



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

#### PRESENT

**Councillors:** A Angel, C Bezzina, W David, S Griffiths, W Griffiths, M James (Chair), T Matthews, R Osborne, T Parry, S Milford & J Pritchard.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

**In Attendance:** Ms Rhiannon Stone, Ystrad Mynach Park Fundraiser.

Chairman Cllr Martyn James welcomed all to the meeting.

#### 46 **Ystrad Mynach Park Fundraiser Event 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

In summary: Ms Rhiannon Stone explained that recent mindless vandalism to play equipment at Ystrad Mynach Park had prompted her to plan an event to raise funds for the restoration of the park. Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) had allegedly told her that it would take a year to replace the play equipment. However Ward Members Cllr Martyn James and Cllr Alan Angel were assured by CCBC that the play ground would be restored imminently. Members commended her commitment and work in planning this event. A contribution would be made from the Chairman's allowance and Cllr Alan Angel had secured 5 radios. Monies raised on the day would be utilized to purchase additional play equipment. Members thanked Ms Stone for bringing the community together, creating good community spirit and wished the event every success.

#### 47 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Cushing and Cllr CM David due to other commitments.

#### 48 **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 Alan Angel and Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in minute no.61

#### 49 **Chairman's Announcements**

**Chair Cllr Martyn 'James announced the following events and visits:**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Cascade Fun Day – stalls, bouncy castle, craft, pony rides

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am from Gelligaer Community Centre – trip to Porthcawl (2 buses)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am from TYB Primary – Trip to Porthcawl (2 buses)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 7pm – Ystrad Mynach Park – (Fundraising for vandalised equipment at YM Park)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Fun Day at Penybryn

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am from Lindsay Club (1 bus) and Hengoed Community Centre (1 bus)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am from Penybryn to Porthcawl (1 bus)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am – Ystrad Mynach Fayre

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 – 4.30pm – Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr

- On 7<sup>th</sup> July Cllr Martyn James and the Clerk attended Cylch Meithrin yr Enfys to present a lap top and tablets to the group following our pledge of £500 towards IT equipment. They received a very warm welcome and children tried on the chairman's chain of office. Details and photos of the visit were posted onto Facebook.
- Cllr Martyn James highlighted the shortage of Foster Carers in the Caerphilly borough – posters were displayed on our noticeboards and on our Facebook page.
- Gelligaer Community Council have nominated Mr Ken Pritchard of the Boys & Girls Club, Mr Haroun Vaughan , Ystrad Mynach Fish & Chip shop owner and Mr Wayne Jones, Secretary to Penallta Rugby Club for the 30 day, 30 people , 30 communities media event being run by Caerphilly County Borough Council.

It was agreed that they too be put on our community service award list for 2017.

## 50 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on 21/06/2017 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, as an accurate record.

## 51 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

## 52 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 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 44,45,46,47,92,93,42 & 43 and a non-signatory member duly signed.

### (v) Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) Information Sheet

Council received and noted limit protection of £85,000.

Resolved: Clerk to enquire on opening an account with Unity Trust.

## 53 Financial Assistance

### (i) Financial Assistance Application No.9 The Melody Makers

Resolved: Council agreed to fund £400 to The Melody Makers for 2017/18

### (ii) Financial Assistance Application No.10 The Family Foundation – Right from the Start

Resolved: Council agreed to fund £500 to Right from the Start for 2017/18

## 54 Projects

### (i) Penpedairheol Park

Following comments on social media members were in agreement that the park was in need of refurbishment. It was agreed that CCBC's Special Project Officer Mr Rhodri Lloyd be invited to our next meeting to discuss further.

### (ii) Cawr Gelligaer book

Resolved: Council agreed two further workshops at Ystrad Mynach Primary School and Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bro Allta with Mr Mike Church at a cost of £300.

### **(iii) Project Summary**

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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: Bi-annual 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**55 Members' Code of Conduct Training - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Council Chamber 5.00pm**

It was strongly recommended that Members that have yet to attend Code of Conduct training that they attend this session, as there were no other sessions planned. It was noted that Cllr William Griffiths and Cllr Carmen Bezzina would be attending.

**56 Tree Charter**

The Leaf Newspaper Tree Charter was received and noted.

**57 Caerphilly County Borough Council Consultation – Have your say on proposals to introduce a Public Spaces Order (PSPO) relating to dog control.**

(i) Council responded to the consultation. In summary Gelligaer Community Council were in support of continuation of existing powers to make it an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its faeces, and the new offence which would require dog walkers to carry an appropriate receptacle for waste. Council agreed that dogs must put on a lead in memorial

gardens and at other times when instructed by an Officer and to continue with the existing power of making it an offence to allow dogs into an enclosed play area. Council however insists that CCBC ensures that enforcement is in place for the new and existing proposals to be effective.

**58 Welsh Government Consultation – Welsh Revenue Authority access to criminal powers to tackle devolved tax crime**

(i) Resolved: Council agreed to delegate the task of responding to the consultation to Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Simon Milford and the Clerk.

*Addendum*

*Consultation summarised: The Welsh Revenue Authority should have the full range of devolved powers to mirror the powers of HMRC to undertake the work efficiently and as a deterrent to potential tax fraud and environmental crimes. There should also be information sharing protocols between authorities. It was also recommended that the WRA appoint suitably skilled personnel to discharge the powers adequately for gathering evidence, as in searches, seizing items, detaining, arrests, questioning and covert human intelligence to trace waste from source to disposal.. The WRA should also have the power to levy greater financial penalties.*

*Response Reference No.63274183*

**59 Welsh Government Statement by Mark Drakeford AM, Re: Review of the Community Council Sector**

Item received and noted.

**60 One Voice Wales – National Conference & AGM on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells**

Item received and, guest speakers are Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales was noted. Clerk to be advised if members are attending.

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

**61 Planning**

**(i) Pre-planning application:**

Land adjacent to Caerphilly Road, Ystrad Mynach

'Starburst Ltd is intending to apply for planning permission for the demolition of existing dilapidated industrial buildings and erection of Class B1/B2/B8 units together with associated parking, servicing and landscaping'.

Resolved: No objections

**(ii) To receive and discuss planning applications:**

Case Ref. 17/0537/FULL Site Area: 477m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Keepers Cottage Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7EP (UPRN 000043018351)

Proposal: Construct a dropped kerb to public pavement and create access to private driveway Applicant: Ms E Simmonds Keepers Cottage Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314540 (E) 193716 (N) Target Date: 04.09.2017

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level:

Resolved: No objections.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**