



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of Gelligaer Community Council
held on Wednesday 18th December 2019, 7.00pm at the Council Office,
Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, W David, T Matthews, R Osborne, T Parry (Vice Chair), J Postians and J Pritchard (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Mr M Birch, member of Cwm Calon Community Association (CCCA)

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting

131 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bezzina, Cllr D Cushing due to bereavement, Cllr C David due to other commitments, Cllr M James due to being unwell and Cllr S Milford due to work commitments.

132 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.

All members declared a personal interest but not a prejudicial interest in minute no. 137 (i) – Precept

Cllr A Angel declared an interest in minute no.140 – Planning

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard invited Mr Martyn Birch, committee member of CCCA to speak.

133 Cwm Calon No Cold Calling Zone - Mr Martyn Birch (deferred from last meeting)

In summary, Mr Birch explained that double glazing sales personnel are descending on the estate en masse along with other cold callers. Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Trading Standards suggested that installing a "No Cold Calling Zone" would eradicate the issue at a cost of £870 to cover window stickers, the erection of permanent signage and an agreed drafted consultation letter for distribution to every dwelling. However there was no CCBC funding available to implement the scheme. Members mentioned other areas/streets facing the same cold calling issues. It was suggested that a letter of complaint from CCCA to the double glazing company may help to reduce cold calling visits.

In relation to raising funds members suggested a number of options – fund raising activities, which was also a good way of bringing a new community together; raising a small levy per household and/or applying to the Police Commission, GAVO and the Welsh Church Fund for a grant.

Members agreed to discuss the matter further under Projects/ Financial Assistance and the clerk would report back to Mr Birch.

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard thanked Mr Birch for his address and he subsequently left the meeting.

Meeting temporarily adjourned for 5 minutes

Meeting re-convenes

134 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard announced that she had attended:
Mrs Nell Probert's 100th birthday party presenting her with flowers and a card with our very best wishes.
Hengoed Pantomime which had been a great success.
Cefn Hengoed's Senior Citizen's Christmas dinner and tea with Cllr Teresa Parry and the clerk, which was very enjoyable.

135 Minutes

Minutes of the **ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL** meeting held on **27th November 2019** was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

136 Matters Arising

Omitted from the Minutes but agreed that it's to be included within our response to CCBC:
"Gelligaer Community Council certainly welcomes the proposal of Penallta Civic Amenity being expanded. However in relation to the closure of Trehir, CCBC may want to consider utilizing the once used storage area, that was used during the road improvements just off the Llanbradach roundabout, or look for an alternative site to meet the needs of residents in the Caerphilly basin and nearby villages".

137 Financial

(i) Precept

Draft precept report was received and discussed. It is anticipated that many organisations will be seeking additional financial support from community & town councils following CCBC's budget cuts.

(ii) Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

RESOLVED: £6k be factored within our budget in the event of CCBC withdrawing funding for CAB outreach in our area, a vital service and a lifeline to many.

(iii) Ystrad Mynach Refurbishment Costs – vire costs from Projects to CIL

RESOLVED: Council agreed that the refurbishment costs of £11,682 be vired from Other Projects & Community Benefit subject heading under Projects to the CIL subject heading

(iv) Potential projects for 2020/21

School sustainability project £3k

138 Projects

(i) Project Summary – was received and noted

ANNUAL 2019/20 PROJECTS

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| 1 | Intergenerational Luncheon - Lewis School Pengam for the 50+
To support the provision of luncheon club
£1,500 |
| 2 | Christmas Lighting 2019
Erect Christmas lighting throughout all areas
£10,500
LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors) |
| 3 | Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market
Contribution towards the Christmas market to ensure its continuity
Saturday 16th Nov 2019
£2,000
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts) |
| 4 | Hanging Baskets at Ystrad Mynach
17.5 summer hanging basket throughout town plus 3 planters of flowers attached
Installation, watering, taking down and storage.
£3,840 LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors) |

- 5 Family Day Trip
Fund 5 x 49 seater coaches
(x1) Gelligaer Community Centre Sat 2nd Aug
(x1) Lindsay Club Sat 10th Aug 2019
(x1) Hengoed Community Centre Sat 10th Aug
(x1) TYB Primary Sun 4th Aug
LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 6 Pantomimes
(1) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 04/12/19 6.30pm
(2) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 9/12/19 Dec 6.00pm
(3) Lyndsey Club Wed 11/12/19 5.30pm
(4) TYB Primary Thurs 12/12/19 6.30pm
(5) Lewis Girls Sunday Sun 15/12/19 2.30pm
(6) Glanynant Memorial Hall Sun 15 /12/19 7.00pm
(7) Hengoed Community Centre Mon 16/12/19 Dec 5.30pm
(8) Cascade Community Centre Thurs 19/12/19 5.30pm
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)
- 7 Presentation at Llancaiach
Presentation of Young Citizens and Community Service awards & grants to clubs (up to 10 nominees) 1,690
80 -100 volunteers invited
23rd November 2019 2.00 - 4.30pm
£1690 (funded with Chairman)
LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 8 Community Newsletter Issue - no. 10 (Summer/Autumn)
Spring/Summer & Autumn/Winter Art & print £1395 x 2; Distribution £485 x 2
LGA 1972 s.142

OTHER PROJECTS & COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- 9 Ceramic poppy - to frame and display at Derwendeg Primary Cost £150
- 10 Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed - to refurbish toilets and painting of hall & cupboards
£2,000
- 11 Cwm Calon – installation of notice board at the newly installed park and near f/path
£1,200 plus installation costs of £250
- 12 Lewis Boys Pengam – to research WW1 Henry Edwards and clean grave at Hengoed Chapel
estimated cost £500
- 13 Library, Ystrad Mynach – install a new notice board
- 14 Ystrad Mynach Public Toilets – Maintenance/cleaning for 5 months £3,395
(move item to annual projects in 2020/21 £8,148 for 12 months)
- 15 Glanynant Park – Supply bench at £245, assembly and installation cost tbc
- 16 Poppies - purchase 200 lamp post poppies and ties for various locations £363
- 17 Glanynant Garden – supply and install feeder pillar & installation of lights for November 2020
switch on £1,287 plus lights tbc
- 18 Christmas tree supply for Siloh - £100 for tree £80 to install
- 19 Memorial book for Cefn Hengoed - cost tbc

CIL PROJECTS

CIL1 Ystrad Mynach Toilets Refurbishment – Total spend £11,682

WHQS PROJECTS

WHQS 1 VAS Signs on junction of Glyngaer & Duffryn Park	£5,000	11/04/2019
WHQS 2 1-21 Claerwen to create pathway on grassed area		03/04/2019
WHQS 3 Black Ash Path - To resurface remaining half of path - Hengoed Avenue to New Road TYB		
WHQS 4 The Walk by kissing gate - Tarmacing		

139 Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Budget 2020/21 Consultation

Council did not comment at November's meeting on one of the saving proposals that has been put forward by the Communities Directorate which includes the termination of the Blackwood to Ystrad Mynach Railinc service, and made no further comment.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting.

140 Planning Applications (late applications are tabled at meeting)

Planning applications were received and discussed.

Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Case Ref. 19/0967/LA Site Area: 1338m²

Location: Land At Grid Ref 314347 195516 Griffin Drive Penallta (UPRN 000043172291)

Proposal: Carry out improvements and modifications to existing shared use footpath/cycleway link from Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed to Ystrad Mynach linking to national cycling network route 47 (via the rear of Cwm Calon housing development). The total length of new footpath/cycleway construction is approximately 308 metres.

Improvements to existing shared used footpath/cycleway is approximately 2.3 metres. Works will also include undertaking strengthening works to Penallta Road Bridge which spans the disused rail line

Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref:314347 (E) 195516 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Committee

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 19/0971/FULL Site Area: 322m²

Location: 17 Legion's Way Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8DX (UPRN 000043009694)

Proposal: Erect single storey side extension

Case Officer: Mr J Cooke ☐ 01443 864347 ☐ cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312841 (E) 197099 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Cllr Alan Angel returned to the meeting

141 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Reconciliation

Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

142 Exclusion of Press and Public under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED: Council agreed by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public are excluded from the following items on the basis that disclosure of information would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business that needs to be transacted.

143 (i) Bank Statements (*tabled on pink paper*)
Bank statement no's 98, 97,96,23,035 & 034 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

144 Financial Assistance 2019/20 – (*Late applications are tabled on pink paper for consideration*).

(i) Cwm Calon Cold Calling

Resolved: Members agreed that CCCA need to look at other sources of funding, including contributions from local residents through fund raising activities. A letter of complaint should also be sent to the double glazing company.

After CCCA implementing the above Council will revisit the matter if the need arises.

145 RESOLVED: Meeting re-opens to press and public

146 Vacancies: Minor Authority Representatives on the Board of Governors

Nominations for minor authority representatives were received and approved for:

- Derwendeg Primary – Mrs Marjorie Edwards
- Glanynant Learning Centre – Cllr Alan Angel
- Greenhill Primary School - vacant
- YGG Bro Allta - vacant
- Ystrad Mynach Primary School - vacant

147 Next Ordinary Meeting Date: 22nd January 2020

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: 22nd January 2020