



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER

**Minutes of Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 7.30pm, Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.**

### **PRESENT**

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

Clerk to the Council: Ceri Mortimer

**In Attendance:** Police Inspector Mr Ian Muirhead

### **68 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr H David due to Assembly commitments, Cllr G Hughes due to a holiday, Cllr T Parry due to family commitments and Cllr N Quarry & Cllr G Roberts due to work commitments.

### **69 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 Wynne David declared an interest in minute no. 77(i) (Financial Assistance) and minute no.84 (Planning)

Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in minute no.77 (iv) (Financial Assistance)

Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in minute no.77 (iv) (Financial Assistance)

Cllr Dennis Bolter declared an interest in minute no.84 (Planning)

*Chairman Cllr D Cushing welcomed Police Inspector Muirhead to the meeting*

### **70 Police Update – Inspector Ian Muirhead**

In summary Inspector Muirhead reported that crime had risen slightly but felt that this was due to a better recoding process now in place.

Assaults and public order offences were on the increase, cybercrime too.

Parking still an issue in Ystrad Mynach town centre and more recently large gangs of youths congregating in the town, blocking the road, with shop keepers and residents feeling intimidated by their presence. Police were actively tackling this issue.

Members reported several issues from commercial vehicles being parked in residential areas in Cefn Hengoed, to vehicles being parked in bus bays resulting in buses not being able to stop to pick up passengers to non-blue badge holders parking in disabled bays in the town. Inspector Muirhead noted their comments and would report back to the clerk or a future meeting.

*Chairman Cllr Donna Cushing thanked the Inspector for updating the council.*

*Inspector Muirhead left the meeting.*

*This Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, would be the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster. In remembrance of those that lost their lives and all those affected by this tragic event, members and clerk observed a minute silence.*

**71 Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman, Cllr Donna Cushing announced that she along with Cllr Judith Pritchard and the Clerk attended Gelligaer Community Council's book launch on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Greenhill Primary School. It was a lovely occasion whereby Poet, Children's Author and Entertainer Mr Mike Church, brought 'The Gelligaer Giant' to life.

The children's infectious laughter and concentration on the story clearly indicated that the book was a success. Each child took a book home with them.

The remaining Welsh books are to be given to Ysgol Penalltau.

**72 Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on **21/09/2016** were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

**73 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**74 Current Financial Situation as at 12/10/2016**

**(i) Balance of Funds**

The current 'Balance of Funds' document, which includes a list of authorised cheques, direct debits and debit card payments were received, approved and signed by the Chairman and Vice Chair.

**(ii) Cheques & Debit Card Payments**

Chairman received, approved 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 27, 28 / 84 / 86 / 34 were received, approved and signed by non-signatory member.

**(v) Monitoring Report April – September 2016**

Comparison of expenditure against budget was noted and amendments made.

**(vi) Open Spaces – Renewal Subscription Invitation from 01/11/2016**

Resolved: Council agreed to renew membership.

**75 Accountancy Packages**

Resolved: Council agreed for clerk to research the market for accountancy packages that would meet the needs of the council.

**76 Independent Remuneration Panel Draft Annual Report for 2017/18**

(i) Correspondence from Mr John Bader Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel For Wales was received and noted

(ii) Annual Draft Report (Pages applicable to Community Councils 1-10, 40-44)

Members formally decided on Determinations 44 - 51

**Determination 44**

Council agreed to the proposed increase to £150 per annum to each member.

**Determination 45**

Council did not accept this proposal.

**Determination 46**

Council did not agree to this proposal. They agree that a mayor /chair should receive a civic allowance of up to £500 but the £150 should be included within this sum, not in addition to it.

**Determination 47**

Council did not agree to this proposal. They agree that the vice/deputy to the chair/mayor should receive a sum of up to £250 but the £150 not be in addition to it.

**Determination 48**

Council agreed to the rates but stipulated that it should only applicable/payable for areas travelled outside the community council boundary.

**Determination 49**

Council agrees to this proposal for overnight stays.

**Determination 50**

Council agrees to financial loss compensation proposal

**Determination 51**

Council did not accept this proposal. It could potentially drain the finances of those councils with smaller precepts.

*Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions*

**77 Financial Assistance****(i) Ffrindiau Ysgol Penalltau Application No.26**

Resolved: £ 300 be granted to Ffrindiau Ysgol Penalltau

*Cllr Wynne David returned to discussions*

**(ii) Tiryberth Tuesday Afternoon Bingo Club Application No. 27**

Resolved: £300 be pledged to Tiryberth Tuesday Afternoon Bingo Club

*Cllr Martyn James declared an interest in Minute No. 77(iii) and played no part in the ensuing discussions*

**(iii) 1<sup>st</sup> Ystrad Mynach Scout Group Application No. 28**

Resolved: £200 be pledged to 1<sup>st</sup> Ystrad Mynach Scout Group

*Cllr Martyn James returned to discussions*

*Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in Minute No. 77(iv) and played no part in the ensuing discussions*

*Vice Chair, Cllr Martyn James chaired the next item*

**(iv) Cross Keys Football Club Application No. 29**

Resolved: £250 be pledged to Cross Keys Football Club

*Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to discussions*

*Chairman Cllr Donna Cushing returned to chairing the meeting*

## 78 Projects

### (i) Graham Moore Playing Field, Cascade

Correspondence received and noted from CCBC's Mr Mike Headington in relation to a new sign being installed on the field was noted.

### (ii) Tiryberth Village Hall

Resolved: Funding increased to £1,177 for an external notice board at Tiryberth Village hall to be able to display more papers and to include a header plus installation.

### (iii) Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

- It was noted that Cllr D Cushing, Cllr T Parry, Cllr J Pritchard and Cllr W Griffiths were available to attend.
- Hefin David AM would be invited to present the Young Citizen's Award.
- A new 'Community Service Award' be presented to Mrs Yvonne Thomas
- A cheque be presented to TY Hafan

### (iv) Ystrad Mynach - Christmas Market 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016

- a) A stall has been secured for the Community Council at nil cost.  
Resolved: Members agreed to funding a few promotional items such as bags and pencil case and helium balloons (6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention)
- b) It was noted that the Clerk is currently looking at external artificial trees – to be funded from partnership monies and/or sponsor

#### Additional Item:

- c) Generators for Santa's Sleigh have increased since quotation received by Cascaid Action Group by £120 (Project No.369)  
Resolved: Council agreed the £120 increase
- d) Defibrillator cabinet costs £411 plus labour, which is less than was estimated.  
*Resolved: To reduce sum on Project Summary.*

*Cllr M James and Cllr D Bolter leave the meeting*

### (v) Festive Lighting

Resolved: Correspondence from Elsbury Access Platforms in relation to price increases for 2016/17, which continues to be more cost effective than the previous contractor used by CCBC, was accepted

### (vi) Pantomimes

Posters and tickets were distributed to members for displaying and tickets to be sold at 0.50p each.

*Cllr M James returns to the meeting*

### (vii) 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 mtrs 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 6 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.

**79 Armistice Services Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Members collected wreaths for the following wards:  
Cefn Hengoed – Cllr D Cushing,  
Greenhill – Cllr W Griffiths  
Tiryberth Ward – Cllr N Quarry (Cllr T Parry on stand-by)  
Ystrad Mynach – Cllr A Angel

**Remembrance Services were noted at:**

St Cattwg's Church – 10.45am – Cllr W Griffiths to lay wreath  
Tiryberth Memorial – 10.45am - Cllr N Quarry to lay wreath  
Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach - 9.30am, followed by a procession to the Cenotaph  
Ystrad Mynach Cenotaph, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr – 10.45am

**80 Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Community Regeneration Fund Information Sheet**

Received and noted

**81 News Release – WLGA supports Welsh Government proposal to review Communities First**

Correspondence was received and noted. Members expressed their disappointment and commented that this would have wider implications on services like CAB Outreach and staff.

**82 CCBC’s Winter Maintenance Plan – DVD available to view at the office**

This item was noted

**83 CCBC’s Notice of Withdrawal for the Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031**

Correspondence was received and noted

*Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting*

**84 Planning Applications**

To receive and discuss the following:

Case Ref. 16/0808/FULL Site Area: 1185m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 35 Hengoed Road Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BR

Proposal: Demolish existing garage and construct one new dwelling

Applicant: Mr A Courtney 35 Hengoed Road Penpedairheol CF82 8BR

Agent: Heron Associates Mrs L Heron The Old Shop Kingcoed Usk NP15 1DS

Case Officer: Mr C Powell \_ 01495 235019 \_ powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314368 (E) 197297 (N) Target Date: 18.11.2016

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved: No objection**

Case Ref. 16/0735/TPO Site Area: 414m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 21 Maesycoed Terrace Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7BU

Proposal: Dismantle oak tree to ground level

Applicant: Mr G Stevens 21 Maesycoed Terrace Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7BU

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 313706 (E) 194328 (N) Target Date: 09.11.2016

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved: No objection**

Case Ref. 16/0795/TPO Site Area: 14m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 8 Kingswood Close Hengoed CF82 7LU

Proposal: Remove copper beech tree in rear garden (Number 0255 of Tree Preservation Order 49/82/RVDC)

Applicant: Mrs J Kennelly 8 Kingswood Close Hengoed CF82 7LU

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

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315272 (E) 195156 (N) Target Date: 04.11.2016

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved: Objection on the grounds of loss of amenity and green space. The copper beech tree is a valuable part of the street scene and enhances the look of the area and was in situ before the development of houses.**

**The meeting closed at 9.25 pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: 23<sup>th</sup> November 2016