.16 (i) 17/05/7)

Project No. 367 Gelligaer Allotment Association

Work: Supply and install new roof to concrete shed & removal of waste.

Cost: £1,750 in total to the two cheapest contractors to undertake the work.

Project No. 366 Mr Graham Moore Memorial

Work: (i) Support a memorial on Pengam Road. (ii) Change of name request agreed by CCBC from Cascade Playing Field to the Graham Moore Playing Field (iii) Player of the year trophy. Family member is enquiring with football clubs to raise additional funding.
Cost: £1,500

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

Work: Supply & install bus shelter
Cost: £5,000

Project No. 362.1 Community Benefit – Solar Schools

Work: Supply & Install solar panels as gifts to remaining 2 primary schools
Cost: £10,622

Project No. 358 Glanynant

Work: Supply & Install green loop fencing remaining stretch near Glanynant Memorial Hall.
Cost: £9,272 (plus area forum monies £4228)

Project No. 355 Christmas Lighting throughout area

Work: Install 63 figurines, dress 7 trees, curtain of lights.
Cost: £10,000 increased

Project No.353 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market 2017

Work: Annual contribution towards the Christmas market to ensure its continuity.
Cost: £2,000

Project No. 348 – Youth Club, Cefn Hengoed

Work: Rebuild/refurbishment centre.
Cost: £ 3,520 (fee for technical services)

Project No. 342 Annual Hanging Baskets at Ystrad Mynach

Work: Supply & fit 14.5 summer hanging baskets throughout the town plus planter on railings to the front of Pier Head building & daily watering
Cost: £3,650

Project No.335 Family Day Trip

Work: 2 coaches from each community 1st ward (i) Tiryberth x 2 (ii) Gelligaer x 2 (iii) Hengoed x 1 & Cefn Hengoed x 1, to transport families for a day out to Barry Island
Cost: £1,620

Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2017

Work: Coordinate pantomime performances at 8 venues:
(i) Penybryn Village Hall (ii) Gelligaer Community Centre (iii) Lindsay Club Wed 7th Dec 5.30pm (iv) Tiryberth Primary (v) Hengoed Community Centre (vi) Cascade Community Centre (vii) Lewis Girls, Ystrad Mynach (viii) Glanynant Memorial Hall Cost: £4,680 (plus £100 for stage at Penybryn)

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: Gelligaer Young Citizens Award

Work: Presentation for good deeds within the community

Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Work: Bi-annual newsletter (Issue.10 Sept/Oct)

Cost: £1150 x 2 & distribution costs

New Project: Cefn Hengoed Memorial

Work: Installation of memorial in Cefn Hengoed.

Cost: Possible location established. Quotes required

New Project: The Walk Ystrad Mynach Kissing gate to be replaced with a motorbike inhibitor on cycle track/footpath adjacent to no.16 The Walk, Ystrad Mynach. Awaiting quotation.

Community Infrastructure Levy Projects:

Project No. 367 CIL Project Welfare Playground Cefn Road, Hengoed

Work: Installation of pathway to access welfare

Cost: £1,819.24

Community Benefit Projects:

Project No. 362 Community Benefit – Solar Schools

Work: Supply & Install solar panels as gifts to all 8 primary schools, plus asbestos & structural surveys.

Cost: £33,000 2015/16 & £13,000 2016/17

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

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

Cost: £5,000 plus £300 to fund two further book launches & workshops at Hengoed Primary & YGG Penalltau July

Project No. 360 Community Benefit – Compost toilet

Work: Install disabled compost toilet at Parc Penallta suitable for all to use. Cost: £8,000

96 Welsh Government: Review of Community & Town Council Sector in Wales

This item was deferred for the next meeting in November:

- What should Community & Town Council’s be responsible for
- How should they operate
- What’s standing in their way to deliver for the local community
- How do councils ensure they best represent their local community

97 CCBC Consultation – Land & Drainage Byelaws 2017

Input was requested into how to manage the risk of flooding from ordinary watercourses.

(i) Consultation was received and discussed. (closing date 15/11/2017)

Resolved: Council agreed to the proposed Byelaws

98 CCBC Winter Service Plan 2017/18

DVD is available to loan from the office – this item was noted.

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

99 Pre-Planning & Planning Applications

The following applications were received and discussed:

- Pre-application consultation being undertaken by Bryn Quarry Ltd in respect of the retention and formation of a repositioned approved earth bund, landscaping and associated works at Bryn Quarry, Gelliargwellt Farm, Gelligaer Road, Gelligaer.
Resolved: Council discussed the pre application and raised the following matters for submission to the agent
 - (i) **Concern to the loss of wildlife habitat**
 - (ii) **Area on the LDP is classed as a ‘Special Landscaped Area’.**
 - (iii) **The purpose of the bund is for noise attenuation, how it can therefore be effective when it is so far away from the quarry.**

- Case Ref. 17/0779/FULL Site Area: 223m²
Location: 3 Pen-Y-Bont Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HD (UPRN 000043012542)
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension and front porch
Applicant: Mr Miles 3 Pen-Y-Bont Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HD
Agent: Williams Architectural Design Services Mrs K Williams 3 Tansy Close Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8LF
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map 313814 (E) 197572 (N) Target Date: 20.11.2017
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Resolved: No objection

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ Chairman ----- 2017