



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of Gelligaer Community Council
held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 7.00pm at the Council Office,
Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: C Bezzina, D Cushing, C David, W David, M James, T Matthews, R Osborne, T Parry (Vice Chair), J Postians and J Pritchard (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Ms Marcia Jones, Clerk to Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen (BTM) Community Council in attendance as an observer.

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Cllr Donna Cushing who returns following bereavement leave, Cllr Carmen Bezzina following adoption leave and Cllr Martyn James following hospitalization.

148 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Angel due to sickness.

149 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. 158 – Precept 2020/21

Chair Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest in minute no.159 (ii) Pengam Boys School Luncheon Club and (iii) Cefn Hengoed Youth Club

Cllr D Cushing declared an interest in minute no.159 (iii) Cefn Hengoed Youth Club

Clerk declared an interest in minute no.160 Society of Local Council Clerks

150 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard attended the following:

- Presented flowers and card with our very best wishes to Ken and Sylvia Pritchard, marking their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Ken publicly thanked the Community Council on Facebook.
- Attended with Cllr Carmen Bezzina, the unveiling by Dr Elin Jones of the memorial of Llewellyn Bren on Gelligaer Square.
Chair, Cllr Judith Pritchard read out letters of thanks following receipt of their grants/donations from us:
 - Rhymney Valley Music Club
 - Gelligaer Historical Society
 - Royal British Legion

Finally, a cheque had been gratefully received from the Harp Inn, Gelligaer, who wanted to assist us in replenishing the missing/stolen heathers from the planters in Ystrad Mynach.

151 Minutes

Minutes of the **ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL** meeting held on **18th December 2019** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

152 Matters Arising

In relation to minute no 146 and a Minor Authority Representative vacancy at Glanynant Resource Centre and Cllr A Angels subsequent nomination. EAS have issued the following "this appears to have been an error on a previous colleagues part who may not have realised that Glanynant is run by a management board. I have picked this area up recently and am aware that there was discussion at Glanynant' s last meeting about the constitution therefore this is currently under review. As previously mentioned, we are liaising with the Local Authority and will update when we know more".

- 153 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.
- 154 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.
- 155 (i) Bank Statements (on pink paper)**
 Bank statements no's 1,99,24 & 36 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 156 Financial Assistance 2019/20 (on pink paper)**
- **Wales Air Ambulance Application No.37**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant £300 to Wales Air Ambulance
 - **Friday Bingo Club Application No. 38** (deferred from previous meeting for further information)
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant £100 to Friday Bingo Club
 - **Gelligaer Community Centre** – deferred for further information.
- 157 Meeting re-opens to press and public**
All members declared a personal interest but not a prejudicial interest in the next item
- 158 Precept 2020/21**
(i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) for 2020/21
- (ii) Clerks report on the Precept for 2020/21**
- (iii) Appendix A:**
- A) Current year's budget (2019/20)**
B) Budget Monitoring / Spend v Budget to Jan 2020
C) Anticipated spend to 31st March 2020
- RESOLVED:** Items (i) - (iii) A – C) above were received, discussed and approved.
- D) Proposed Budget for 2020/21**
- RESOLVED:** Council agreed that the level of precept for 2020/21 be increased by £4.99 per annum from £15.52 to £20.51 per Band D equivalent dwelling giving the Council a total precept of £129,272 to spend on worthwhile community projects with the additional precept of £32k earmarked for:
- Ym toilets £10k
 CAB £6k
 School Environmental Scheme £3k
 Community Centres £3K
 Other environmental projects e.g. orchards, trees, electric charging points etc. £10k

159 Projects

(i) Project Summary, below: – was received and noted

ANNUAL 2019/20 PROJECTS

- 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		

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in items (ii) and (iii) and left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Vice Chair Cllr Teresa Parry chaired the items

(ii) Lewis School, Pengam 2020/21 - Luncheon Club

RESOLVED: Council agreed that the Intergenerational Luncheon Club at Lewis School, Pengam be decreased to £1,000 for 2020/21 and suggestions were put forward that other Town & Community Councils be approached by the school for funding.

Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

(iii) Cefn Hengoed Youth Club 2020/21 -

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund up to £3k for a new boiler at the centre on the proviso that the secretary/treasurer of the club strives to obtain three quotations.

Cllr Donna Cushing returned to the chamber

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to the chamber and to chairing the meeting

(iv) Glanynant Garden 2020/21 - bench

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund a further bench/picnic bench at a cost of £745 at the garden on the proviso no antisocial behaviour has occurred since the installation of the new bench and that it's being used and there is a need for another.

(v) Glanynant Garden 2020/21 – Christmas Lighting

RESOLVED: The installation of a feeder pillar and lights to the tree at a cost of £1,287 plus cost of lights.

(vi) Siloh Square 2020/21 – Christmas Lighting

RESOLVED: The installation of lights on the living tree on Siloh and around the square as opposed to the purchase of a tree each year.

(vii) Poppies for 2020/21

RESOLVED: Purchase 100 lamp post poppies from RBL and source large cable ties

(viii) Annual Projects 2020/21

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the Annual Projects for 2020/21

(ix) Christmas lighting 2020/21 – increasing budget to accommodate installations in new areas e.g. Cwm Calon – deferred to next meeting

(x) Promotional Items for Christmas fayre 2020/21

RESOLVED: Council agreed the spend of £1,500. Sustainably friendly and useful items are to be agreed at a future meeting. No balloons.

(xi) New Project for this year - Chapel Terrace 1-6 – Bollards to be installed

RESOLVED: An agreement was in place that residents are to pay but Council agreed that the Community Council is to facilitate with CCBC's Highways.

The Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber, playing no part in the ensuing discussions

160 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Membership for 2020

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renewing membership for 2020 at a cost of £180

The Clerk returned to the meeting

161 Website update

It was noted that the new website format is being piloted by Caerphilly Town Council before rolling out to all other Community and Town Councils to implement The Clerk is to attend a workshop/training session held on Wednesday 4th March at Ty Penallta.

162 Ystrad Mynach Toilets - Lease / Tenancy at Will - this item was deferred

163 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of the Electoral Arrangements of Caerphilly County Borough Council

Draft Proposals pages 1-10, 24 – 29, 40 – 44, Appendices 1 – 6 were received and noted. Any observations by 15th April 2020. It was noted that there would be three members for Cascade (instead of two) and two for Gelligaer (instead of three).

The Clerk is to respond to the Boundary Commission that our Council are in agreement with the draft proposals.

164 Vacancies: Minor Authority Representatives on the Board of Governors

Nominations were requested for:

- **Greenhill Primary School** – no nominations received
- **YGG Bro Allta**
RESOLVED: Cllr Richard Osborne was nominated as minor authority representative on the board of Governors
- **Ystrad Mynach Primary School** – no nominations received

165 Planning Applications

The following 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. 19/0997/COU Site Area: 8767m²

Location: Bridge Croft Kennels Tir Adam Uchaf Farm Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043009732)

Proposal: Change the use to C2 Use Class with the conversion of one kennel block for bedroom accommodation with extensions

Case Officer: Mr A Pyne ☐ 01443 864523 ☐ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312540 (E) 198176 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 19/1004/FULL Site Area: 1422m²

Location: Hengoed Hall Yard Hengoed Hall Drive Cefn Hengoed (UPRN 000043090885)

Proposal: Erect 2 No. detached bungalows with private drive and off road parking

Case Officer: Mrs M Davies ☐ 01443 866690 ☐ daviem2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314832 (E) 195577 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

- 166 RESOLVED:** Change of meeting date in April from 22nd to 29th as it clashes with OVW Area Committee Meeting

- 167 Next Ordinary Meeting Date: 19th February 2020 – noted.**

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 19th February 2020