



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Ceri Mortimer

In Attendance: Neighborhood Policing Inspector Muirhead

Chairman, Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed Inspector Muirhead to the meeting.

206 Police Inspector Muirhead

In summary, Inspector Muirhead gave a brief introduction of his working life and experiences within the police force. He is the Neighborhood Policing Inspector for Caerphilly North, which covers Ystrad Mynach to Rhymney. Due to poor attendance, PACT meetings have been replaced with a new initiative "Your Voice" whereby officers go out into the community to speak with people about issues that affect them, like a street surgery. Members support this new initiative of engaging with the community and one member stated that a recent street surgery at Cwm Calon was very well attended and people were generally very satisfied with the service. Members spoke about off street bikes tearing up Hospital road at night. Footpaths and bridleways were being damaged.

Inspector Muirhead stated that crime and anti-social behaviour was currently relatively low for the area, but weather can determine levels of crime. Illegal parking and speeding is a major concern and officers are looking to address it, especially so in the town centres.

Inspector Muirhead noted members' issues and would look to address them.

It was agreed that the Inspector return to our community council meetings on a quarterly basis to give further updates.

Chairman, Cllr Judith Pritchard thanked the inspector for attending our meeting

Inspector Muirhead left the chamber

207 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Angel due to ill health, Cllr D Cushing & Cllr N Quarry due to work commitments, Cllr H David due to attending a "Your Voice" police street surgery at Brynsiriol and Cllr T Parry due to her recent bereavement.

208 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dennis Bolter and Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in minute no. 219 (**Planning**)

209 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Cllr Judith Pritchard announced the following:

- 19th Feb – presented a cheque to Disability Cando
- 24th Feb – presented a cheque to CHAD. A letter of thanks was received from Mr John Higgs.
- 25th Feb – presented a cheque with the clerk to Caerphilly County Borough Council's Mayor, Cllr David Carter in support of his worthwhile charities
- 28th Feb – attended the Holy Trinity Church's Dedication Service
- 3rd March – met with the clerk and Cllr Nicola Quarry to purchase a TV for the refuge at Gilfach, from the chairman's account and priced up monitors for our doctors surgeries.
- 28th March – Chairman's Event for Ty Hafan, 2.00 – 5.00pm Hengoed Community Centre - all members were invited to attend and to assist on the day if they were able.

210 Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on **18/02/2015** were confirmed and signed as an accurate record

211 Matters of Information

- *One Voice Wales & Society of Local Council Clerks Event 14th May 2015, Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells – the clerk and Cllr Donna Cushing are attending*
- *A site meeting was undertaken at Pottery Lane with Rhodri Lloyd of CCBC, Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Wynne David and the clerk. It was agreed that Tidy Town's tackle the litter along the lane and on the open land opposite the row of houses, Glyngaer Road.*

212 Current Financial Situation

The current financial situation of the Council as at **12/03/2015** was confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

213 External Auditors Mazars LLP – Change of Address & Contact

Members noted the change of address for Mazars LLP as Mazars LLP, The Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS

214 Appoint Internal Auditor for year ended 31st March 2015 and for 2015/16

It was RESOLVED that CIPFA qualified Accountant, Mr M Fisher, be appointed for this year-end and 2015/16.

215 Financial Assistance Kidney Wales Foundation - Walk for Life, Application No.34

It was RESOLVED that £500 be granted to Kidney Wales Foundation

216 Insurance Renewal for 2015 - 2016

Quotes were received and discussed.

It was RESOLVED that council continue with Zurich on a one year agreement.

**217 Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Statutory Consultation
Local Development Plan First Revision**

Following further information received since our last meeting in February and consultation with local residents members requested revisiting and commenting on the following sites:

STC002: Greenhill Primary School, Gelligaer

Ward: St Cattwg

Site size (Ha): 0.93

Current Use: Open Space

Proposed Use: Residential

We have no objections to the old school site being developed however the open green space adjacent to the pathway (r/o Aneurin Bevan Avenue) has been open land since 1966 and local residents, Gelligaer Community Council and ward members are keen to keep it that way for the following reasons:

- The path running through to the new school, which cost Caerphilly County Borough Council approximately £40k to install, has been designated as a 'Safe Route to School' and therefore it is imperative that this route is preserved for the safety of our young children to and from school, and in using this safe route following after school activities.*
- The green space has been an open space for children to play on for 49 years and therefore we strongly object to the loss of amenity. The community council paid for the knee rail on the perimeter, thus preventing cars from mounting the grassed play area, ensuring the safety of the children. Children continue to play on this green open space to this day.*

STC004: Land West of Cefn Llwyna Farm, Penallta, Penybryn
Ward: St Cattwg
Site size: 5.9
Current Use: Grazing
Proposed Use: Residential

The proposed development of this site includes Penybryn football field, which has good regular usage from local residents and medium bookings for fixed matches. The adjoining village hall serves the ground well with excellent changing room facilities, kitchen and hall, and has recently undergone a £60k refurbishment, funded by Caerphilly County Borough Council. We therefore strongly object to the proposed development on the grounds of:

- (i) Loss of amenity/ loss of football field*
- (ii) Highway grounds*

218 Welsh Government Devolution, Democracy and Delivery

White Paper – Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People (pages 50 – 54 applied to Community & Town Councils) This item was deferred from the last meeting. Members commented on the White Paper, which will be submitted to One Voice Wales and Welsh Government.

Cllr Gethin Roberts leaves the meeting

Cllr Dennis Bolter & Cllr Wynne David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions

219 Planning Applications

The following applications were received and discussed:

Case Ref. 15/0109/FULL Site Area: 239m²

Location: 1 Tredomen Terrace Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7BW

Proposal: Provide external wall installation

Applicant: Mr D J Evans 1 Tredomen Terrace Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7BW

Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01495 235019 _powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach **Map Ref:** 313762 (E) 194426 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council – NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0113/CLPU Site Area: 708m²

Location: 1 Station Cottages Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XN

Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use of conservatory

Applicant: Mr P Morrissey 1 Station Cottages Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XN

Agent: Mr P Perry 21 Maes Watford Caerphilly CF83 1LP

Case Officer: Mr C Boardman 01495 235037 boardc@caerphilly.gov.uk **Ward:** St Cattwg

Map Ref: 314980 (E) 197466 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0102/FULL Site Area: 290m²

Location: 44 Brynheulog Street Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GD

Proposal: Construct new double garage with storage above

Applicant: Mr C Jones 44 Brynheulog Street Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GD

Agent: Mr K Fullwood 77 Queen Street Abertillery NP13 1AP

Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01495 235019 _powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg **Map Ref:** 313550 (E) 196202 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Committee

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0115/FULL Site Area: 264m²
Location: 1 Alexandra Road Hengoed CF82 7NE
Proposal: Erect extensions to rear and side of the existing dwelling
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Jones 1 Alexandra Road Hengoed CF82 7NE
Agent: STP Architects Mr D Poole Old School House Hengoed CF82 7OS
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01495 235019 _powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Hengoed **Map Ref:** 315222 (E) 195121 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0130/FULL Site Area: 767m²
Location: 9 Penallta Villas Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7GH
Proposal: Erect single-storey rear extension, two-storey side extension, loft conversion with dormers, internal alterations, new retaining wall and first floor balcony
Applicant: Mr M Pope 9 Penallta Villas Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7GH
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01495 235019 _powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach **Map Ref:** 314436 (E) 195130 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0144/FULL Site Area: 347m²
Location: 11 Llys Y Coed Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FD
Proposal: Erect two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension and enclose porch to front elevation
Applicant: Mr G Santos 11 Llys Y Coed Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FD
Agent: **Case Officer:** Mr C Powell 01495 235019 _powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach **Map Ref:** 314326 (E) 193296 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0135/FULL Site Area: 11227m²
Location: Reed House, Enterprise House And Enterprise House Annexe Tir-y-berth Industrial Estate New Road Tir-y-berth Hengoed CF82 8AU
Proposal: Refurbish two existing factory units including the over-cladding of roofs and walls, replacement of windows, minor re-planning of welfare facilities and the creation of external breakout/smoking area
Applicant: Chevier Limited Tir-y-berth Industrial Estate New Road Tir-y-berth Hengoed CF82 8AU
Agent: Oriol Design Limited M Bolton Ty Cefn Rectory Road Cardiff CF51QL
Case Officer: Mrs M Davies 01495 235227 _daviem2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Hengoed **Map Ref:** 315269 (E) 196523 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Case Ref. 15/0140/FULL Site Area: 136m²
Location: 16 Griffiths Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AW
Proposal: Erect a two storey rear extension with additional basement provision and provide a porch to the front elevation
Applicant: Mr J Lovell 16 Griffiths Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AW
Case Officer: Mr C Powell _
01495 235019 _powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach **Map Ref:** 314133 (E) 194672 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council - NO OBJECTION

Cllr Dennis Bolter & Cllr Wynne David returned to the chamber

220 Projects

(i) New project - Notice board at Magnum Stores

Quotes were received and discussed.

It was RESOLVED that the larger board with header be purchased (to display community council business on one side and community events and notices on the other). Voyle Construction to install.

(ii) Project No.335 Family Day Trip

It was RESOLVED that the day trip be rolled out to other community first wards following the success of the pilot project at Tiryberth. Two coaches each for: Tiryberth, Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed & Gelligaer

(iii) New Project – Health Monitors at Gelligaer Surgery & Oakfield Surgery.

A quote was received for 55inch LG TV (monitor) @ £619 plus tilt and turn bracket @ £63. Council is awaiting installation costs, and is therefore unable to proceed until all costings are received and considered.

Cllr Thomas Matthews left the meeting

(iv) Project Summary

The project summary was received and council RESOLVED that the following projects be carried forward into 2015/16

Project No. 348 – Youth Club, Cefn Hengoed

Work: Rebuild/refurbs centre.

Cost: £ 3,520 (fee for technical services)

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. 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. 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.336 Motorbike Inhibitor between f/path on Hospital Road

Work to be undertaken: Install Motorbike Inhibitor Cost: £950

Project No.335 Day trip to the beach for families

Work to be undertaken: 2 coaches from each community 1st ward (i) Gelligaer (ii) Tiryberth (iii) Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed, to transport families for a day out to Porthcawl

Cost: tbc

Project No. 330 Bands in the Park

Works to be undertaken: Bands in the Park 2015 at Tiryberth Park and Ystrad Mynach Park.

Cost: £698 (331 x 2)

Project No. 228 Pantomimes 2015

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: Wild Flower Sowing

Work to be undertaken: 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. 217: Pensioner bungalows, Heol Dewi Hengoed

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

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

Work to be undertaken: Presentation for good deeds within the community
Cost: £205 Next event: tbc

Project No. 167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Work to be undertaken: Newsletter – Summer 2015
Cost: £1150 & distribution costs

New Project – Health messages on TV monitors

Work to be undertaken: quote received for TV monitor (£619) & brackets (£63), awaiting installation costs

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.

New Project – Pottery Lane

Work to be undertaken – smarten up area, to rid of litter and restore natural beauty

- 221 Alterations to the interior layout of Gelligaer Community Council Office** (this item was deferred from the last meeting)
Quotes and plan, which incorporates a disabled toilet, were received and discussed. It was RESOLVED that the cheaper contractor's quote be accepted to execute the works outlined, which includes work to the ladies WC making it DDA compliant and retaining the male WC.
- 222 Highways Act 1980 Section 119 Diversion of Footpath 19 at Tiryberth Farm Hengoed**
A notice, letter and plan were received and discussed.
Council strongly objected to the diversion of footpath 19 on the following grounds:
- (i) Entrance to the footpath (E-D) is on land not under the control of the applicant
 - (ii) Local residents using the footpath will have to walk much further from Cefn Hengoed to Penpedairheol

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman