



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council on Wednesday 13th December 2017, 7.30pm at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, C Bezzina, C M David, M James (Chairman), T Parry & J A Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Mr. Bufton and Mr. Williams from Gelligaer Bowls.

Chairman Cllr Martyn James welcomed all to the meeting.

In summary, Mr Bufton and Mr Williams spoke with members in relation to an uneven and potholed access road to the bowling club and playing field at Gelligaer, which was potentially dangerous. Three quotes were provided, with one differing dramatically to the other two, which will need to be queried further. Council were supportive of the project but established that in the first instance the Club would need to seek funding and /or permission from the landlord to repair. Following permission granted, it was suggested that the Club also approach the Welsh Church Fund; the Clerk will provide contact details. Chair Cllr Martyn James thanked both for their attendance and invited them back to a future meeting for further discussion when they sought the relevant information.

Mr. Bufton and Mr. Williams left the meeting.

105 Apologies - apologies were received from Councillors W David, S Griffiths & W Griffiths due to being unwell and D Cushing, T Matthews & R Osborne due to other commitments.

106 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.

107 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Cllr Martyn James thanked the Clerk for the successful presentation event at Llancaiach Fawr, under difficult circumstances, following the recent loss of her brother. The event was again very well received and enjoyed by all our volunteers and awardees. Cllr Teresa Parry was also thanked for compering alongside the Clerk. Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Christine David and Cllr Richard Osborne were also thanked for their support and attendance.

The Chairman presented the Clerk with a bouquet of flowers, who in turn thanked the members for their kindness and support.

108 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on **18/10/2017** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

109 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

110 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on **22/11/2017** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

111 Matters Arising

Response from Mr Tim Stephens, CCBC's Planning Department in relation to consultation periods, Minute no.104 Case references: 17/0869/FULL, 17/0768/RET & 17/0834/RET was discussed and noted.

112 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document, which includes list of authorised cheques and debit card payments was received, approved and signed as an accurate record. Chairman and Vice signed.

(ii) Cheques & Debit Card Payments

Chairman received and signed copied cheques and debit card receipts

(iii) Reconciliation

Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed by a non signatory member as an accurate record.

(iv) Bank Statements

Bank statements 52, 53, 97, 91& 47 were received approved and signed by a non signatory member as an accurate record.

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

113 Financial Assistance

(i) Welsh Ambulance Service Branch

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £200 to the Ambulance Service Charity.

Cllr C Bezzina returned to the meeting.

114 Lewis School Pengam

Correspondence in relation to weekly luncheon club attendance figures declining and the Christmas dinner would not going ahead this year. Members were asked to support the weekly initiative. With no PTA, the Council were not in a position to assist with funding. The Clerk to invite Ms Debbie Williams to a future meeting to discuss further.

115 Hengoed Primary School Board of Governors Representatives

Correspondence from EAS in relation to Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Teresa Parry swapping roles on the board of governors at Hengoed Primary was received and noted.

Resolved: Council agreed that Cllr J Pritchard become a Minor Authority representative and Cllr T Parry become an LA representative.

116 Why your child should eat school dinners

Advertisements was received and noted highlighting the benefits of having school dinners. It would be placed on our Facebook page and noticeboards.

- Parents/guardians can save up to £580 per year
- Children likely to perform better academically on a full stomach
- The school receives £1150 per pupil claiming free dinners
- More money for the school means better resources to aid your child's learning.

All claims are dealt with in confidence: Tel 01443 864055

117 Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Budget Challenge 2018/19 Following some discussion;

Resolved: Council objected to the cuts made in these services for the following reasons:

1. Decommission Age Concern Hospital Discharge Contract.

Note Age Concern is now Age Cymru

Information received from Age Cymru indicates that, far from affecting low numbers of people with low-level needs, over 2000 people received this service last year. It would appear to be a

much-needed comprehensive service for vulnerable people leaving hospital. Ceasing to maintain this service is likely to lead to delayed discharges (the prevention of which is a number 1 priority for Social Services and the NHS) and is also likely to increase demands on the council's reablement service.

2. Decommission Care and Repair (Safety at Home) contract.

Advice and practical help with home safety measures can prevent falls which lead to a considerable drain on the resources of both the NHS and Social Services. Advice and help with preventing fires, in particular those caused by faulty electrical wiring and appliances can save lives and prevent suffering and is likely to decrease demand for NHS and Council services

3. Decommission GAVO contract that contributes to GAVO central costs.

The third sector is expected to take on more and more of the work formerly carried out by councils as a result of council budget cuts. GAVO plays an essential role in advising and supporting voluntary sector organisations and cuts in its core funding will weaken its ability to do this, especially in deprived areas and lead to inequality of provision

4. Decommission Stroke Association contract

The Stroke Association run very valuable self-help groups that help keep stroke victims independent. Cutting their funding is likely to lead to greater demands on Social Services and the NHS and will penalize a very vulnerable group of people

5. Introduce rat treatment fees

Many residents may not be able to afford to pay this fee and may well be discouraged from reporting sightings of rats. This will increase the health hazard that rats cause and may well create a serious public health hazard

Suggestions on alternative means of raising the money needed to avoid making these cuts

Rationalise council assets, especially buildings, as the council owns in excess of 800, some of which are little used and in poor state of repair.

Increase charges for services where Caerphilly charges considerably less than neighbouring councils e.g. meals on wheels.

118 Changes to Bus Services from January 2018

Changes to bus no's 11 & 16 were received and noted , details of which are on our website, notice boards & Facebook page.

119 Projects

- (i) Project Summary – deferred
- (ii) New project proposals were considered:

- **Bus shelter at Penybryn, near The Fox & Hounds** – deferred.
- **Bedwlwyn Road Bridge** The owner of Nyddfa House and passers by are experiencing anti-social behaviour issues in this area, one of which being youths managing to climb the parapet at the southwestern corner of the structure.
Resolved: Members agreed to support this project in principle under CIL by the inclusion to the parapet at the southwestern corner to mitigate this issue on the condition that neither the design or maintenance regime of this structure are compromised. The Clerk will contact the Principal Engineer Julian Higgs to draw up a specification as quotes will be required prior to agreeing to proceed.

- **Flowering baskets, Ystrad Mynach**

Caerphilly County Borough Council's Park Services were withdrawing their service to the Community Council with the coordination surrounding the installation and maintenance of the flowering baskets in the town centre.

Resolved: Council agreed to continue with the current supplier this year and with the watering and feeding arrangements.

120 CCBC Silent Soldier Concept – this item was deferred

121 Cardiff Conservation Volunteers – this item was deferred.

122 Boundary Commission for Wales – Item was noted.

The Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

123 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

The SLCC provides the Clerk with support and advice, a bi-monthly magazine and access to a website hosting a wealth of information.

Resolved: Council agreed to renew membership for 2018 at a cost of £165 per annum.

The Clerk returned to the meeting

Cllr A Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

124 Planning Applications

Any comments or enquiries are to be made to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days from the date of the email received from planning.

Case Ref. 17/0998/RET Site Area: 396m²

Location: 7 Clos Y Felin Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FP (UPRN 000043077603)

Proposal: Retain log cabin

Applicant: Miss S Kelly 7 Clos Y Felin Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FP

Agent: Mr J Kelly 22 Langford Close Off Holt Road Wrexham LL13 9EX

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314337 (E) 193177 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Email received: 7/12/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Case Ref. 17/0984/FULL Site Area: 210m²

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

Proposal: Erect conservatory to the side elevation

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

Agent: Dunraven Windows Mr D Thomas St Davids House Heol Mostyn Village Farm Industrial Estate Pyle Bridgend

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

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

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Email received: 30/11/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Case Ref. 17/0994/CLPU Site Area: 179m²

Location: 3 Pengam Street Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XH (UPRN 000043044374)

Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for a rear/side extension

Applicant: Mrs Edminson 3 Pengam Street Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XH

Agent: Williams Architectural Design Services Ms K Williams 3 Tansy Close Penpedairheol Caerphilly CF82 8LF

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315136 (E) 197552 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Email received 30/11/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Case Ref. 17/1018/FULL Site Area: 290m²
Location: 41 Maesycoed Terrace Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7BU (UPRN 000043011291)
Proposal: Erect two-storey extension to rear of dwelling
Applicant: Mr & Mrs L Coleman 41 Maesycoed Terrace Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7BU
Agent: Mr Dean Lock 10 Birchwood Close Highfields Blackwood NP12 1WX
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley _ 01443 864776 _ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 313737 (E) 194475 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Email received: 30/11/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Case Ref. 17/0970/FULL Site Area: 23596m²
Location: The Byre Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043079778)
Proposal: Erect agricultural barn for storage of agricultural machinery and live stock
Applicant: POC Investments Limited Mr S Darling Alexander House Colliery Road Llanbradach
Caerphilly CF83 3QQ
Agent: R S Green Associates Mr R Green 1 Fields Park Lane Newport NP20 5BU
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley _ 01443 864776 _ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312407 (E) 197799 (N) Target Date: 08.01.2018
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Email received: 24/11/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Case Ref. 17/0971/NCC Site Area: 190756m²
Location: Gelliargwelt Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)
Proposal: Vary condition 18 of planning permission 12/0570/FULL (Extend existing quarry operations including new drainage system and settlement ponds, landscape bunds and associated works) to enable the variation of the approved restoration scheme details to reflect the positioned earth bund and landscaping
Applicant: Bryn Aggregates Ltd Mr A Price C/o Barton Willmore Mr J Ayoubkhani Greyfriars House Greyfriars Road Cardiff CF10 3AL
Agent: Barton Willmore Mr J Ayoubkhani Greyfriars House Greyfriars Road Cardiff CF10 3AL
Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson _ 01495 235120 _ amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N) Target Date: 08.01.2018
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Committee
Email received: 24/11/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS – Await further info.

Case Ref. 17/0972/FULL Site Area: 8065m²
Location: Cwrt Evan House Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043079779)
Proposal: Erect agricultural barn for storage of agricultural machinery
Applicant: Mr S Darling Cwrt Evan House Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU
Agent: R S Green Associates Mr R Green 1 Fields Park Lane Newport NP20 5BU
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley _ 01443 864776 _ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312388 (E) 197788 (N) Target Date: 08.01.2018
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
Email received: 24/11/2017 RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Case Ref. 17/0973/FULL Site Area: 190756m²
Location: Gelliargwelt Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)
Proposal: Retain and formation of a repositioned approved earth bund, landscaping and associated works
Applicant: Bryn Aggregates Ltd C/o Barton Willmore Mr J Ayoubkhani Greyfriars House Greyfriars Road Cardiff CF10 3AL
Agent: Barton Willmore Mr J Ayoubkhani Greyfriars House Greyfriars Road Cardiff CF10 3AL
Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson _ 01495 235120 _ amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N) Target Date: 08.01.2018
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Committee
Email received: 24/11/2017 RESOLVED: OBJECTION await further info.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: 24th January 2018