



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER

**Minutes of Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council
Wednesday 12th April 2017, 7.30pm, Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.**

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, D Bolter, D Cushing (Chairman), W David, W Griffiths, M James (Vice), T Matthews, T Parry and J Pritchard.

Clerk to the Council: Ceri Mortimer

171 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Hughes due to illness and Cllr G Roberts due to work commitments.

172 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 Thomas Matthews declared an interest in minute no. 178 (v)
(Financial Assistance – Gelligaer Allotment Association)

Cllr Dennis Bolter declared an interest in minute no.183 (Planning)
Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in minute no.183 (Planning)

173 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Cllr Donna Cushing announced the following:

- Jack Thomas' Memorial Ball 9th June at Maes Manor Hotel 7pm - An invitation had been received from Welsh Hearts as a result of the Community Councils support of Jacks Appeal whereby we provided, through the Parent & Teachers Association, defibrillators at Pengam Boys and Lewis Girls School.
Tickets are priced at £45 to include sparring reception, 3 course dinner and entertainment. Auction & raffle. Proceeds will fund further defibrillators in Wales.
- Cllr Donna Cushing had attended an enjoyable Easter lunch with the Cefn Hengoed Pensioners, along with Cllr Teresa Parry, Cllr Judith Pritchard and the Clerk.
- Cllr Donna Cushing thanked the current councillors for their commitment and contribution to the Community Council since 2012.
She thanked Cllr Dennis Bolter in particular as he retiring as a county and community member. All agreed that Cllr Bolter had been a pleasure to work with.
Cllr Judith Pritchard also added that Cllr Bolter had been her ward colleague since 1995 and that he would be a great loss to all, as together they worked hard for the community.
Cllr Wynne David also commented that he had worked alongside Cllr Bolter since 2004 and agreed that he would be greatly missed.
Cllr Dennis Bolter thanked members for their kind remarks and stated that he had been one of the original members of the council, when council meetings were conducted at Gelligaer Primary School. He had enjoyed working for the community but expressed his disappointment at Cllr H David's absence not being discussed, given his work commitments at the assembly. However he was pleased that members have since agreed to discuss and possibly approve excuses for long term absences, prior to automatic disqualification at 6 months.

Letters of gratitude will be sent to Cllr Dennis Bolter and also to Cllr Graham Hughes, who was absent due to ill health, but was also highly commended for his hard work and commitment to the Community Council.

174 Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on 22/03/2017 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, as an accurate record.

175 Matters Arising

Minute No. 140 - Financial Assistance - Minutes of the Meeting dated 22/02/2017

Resolved: Council noted and approved amendment to the minutes to reflect the correct applications numbers and the Chairman signed.

(i) Caffi Calvary is Application No. 34 (not 33)

(iii) The Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed is Application No.35 (not 34)

Min no.142 – Cleansing - Minutes of the Meeting dated 22/02/2017

Correspondence from Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Area Principal Enforcement Officer Mr Wayne Grimstead in relation to cleansing of land, Penallta Road bridge Ystrad Mynach was received and the following remarks noted."

"I've written to two sets of landowners, one being network rail, the other the owner of the club premises.

Network rail have advised their intention to cleanse the land in their control at the end of May and I have not yet heard from the club owner who has been asked to remove discarded waste items from behind the fence. One for us to monitor".

Minute No.168 - Planning Applications - Minutes of the Meeting dated 22/03/2017

Case Ref. 17/0166/TCA Site Area: 11m²

Location: Gryphonn Concrete Products Viaduct Works New Road Hengoed CF82 8BG (UPRN 000043022187)

Proposal: Remove oak tree

Applicant: Gryphonn Concrete Products Old Mill Works Gelligroes Pontllanfraith Blackwood

Case Officer: Mr A Pyne _ 01495 235197 _ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 315376 (E) 194855 (N) Target Date: 10.04.2017

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Members noted the decision notice issued in respect of the above and the following comments received from CCBC Planning Office Mr Tim Stephens were noted:

"The application was for works to a tree not covered by a tree preservation order, but within a conservation area. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires a notification to be sent to the County Council in such circumstances to give it the opportunity to impose a TPO if it thinks it appropriate. Paul Harris, our tree officer, inspected the tree in question and concluded: "The subject oak tree is in terminal decline and has been shedding branches. It has significant dieback in the crown and there is decay present in the stem and at the tree's base. The notified works are reasonable and appropriate." On that basis, we could not have imposed a TPO in this case. Even if a tree is protected by a TPO, the order will not apply if the tree it is dying, dead or dangerous.

The Clerk will enquire as to whether a new tree can be planted in its place.

176 Finance – Year Ended 31st March 2017

Members noted that there remained a few items to be finalised up to the end of March, therefore the end of year figures for 2016/17 will be presented at the next meeting.

177 Notice of annual audit of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017

(i) Members received and noted correspondence including appendices 1 -8 from the external auditor BDO LLP, outlining the audit arrangements for 2016/17

(ii) Members received and noted BDO Audit Spring Briefing – March 2017

And noted the themes for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

(iii) The following summary of timescale post Internal Audit was noted.

Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights	22 May – 4 June 2017
Appointed date set for the exercise of elector's rights to inspect the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2017	5 June – 30 June 2017
Statutory deadline for RFO & Council to approve Annual Return	30 June 2017
Date by which BDO LLP are to receive approved Annual Return	3 July 2017
Council to publish certified Annual Return	30 September 2017

178 Financial Assistance

(i) Cefn Hengoed Majestic Jazz Band Application No. 1

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £1,500 to Cefn Hengoed Majestics for 2017/18
Cllr Donna Cushing will assist the club in applying for other funding sources

(ii) Cylch Meithrin, Penpedairheol Application No. 2

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £500 to Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol

(iii) Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club Application No.3

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £1,000 to the Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club

(iv) Easter Flowers at St Catwg's Church (Chair's Account)

Chair, Cllr Donna Cushing agreed to make a contribution of £75 from the Chair's Account towards the Easter flowers at St Catwg's Church.

Cllr T Matthews declared an interest in the next item and therefore played no part in the ensuing discussions.

(v) Gelligaer Allotment Association Application No.4

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £350 to Gelligaer Allotment Association
Clerk to contact the club in relation to potential further funding for roof and debris clearance.

Cllr T Matthews returned to discussions.

179 Bus Changes from 10th April 2017 Mondays to Fridays:

Correspondence and changed schedule from CCBC's Passenger Transport Officer, Mr Alex Clarke, in relation to the C17 bus, was received and noted.

The changes are:

- The 0657 journey from Bargoed will operate 2 minutes early throughout.
- The 0740 journey from Caerphilly will operate to the current timetable as far as Penpedairheol but depart Glanynant 4 minutes later. The journey will arrive in Bargoed 5 minutes later.
- The 0821 journey from Bargoed will operate 5 minutes later throughout.
- There are no changes to the Saturday timetable

Clerk has published new schedule on noticeboard, website & social media.

180 Projects

(i) Cefn Road Welfare – Improved Access

Resolved: Quote to the sum of £1,819.24 was received and accepted by council.

(ii) Project Summary for 2017/18

General

Project No. 366 Mr Graham Moore Memorial

Work: (i) Support a memorial on Pengam Road. (ii) Request Cascade Playing Fields be renamed – Clerk to write to CCBC Interim Chief Exec. (iii) Player of the year trophy. Family member writing to clubs.

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: 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 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

Project No. 360 Community Benefit – Compost toilet

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

Cost: £8,000

181 CCBC’s Statement Re: Persons Nominated For Election

Members noted CCBC’s statement and the two uncontested wards; Cascade and Cefn Hengoed.

182 Planning BT Payphone Kiosk – The Square Glanynant.

Correspondence received from BT was noted, confirming that the kiosk at The Square Glanynant will remain in place, as requested by the Community Council and CCBC.

Cllr D Bolter & Cllr W David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Cllr T Matthews left the meeting.

183 Planning Applications - the following applications were received & discussed:

Case Ref. 17/0236/LBCC Site Area: 7408m²

Location: Tir-y-berth Primary School New Road Tir-y-berth Hengoed CF82 8AU

Proposal: Install a solar PV system on the roof of the main school building (on the inside part of the pitched roof, facing into the central quad area)

Applicant: Mrs S Clemens Tir-y-berth Primary School New Road Tir-y-berth Hengoed

Agent: Caerphilly County Borough Council Mrs T Evans Policy Unit Penallta House

Tredomen Park Hengoed CF82 7PG

Case Officer: Mr C Boardman _ 01495 235037 _ boardc@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315080 (E) 196819 (N) Target Date: 09.05.2017

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Committee

Case Ref. 17/0207/FULL Site Area: 193m²

Location: 71 Derwendeg Avenue Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7HR

Proposal: Erect porch extension to front of dwelling

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Williams 71 Derwendeg Avenue Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7HR

Agent: Dean Lock Design Mr D Lock 10 Birchwood Close Highfields Blackwood NP12 1WX

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

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314733 (E) 195833 (N) Target Date: 12.05.2017

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 17th May 2017