

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 18th February 2015 7.30pm at Gelligaer Community Council Office, Council Chamber, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, D Bolter, D Cushing, H David, W David, G Hughes, M James, T Matthews, J A Pritchard (Chairman), N Quarry and G Roberts.

Clerk: Ceri Mortimer

In Attendance: Caerphilly County Borough Council Mayor, Cllr David Carter

Chairman, Cllr Judith Pritchard announced that sadly, ten days ago, Cllr Teresa Parry's husband, Mr Colin Parry died suddenly at home. Our condolences have been extended to Cllr Parry and her family. To show our respect and to remember Mr Colin Parry the Chairman requested that we observe a minute's silence.

Chairman Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed Caerphilly County Borough Council's Mayor, Cllr David Carter to the meeting.

181 Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council, Cllr David Carter

Cllr Carter spoke to the members about his two chosen charities, the first being Home Start Caerphilly.

A few years ago Cllr Carter chaired a panel for the exclusion of pupils in schools. A case was presented whereby a young child was not attending school. The circumstances surrounding his non-attendance were complicated and tragic.

The authority decided that the child should attend another school, which was even further away than his usual school, putting additional pressures on the family. It was not within Social Services or Educations' remit to resolve this family's issues.

Councillors on the exclusion committee were however able to call in the support of Home Start, which is a voluntary organization that supports parents and young children. Measures were put in place resulting in a positive outcome for the excluded child and the family as a whole.

Cllr Carter stressed how important it was to support local private organizations like Home Start, especially so when the authority is not in a position to assist.

That was the first time Cllr Carter came across the organization and they proved to be of great assistance with his casework as a councillor.

Cllr Carter's second charity is the British Legion. He spoke about it being the 100th anniversary since the Great War and the 75th anniversary of WWII.

He highlighted that ex-servicemen 20 - 40 years after serving were experiencing post traumatic stress disorder. Cllr Carter also stressed that it was important to support the grand children of those that fought in the war.

Members agreed that both charities were very worthy and the Chairman explained that they would discuss the possibility of making a contribution later in the meeting under "Projects". Chairman Cllr Judith Pritchard thanked the Mayor for attending our meeting and explained that the clerk would be in contact.

Caerphilly County Borough Councillor, Cllr David Carter, thanked the members and left the meeting

182 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr W Griffiths due to ill health and Cllr T Parry due to bereavement.

183 Declarations of Interest

Cllr T Matthews declared an interest in:

Minute no. 189 (Financial Assistance App 29 - Gelligaer Allotment Association)

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest in:

Minute no.193 (Financial Assistance App 33 - Caerffili CHAD Caerphilly)

Cllr A Angel declared an interest in:

Minute no. 191 (Financial Assistance App 31 - Lewis Street Methodist Church)

Cllr M James declared an interest in:

Minute no 191 (Financial Assistance App 31 - Lewis Street Methodist Church)

Minute no.195 (LDP YST 002)

Minute no. 205 (Planning App 14/0847/FULL)

Cllr N Quarry declared an interest in:

Minute no.195 (LDP STC001)

Cllr H David declared an interest in:

Minute no.195 (LDP STC008)

Cllr W David declared an interest in:

Minute no.195 (LDP STC008)

Minute no. 205 (Planning)

Cllr D Bolter declared an interest in:

Minute no. 195 (LDP STC009)

Minute no. 205 (Planning) (left meeting before Planning item commenced)

184 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman, Cllr Judith Pritchard announced the following:

- She had received a warm welcome at an event held by Cascade Allotments Association at Penallta Rugby Club. The club are a well run organization with a 5 year strategy in place.
- Holy Trinity Church Ystrad Mynach have invited the chairman and members to a dedication on 28th February. Cllr Judith Pritchard will attend
- Porth Fire Station invitation to look and discuss pods. The clerk would attend.
- Saturday 28th March 2015 2.00 5.00pm at Hengoed Community Hall, altl members are welcome. Invitations will go out to all our OAP's and volunteers. Proceeds from the event will go to Ty Hafan.
- A letter of thanks had been received from the Open Spaces Society in relation to an additional contribution made by the community council to mark 150 years.

185 Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14/01/2015 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record

186 Matters Arising

Minute 171 CCBC Consultation: Saving Proposals for 2015/16

Appendix 3 - It was noted that Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) in line
with our recommendation, were going to reinstate the vacant Environmental
Enforcement Health Officer's (EEHO) post thus providing the county with 3 EEHO's
as opposed to two.

Appendix 5 – It was noted that the library issue was going back to cabinet with a
proposal to open all day on Thursdays instead of opening on a Saturday morning, as
the community council had suggested, to cater for those that work all week and are
unable to access the service until Saturday. Despite Ystrad Mynach having one of
the highest footfalls they were not classed as a "main library" and therefore would
close on Saturdays.

187 Current Financial Situation

The current financial situation of the Council as at 10/02/2015 was confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

188 Financial Assistance Bargoed & District Art Society Application No.28
It was RESOLVED that £400 be granted to Bargoed & District Art Society

Cllr T Matthews declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

189 Financial Assistance Gelligaer Allotment Association Application No.29
It was RESOLVED that £250 be granted to Gelligaer Allotment Association

Cllr T Matthews returned to the chamber and discussions

190 Financial Assistance Cefn Hengoed OAP Association Application No.30 It was RESOLVED that £250 be granted to Cefn Hengoed OAP Association

Cllr A Angel & Cllr M James declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

191 Financial Assistance Lewis Street Methodist Church Application No.31
It was RESOLVED that £350 be granted to Lewis Street Methodist Church

Cllr A Angel & Cllr M James returned to the chamber and discussions

192 Financial Assistance Cascade Scrabble Club Application No.32
It was RESOLVED that £100 be granted to Cascade Scrabble Club

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

Cllr M James chaired the meeting in her absence.

193 Financial Assistance Caerffili CHAD Caerphilly Application No.33 It was RESOLVED that £400 be granted to Caerffili CHAD Caerphilly

Cllr J Pritchard returned to the chamber and resumed to chairing the meeting

194 CCBC Consultation Common Allocation Policy

It was noted that members would like to see housing associations working with the authority and residents to alleviate anti-social behavior. A common management approach must be adopted with a single register, with appropriate banding, according to need

195 CCBC Statutory Consultation - Local Development Plan (LDP) First Revision

It was noted that the public can view details at the Non Political Social Club, 23 Bedwlwyn Road, Ystrad Mynach

- Monday 23rd February 2015, 10am 2pm
- Friday 27th February 2015, 2pm 7pm
- Saturday 28th February 2015, 10am 3pm

Members made the following comments in relation to the LDP consultation:

Members strongly support the 1500 proposed building development at Maesycymer, not only to provide affordable and social housing but also a new road infrastructure in this area will alleviate the bottle neck effect which occurs twice daily during peak times.

HEN001: Land off Penallta Road, Hengoed

Ward: Hengoed Site size (Ha): 1.09 Current Use: Vacant Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly object to the proposed residential development of this site and request that it be retained for allotment use.

HEN002: Land north of Cae Ysgubor, Hengoed

Ward: Hengoed Site size (Ha): 3.78 Current Use: Grazing Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being a green

wedge between two communities

HEN003: Land East of Valley View, Cefn Hengoed

Ward: Hengoed Site size (Ha): 1.93 Current Use: Grazing Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an

incursion into the open countryside.

HEN004: Land North of Cwm Calon, Penalita, Hengoed

Ward: Hengoed
Site size (Ha): 1.64
Current Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the countryside and the development would be too close to the industrial estate. It was also noted that the footpath should be reinstated at this location.

Cllr Nicola Quarry declared an interest in the next item thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

STS001: Fields at Tir y Berth Farm, Cefn Hengoed

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 10.11 Current Use: Countryside Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an

incursion into the open countryside.

Cllr Nicola Quarry returned to discussions

STC002: Greenhill Primary School, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 0.93

Current Use: Open Space Proposed Use: Residential

There were no objections to the proposed residential development at this site.

STC003: Land adjoining Bron Las Estate, Penpedairheol

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 1.49 Current Use: Agriculture

Proposed Use: Residential or Education

There were no objections to proposed development north of the high-tension cable but there were strong objections to proposed development south of the high-tension cable.

STC004: Land West of Cefn Llwyna Farm, Penallta, Penybryn

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size: 5.9
Current Use: Grazing

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There were no comments made in respect of this proposed residential development.

STC005: Land at Heol Adam Farm, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 1.2
Current Use: Storage
Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

STC006: Land adjacent to Green Hill Primary School, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 3.06
Current Use: Agriculture
Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

STC007: Land adjacent to Caerau House, Pengam Road, Penpedairheol

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 0.32
Current Use: Grazing
Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside and access would prove to be too difficult and dangerous.

Cllr Wynne David and Cllr Hefin David declared an interest in the next item, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

STC008: Land at Rhos Farm, Penpedairheol

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 13.7
Current Use: Agriculture
Proposed Use: Residential

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Cllr Dennis Bolter declared an interest in the next item, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

STC009: Land South of Glyngaer Road, Cefn Hengoed

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 1.32
Current Use: Grazing
Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development at this site due to its close proximity to the industrial estate and a green wedge is required as a buffer between the residential and industrial site.

Cllr Dennis Bolter returned to discussions

STC010: Land at Gelligaer Court, Penpedairheol

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 1.17

Current Use: Warehouse, dwelling and derelict building

Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development at this site due to its inadequate access from the farm lane.

STC011: Land West of Penybryn Football Ground, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 10.78 Current Use: Agriculture

Proposed Use: Residential or energy generation

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside and a further strain on existing traffic on the A472 to Ystrad Mynach.

STC012: Land adjacent to Gwaun-Fro Road, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 2.79
Current Use: Agriculture
Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

STC013: Land at Bryn Quarry, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 8.24

Current Use: Waste recycling and processing facility Proposed Use: Waste recycling and processing centre

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

STC014: Land at Bryn Quarry, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg Site size (Ha): 23.35

Current Use: High specification sandstone quarry (extension) Proposed Use: High specification sandstone quarry and open land

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

STC015: Land adjacent to Yew Cottages, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg
Site size (Ha): 1.29
Current Use: Grazing
Proposed Use: Residential

There were no comments made in respect of this proposed residential development.

YST001: Land East of Cefn Llwyna Farm, Penallta, Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): Grazing Current Use: Grazing Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

Cllr Martyn James declares an interest in the next item and therefore played no part in the ensuing discussions

YST002: Land adjacent to White Rose Cottages, Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): 0.37

Current Use: Part open space, part builder's yard

Proposed Use: Residential

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential development at this site on highway arounds.

Cllr Martyn James returned to discussions

YST003: Land East of Penallta Road (former colliery), Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): 0.89

Current Use: Vacant, former industrial land

Proposed Use: Residential

There were no objections to the proposed residential development of this site.

YST004: Land at New Road, Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): 1.57

Current Use: Concrete works and fields

Proposed Use: Residential

There were no objections to the proposed residential development of the concrete works site however members <u>strongly objected to the proposed residential development of the</u> fields due to the loss of grassed amenity and trees and its proximity to the river.

YST005: Land West of Penallta Road, Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): 15.37 Current Use: Agriculture

Proposed Use: Residential or energy generation

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential or energy generation development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

YST006: Land adjacent to Cefn-Llwynau Bungalow, Penallta, Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): 1.1 Current Use: Agriculture

Proposed Use: Residential or energy generation

Members strongly objected to the proposed residential or energy generation development due to it being an incursion into the open countryside.

YST007: Units 1-4, Caerphilly Road, Ystrad Mynach

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Site size (Ha): 0.78

Current Use: Vacant industrial units

Proposed Use: Residential, retail, leisure and mixed use

There were no objections to the proposed residential, retail, leisure and mixed use of this site as currently complaints have been received from residents at Forge Mill that despite the units being boarded up, people were sleeping rough there.

Cllr Hefin David leaves the meeting

196 CCBC – Free School Meals

It was noted that many children who are eligible for free school meals are not receiving Children are eligible to claim free lunches if their parents/carers are receiving either of the following: Income Support, Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit and Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Children receiving free meals can also receive a one off clothing grant of £105 when moving from primary to secondary school, it is therefore important that parents are made aware to register for the grants.

197 CCBC 5 Man Community Cleansing – Cascade & Hengoed Wards

Work commences 16th March 2015 and members were requested to report to the clerk, any areas that need attention. Cllr M James requested that the pavement near the pit head baths at Cwm Calon be thrashed back as they were likely to pose a problem to pedestrians. Other members will email the clerk.

198 Cyd Cymru – residents can 'switch and make savings' with their energy bills
It was noted that to help local people reduce their domestic energy bills CCBC, with support
from the Welsh Government, have signed up to a special charter with Cyd Cymru, to save
money by buying fuel 'in bulk'. Two switches that have already taken place with over 1,500
people who sign up to switch made on average a saving of £185 per household.

To register (by Sunday 1 March 2015) either call 0800 093 5902 or online www.cydcymru.

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199 One Voice Wales Membership 2015 - 2016

It was RESOLVED to renew membership for 2015-16 at a cost of £2179

200 One Voice Wales & Society of Local Council Clerks Event 14th May 2015, Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells

The event is open to members and clerks at a cost of £69 each (plus VAT) Guest speakers include Leighton Andrews AM and Robert Andrew from Cornwall County Council. Workshop sessions in the afternoon will include creating sustainable futures, creating dynamic local communities and financial governance and accountability. It was agreed that the clerk attend and Cllr Cushing would check out her availability at work, to also attend.

201 Police & Crime Commissioner – 'Getting it Right' Event Findings

Members noted the findings, following the 'Getting it Right' event in November 2014

202 Welsh Government Devolution, Democracy and Delivery

White Paper – Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People (pages 50 - 54 apply to Town & Community Councils) **This item was deferred until our next meeting.**

203 Projects

(i) CCBC's Mayor's Charity Appeal

Following discussions, it was RESOLVED that £500 be granted to the Mayors Charity Appeal.

(ii) Project No.335 Family Day Trip

To discuss rolling it out to other wards following the success of the pilot project at Tiryberth – this item was deferred until the next **meeting**

(iii) Project Summary:

Project No. 347 – Cascade Allotment

Work: Removal of fence to open up allotment plots

Cost: £650

Project No. 346 - Urdd Eisteddfod Llancaiach Fawr

Work: Support (i) Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed Appeal Committee and (ii)

Gelligaer Appeal Committee (which includes St Catwg, Tiryberth & Glanynant)

Cost: £500 each

Project No. 345 - Women's refuge

Work: to improve the interior to make more homely & welcoming for women & children.

Inventory of items/works has been drawn up

Cost of printing: £48 for printing & £300 for Welcome Packs for Gilfach & £300 on items for

Ystrad Mynach

Project No. 344 WWI Commemoration Benches

Work to be undertaken: Buy & install 2 decorative WW1 benches for memorials at Tiryberth

& Ystrad Mynach Cost: £1393

Project No. 343 Ystrad Mynach Primary School Centenary Mosaic

Work to be undertaken: Artists to work with children in designing and installing a mosaic in

the grounds Cost: £2,000

Project No. 342 Hanging Baskets at Ystrad Mynach

Work to be undertaken: Supply & fit 12 summer hanging baskets throughout the town plus

planter on railings to the front of Pier Head building & daily watering

Cost: £3,406

Project No. 341 Christmas Lighting & Tree Ystrad Mynach

Work to be undertaken: Supply & install, jointly with Ystrad Mynach Partnership, new

festoon lighting in the town, and the supply and installing of a tree.

Cost: £1,687

Project No. 340 Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Work to be undertaken: Fund Automated External Defibrillator's, through the PTA's, at Lewis

School Pengam & Lewis Girls School, in support of 'Jack's Appeal'

Cost: £2,000 (for 2 AED's plus training through Welsh Hearts)

Project No. 339 - Poppy Planting to Commemorate WWI

Work to be undertaken: Every child in our 8 primary schools to plant a poppy. Clerk to

arrange schedule of planting. Cost: £796

Project No. 338 – "Swap your bottles for beakers" / Protecting Children's Teeth

Work to be undertaken: Supply doidy cups for young children in an attempt to improve teeth

Cost: £1,500

Project No. 337 Gelligaer Junior Bowls Club

Work to be undertaken: Purchase lighter bowls suitable for children and appropriate foot

wear. Cost: £900

Project No.336 Motorbike Inhibitor between f/path on Hospital Road

Work to be undertaken: Install Motorbike Inhibitor. CCBC to rectify their works Cost: £2,800

Project No.335 Day trip to the beach for families (Sat 9th Aug 2014)

Cost: 3 x 49 seater coach to transport families from Tiryberth to Porthcawl Pilot the project in Tiryberth and roll out to other wards if proven to be successful. Tiryberth Partnership to take on responsibility. Cost: £1125

Project No. 331 Cascade Allotments Association

Works to be undertaken: New works are – to install a memorial garden, bench and the removal of trees in partnership with Tidy Towns Cost: £3,000

Project No. 330 Bands in the Park

Works to be undertaken: Bands in the Park 2014 at Tiryberth Park and Ystrad Mynach Park. Cost: £698 (331 x 2)

Project No. 229 Hengoed MUGA

Works to be undertaken: Installation of 3 lights and testing of feeder pillars and columns. Clerk to instruct Street Lighting to undertake this work Cost: £197 & £313

Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2014

Work to be undertaken: To arrange Pantos at (1) Tiryberth Primary (2) Gelligaer Community Centre (3) Lyndsey Club (4) Hengoed Community Centre (5) Ystrad Mynach x 2 (Lewis Girls) & Penybryn Cost: £3,875

Project No. 222: Tiryberth Memorial

Work to be undertaken: Hard standing & pathway completed, now names are required for inscriptions on the granite. Member is making enquiries

Project No. 218: Cornflower project 2014

Work to be undertaken: sowing/planting at: (1) Tiryberth park banking (2) by The Cross P/H (3) on rough ground near Cefn Hengoed community Centre (4) in the verge past the entrance and R/A to Brynsiriol estate Cost: Awaiting cost

Project No. 217: Pensioner bungalows, Heol Dewi Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: 4 car parking spaces Cost: £5,000

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Project No. 212: Bi-annual Gelligaer Young Citizens Award

Work to be undertaken: Presentation for good deeds within the community

Cost: £205 Next event: 10th December 2014

Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Work to be undertaken: Newsletter - Spring 2015

Cost: £1150 & distribution costs

New Project – Health messages on TV monitors

Work to be undertaken: quotes required

New Project - Orchid Close & Churchfield Close (to the r/o) Tiryberth — to work in partnership to smarten area up, provide a bench. Member to contact Rhodri Lloyd.

204 Alterations to the interior layout of Gelligaer Community Council Office

To receive for your information proposed plans and quotations.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Cllr Dennis Bolter & Cllr Thomas Matthews leave the meeting

Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently leaves the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

205 Planning Applications

- 14/0856/FULL no objection
- 15/0054/COU -- N/A
- 15/0057/FULL no objection on the proviso there is no loss to off street parking
- 15/0077/NOTD no objection
- 14/0836/FULL -- objection on the grounds of loss of parking
- 15/0031/FULL no objection
- 15/0059/FULL no objection

Cllr Graham Hughes leaves the meeting

- 15/0098/FULL no objection
- Land at Troedyrhiw, Ystrad Mynach objections on the grounds of loss of amenity and highways

Cllr Martyn James declared an interest in the next item and subsequently leaves the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

 14/0847/FULL – Erect 3 detached dwellings on land to the rear of Brynmynach Avenue, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed – there were objections on the grounds of access to lane, lane 6 metres on deeds to bungalow, covenant on railway, water culvert and TPO's.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed:	Chairman
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