



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER

**Minutes of Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, 7.30pm, Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: D Cushing (Chairman), W David, W Griffiths, M James (Vice), T Matthews and J Pritchard.  
Clerk to the Council: Ceri Mortimer

In attendance: Hefin David AM

### **134 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Angel & D Bolter due to holiday, G Hughes due to illness, T Parry due to family commitment, N Quarry & Cllr G Roberts due to work commitments.

### **135 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 D Cushing declared an interest in minute no. 140 (iii) (Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed)

Cllr Judith Prichard declared an interest in minute no.140 (iii) (Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed)

Ceri Mortimer Clerk declared an interest in minute no.153

### **136 Chairman's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing had attended the One Voice Wales Conference in Builth Wells and had attended and received a warm welcome at the newly opened Caffi Calvary with Cllr Teresa Parry.

### **137 Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council meeting held on 25/01/2016 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, as an accurate record.

### **138 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising**

### **139 Current Financial Situation**

#### **Balance of Funds**

(i) Current 'Balance of Funds' document, which includes list of authorised cheques and debit card payments, was received, approved and signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman

#### **(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 non-signatory Member.

#### **(iv) Bank Statements**

Bank statement no's 37,36,88,88 &38 were received and a non-signatory member signed each statement

**140 Financial Assistance**

**(i) Caffi Calvary Application No.34**

Resolved: Council agreed that the health monitor/tv and wall bracket be donated to Caffi Calvary

**(ii) Cylch Meithrin, Penpedairheol**

Resolved: This item is to be deferred until April 2017 meeting

*Chair Cllr D Cushing & Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.*

*Vice Chair Cllr M James chaired the next item in the chair's absence.*

**(iii) The Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed Application No.35**

Resolved: Council agreed to grant £1,000

*Chair Cllr D Cushing & Cllr J Pritchard returned to the meeting.*

*Cllr D Cushing resumed her position as Chair.*

**141 Membership of One Voice Wales 2017- 2018**

Resolved: Members agreed to renewing membership at a cost of £2,320 (based on 7989 chargeable dwellings @ 0.292p per dwelling) for 2017 – 2018 due to the invaluable support, advice and training it provides and for representing our sector at the Senedd.

**142 Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Cleansing in Cascade & Hengoed**

Members submitted the following areas for additional cleansing:

- (i) rear lanes behind Gelligaer Rd , Cefn Hengoed
- (ii) rear lane of Raglan Rd Hengoed, the railway side
- (iii) by Penallta Road bridge on Con Club side (Ystrad Mynach)

Work will be commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**143 CCBC Surveillance Camera Annual Review**

Resolved: Members agreed that the camera on the square at Gelligaer remain in situ as a deterrent.

**144 CCBC Regeneration and Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group**

Correspondence regarding a review of the operation and management of highway owned council car parks was received.

Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 2pm Ty Penallta.

Members confirmed that Cllr Martyn James would be representing the Community Council and Cllr Judith Pritchard will also be attending.

Resolved : it was agreed that Cllr M James relay the following to the Task & Finish Group

- (i) If there has to be charges at all then at least the first 2 hours be free to encourage parents etc that drop off and collect their children to and from school, to use the car park. This should alleviate some of the daily congestion.

First 2 hours free will also boost trade, allowing shoppers/visitors who are just popping to the town for a short stay. Dispensations should be granted too for arriving late back to the car.

- (ii) Resolved: The Community Council opposes any attempts to charge for Park & Ride car parks.

- (iii) Hefin David AM commented that the Welsh Government was piloting a car parking scheme.

As part of the Budget agreement with Plaid Cymru, £3m was allocated towards piloting town centre free car parking. This has been distributed to local authorities via the local government settlement (RSG). How Caerphilly County Borough Council be spending their allocation.

**145 Education Achievement Service (EAS)for South East Wales – Minor Authority Governor**

To receive correspondence in relation to Minor Authority Governor Vacancies arising at:

- Glyngaer Primary  
Resolved: Council agreed to defer until the new council in May 2017
- Tiryberth Primary  
Resolved: Council agreed to defer until the new council in May 2017
- Ystrad Mynach Primary  
Resolved: Council agreed to defer until the new council in May 2017

- 146 CCBC Well Being of Future Generations – Community Engagement Meetings**  
Cllr J Pritchard confirmed that she would be attending this event on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, 4.30pm at Bedwas Trethomas Community Hall.
- 147 Welsh Government (WG) - Community & Town Councils Survey**  
Correspondence and survey was received and noted. Survey responses will assist in providing WG with a more comprehensive understanding of service provision and asset management and how best to provide support to our sector.  
Resolved: Members agreed that delegated powers be given to the Clerk to complete the survey on the Council's behalf.
- 148 Pre-election Protocol for Employees and Elected Members – Local Government Elections Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Formal pre-election period will be published on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 until the close of poll on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**  
Guidance from CCBC's Electoral Services was noted.  
For impartiality, rental of the Community Council premises to all political parties/candidates and surgeries will cease during this period including the publication of council business on social media. Community Council business will continue but the proposal of any new projects will be deferred until after the election.
- Hefin David AM declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.
- 149 Welsh Government – Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed**  
Consultation was received and discussed - Section 6, page 45, refers to Community & Town Councils. Responses by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Resolved: Council strongly opposed the proposal of Local Authorities organising Community & Town Councils, as it would become political. It was agreed that the Boundary Commission have the overall responsibility as they would do a much better job of it.  
Members believed that 50% of the Council should receive training. It would be unreasonable to enforce compulsory training on community councillors, especially as they were unpaid members.
- 150 Projects**
- (i) Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018**  
Resolved: Members agreed to propose a project to commemorate the end of the war.
- (ii) Project Summary:**
- Project No. 370 Tiryberth Village Hall**  
Work: Supply & install external notice board  
Cost: £1200
- Project No. 369 Santa's Sleigh**  
Work: Purchase 3 generators to gift to Cascaid Action Group to power Santa's sleigh  
Cost: £720
- Project No. 368 Glanynant Memorial**  
Work: Supply & install 23.4 metres of fencing & gate to secure playgroups outside space  
Cost: £1,500
- Project No. 367 CIL Project Welfare Playground Cefn Road, Hengoed**  
Work: Installation of pathway to access welfare  
Cost: £ 3,513 (CIL earmarked) quote required
- 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. 365 Defibrillator at Ystrad Mynach town centre o/s the library**

Work: Donated Defibrillator to be installed. Cabinet to be purchased & installed.

Cost: £411 plus labour

**Project No. 364 ABC Gelligaer District Boxing Club,**

Work: Supply & install new roof

Cost: £4,200

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

Work: Supply & install bus shelter

Cost: £5,000

**Project No. 362 Community Benefit – Solar Schools**

Work: Supply & Install solar panels as gift 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**

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

English version printed awaiting Welsh version and book marks.

Cost: £5,000

**Project No. 360 Community Benefit – Compost toilet**

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

Cost: £8,000

**Project No. 359 Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre**

Work: Showers have been installed for footballers

Cost: £2,000 (plus area forum monies £9,000)

**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: £4,450 increased

**Project No. 354 Heath Messages in Local Surgeries**

Work: Install TV monitors to display health messages in Gelligaer & Oakfield surgeries

Cost: £777

**Project No.353 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market 2016**

Work: 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 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) Sat 06/08/16 Tiryberth (two coaches) (ii) Sun 07/08/16 Gelligaer (iii) Sun13/08/16 Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed, to transport families for a day out to Barry Island Cost: £1,620

**Project No. 330 Bands in the Park/Town**

Work: Bands in the Park 2016 Ystrad Mynach Park. Cost: £281

**Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2016 – Little Red Riding Hood**

Work: Coordinate pantomime performances at 8 venues:

- (i) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.30pm
- (ii) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm
- (iii) Lindsay Club Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm
- (iv) Tiryberth Primary Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm
- (v) Hengoed Community Centre Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm
- (vi) Cascade Community Centre Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm
- (vii) Lewis Girls, Ystrad Mynach Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm
- (viii) Glanynant Memorial Hall Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm

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 - 3 nominees accepted for Nov 2016  
Cost: £205

**Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter**

Work: Newsletter to include Police Notice  
Cost: £1150 & distribution costs

**New Project: Cefn Hengoed Memorial**

Work: Install a memorial in Cefn Hengoed.  
Cost: tbc Ward member to make enquiries as to location. Clerk will forward details of Mike Headington to member.

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

**(iii) Gelligaer Giant - Reading & Workshop**

Resolved: Members agreed to the Gelligaer Giant reading & workshop by author & illustrator Mike Church at Ysgol Penalltau on 17/03/2017 & Hengoed Primary School on 20/03/2017 at a total cost of £300

**151 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications received

**152 Resolution required: Exclusion of Press and Public – By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following item on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:**

*Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.*

**153 Staffing Matters**

*Clerk returned to the Chamber whereby it was relayed to her that this item was to be deferred until the next meeting.*

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017