



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council
Wednesday 27th February 2019 at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel (Chair), C Bezzina, C David, M James, S Milford, R Osborne, T Parry and J Pritchard (Vice).

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Dave Lucas Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Strategic & Development Team Leader, Lisa James CCBC's Senior Planner, Paul Cooke CCBC's Senior Policy Officer and Lynne Judd Committee Member of Cwm Calon Community Association

Chair Cllr Alan Angel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

124 Apologies – were received from Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Wynne David due to family commitments an

125 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 Simon Milford declared an interest in minute no. 139 Planning

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.139 Planning

126 Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Caerphilly County Borough Council's Senior Policy Officer, Paul Cooke.

Paul Cooke gave a verbal presentation to members, in summary:

With petrol and diesel causing pollution which is dangerous to public health and a contributing factor to climate change, electric vehicles are becoming a growing market, with advances in new technology.

CCBC has approved an Electric Vehicle Strategy Action Plan designed to develop an initiative and strategic approach for electric vehicles across the borough by:

- Providing an electric vehicle infrastructure
- Lead by example by incorporating new electric vehicles into their fleet
- Work with private developers to incorporate electric vehicle infrastructure into new build and developments and encouraging partners and local businesses into a similar approach.

There are currently three different types of charging points with differing power levels;

- 3Kw charge point – a rather slow charging process, taking 7 - 8 hours to recharge a vehicle. This is normally used at a home charge point via a 3 pin plug and relatively inexpensive to install with funding available towards cost.
- 7Kw charge point – a faster charging taking between 3 – 4 hours, point requiring a dedicated power source. Becoming more popular at supermarkets and public car parks and relatively inexpensive at a cost of £2k - £3k plus installation costs.
- 22Kw – 50Kw charge point – a rapid charging point taking around 30 to 50 minutes to charge a vehicle.

Welsh Government have announced £2m funding for an electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

CCBC are undertaking a feasibility study to identify charging points with two potential sites identified in Ystrad Mynach; Parc Penallta and the Park & Ride.

The results of the feasibility study will be available from April 2019, the results of which will be used to develop the OLEV Onstreet Residential Chargepoint Scheme funding bid, which will include town centre car parks, where appropriate.

It will also involve collaboration with the City Deal to ensure consistency of charging infrastructure across the region.

Members were generally in support of the scheme but expressed concern at the current lack of spaces at the Park & Ride in Ystrad Mynach and taking up further spaces for charging points would create further issues. Members also questioned how charging points would work in pay and display car parks. This has yet to be determined.

Paul Cooke was thanked for his presentation and would be invited back following the feasibility study, with an update.

- 127 Ystrad Mynach Master Plan Consultation – Dave Lucas, Caerphilly County Borough Council’s Strategic and Development Team Leader and Lisa James Senior Planner Caerphilly County Borough Council gave an overview of the Masterplan for Ystrad Mynach and the wider area. The Draft Ystrad Mynach Masterplan will represent an exciting opportunity to set out the future direction of Ystrad Mynach.**

Copies of the Draft Ystrad Mynach Masterplan can be viewed at all libraries or by clicking the link below:

www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/Consultations/Ystrad-Mynach-Masterplan.aspx

Following the overview, a question and answer session the members responded with the following comments (in **bold**):

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- B - CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE AREA TO BECOME A THRIVING METRO HUB
6.23**

There is a major opportunity to provide an additional large park & ride facility on land to the east of the existing station. This has the potential to capture a significant proportion of commuter traffic, and could reduce the level of traffic travelling south to Cardiff. Land east of the station can accommodate an additional park and ride facility that could provide capacity for an additional 120 vehicles.

Gelligaer Community Council is opposed to the loss or reduction in the school field site for the extension of a park and ride facility. It is likely that an extension of this scale, creating an additional 120 parking spaces would attract people from outside of Ystrad Mynach which would only exacerbate an already heavily congested road. It will further impact on the poor air quality that our local school children are subjected to on Nelson Road.

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- H - SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ON BOTH BROWNFIELD AND GREENFIELD SITES IN SUSTAINABLE LOCATIONS**

Gelligaer Community Council opposes the development of the Greenfield Site (page 59, Figure 18) and request that it be removed from the plan for the following reasons:

- 1. It is outside the settlement area as in the adopted LDP 2010, on a greenfield site.**
- 2. It is an incursion into open countryside.**
- 3. The site proposed is part of the green wedge between villages of Cefn Hengoed and Penpedairheol – the wedge would be significantly reduced and could lead to the coalescence of the two communities, which residents are firmly opposed to.**

4. If granted, the application would provide a precedent for development on the opposite side of Hengoed Road, adjacent to Waun Goch & Bryn Canol.
5. The site is an invaluable habitat for wildlife. A stretch of mature and well established hedgerow would have to be removed, at a heavy cost to the environment, to accommodate the site road serving the proposed dwellings.
6. The access road off Hengoed Road is on a bend which could affect highway safety. Vehicles coming from the site would lead to an increase in traffic congestion in particular approaching the road narrowing travelling south and on Pengam Road from Cascade.
7. The lack of housing land designated by Caerphilly County Borough Council can be addressed using the following brownfield sites, which are available and have not been developed:
 - (i) Site at New Road, Tiryberth, suitable for 173 units
 - (ii) Site at Cwm Calon near the Colliery Baths
 - (iii) Site opposite Derwendeg School, 27 units
 - (iv) 32 units have recently been built on land designated for employment at Cwm Calon, Ystrad Mynach.
 - (v) There is a further site south of Glyngaer Road, on a greenfield site, 30 units, which has fewer disadvantages of the application site.
8. Gelligaer Community Council were not consulted at the pre-planning consultation stage. We would have expected to have been consulted at the pre-planning stage, given the size of the proposed development in our area.

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K - ENSURE ALL COMMUNITIES ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE AND BENEFIT FROM THE MASTERPLAN

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As a result of the 2014 Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD), it has been agreed that there will be a priority focus to implement a new way of working in a number of the deprived communities within the county borough.

Gelligaer Community Council agree that there should be a priority focus on the most deprived communities in our area namely Cefn Hengoed, Hengoed, Gelligaer and Tiryberth.

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A fundamental change to how public services are collectively delivered and approached is required to address the multi-faceted needs in the county borough's most deprived communities. There should be far more emphasis upon local government enabling our communities to deliver, rather than delivering for them.

Enabling communities to deliver and an emphasis of communities taking on their assets requires a constructive approach from Caerphilly County Borough Council, in which expertise and funding is shared with local voluntary organisations and groups.

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C- 4 Land north of Duffryn Business Park Development of hotel, public house and café/ restaurant with drive through facility. Develop approx. 1 Ha of underutilised land in a prominent and strategic location. Provision of much needed accommodation.

We oppose the development of this site due to it being a site of scientific interest and an invaluable habitat for wild life.

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B - 5 Regional Bus Network. Introduction of Rapid Bus Transport Routes

Bus lanes need to be included.

E - 5 Events Expand the programme of events within the area Increase the number of event spaces

Currently CCBC are cutting events.

D-1 Centre for Sporting Excellence and surrounding land Extension of the existing Centre for Sporting Excellence to create a Sporting Village, expansion of facilities at Coleg y Cymoedd and expansion of Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre.

We are opposed to the expansion of the Centre for Sporting Excellence as it is an exclusive facility, and not accessible to the residents of Ystrad Mynach due to cost and availability.

Hengoed Viaduct is referred to in the Plan as Maesycwmmmer Viaduct, this will need to be changed.

There has been no reference to public toilets throughout the Plan, and we feel this needs to be addressed/included.

Local residents identify Ystrad Mynach as their “village” and do not want to be over developed, lose their identity and become a suburb of Cardiff.

We fully support the following excellent initiatives:

- **Extending the railway network to Nelson**
- **Visitor Centre at Parc Penallta**
- **Llancaiach Fawr Hotel**
- **Extending and completing the cycle track**

Dave Lucas and Lisa James were thanked for attending our meeting and subsequently left the chamber.

Lynne Judd, Committee Member of Cwm Calon Community Association, introduced herself to members and handed a copy of the association’s response to the Ystrad Mynach Draft Master Plan which members agreed to support. Within the response there was an emphasis on the importance of the continuation of the cycle track. A letter was noted too from Liz Gibby, Senior Assistant Engineer at CCBC in respect of funding the track.

Lynne Judd invited members to a forthcoming Cwm Calon Community Association AGM at Ysgol Penalltau on Wednesday 6th March.

Chair Cllr Alan Angel thanked Lynne Judd for her attendance. Lynne Judd subsequently left the meeting.

128 Chairman’s Announcements

Chair Cllr Alan Angel announced the following:

- Shape your Place Event at Gelligaer Community Centre Thursday 28th February 1-3pm
- The Living Well Programme for 40 – 64 year will also be in attendance at the Shape your Place Event.
- Free St David’s Day event at Siloh 12 -1pm Friday 1st March
- Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre Open Day at 2.30- 5.30pm on Wednesday 6th March
- Cwm Calon Community Association AGM Wednesday 6th March at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Penalltau.
- Post Office – A letter received regarding the temporary closure of the branch at 2 The Precinct, Heol Cattwg, Gelligaer from Saturday 9th March was received and noted. It was agreed that the Clerk will write in support of an alternative premises being found for such an invaluable service for our community.

- 129 Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 23/01/2019 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 130 Matters Arising – there were no matters rising**
- 131 Finance**
- (i) Balance of Funds**
'Balance of Funds' document, which includes list of authorised cheques and debit card payments was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- (ii) Reconciliation**
Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- (iii) Bank Statements**
Bank statements no's 77,78,13 and 20 were received, approved and signed by a non signatory member as an accurate record.
- 132 Insurance renewal for 2019/2019**
Quotations were received from four companies. Following some discussion It was RESOLVED that Gelligaer Community Council continue with Zurich Insurance for the ensuing year at a cost of £978.93, due to being a good service provider and the cheapest quotation.
- 133 Financial Applications 2018/19**
- (i) Penpedairheol Ti a Fi Application No. 32
It was RESOLVED to grant £300 to Penpedairheol Ti a Fi
- (ii) Tenovus Cancer Care Application No. 33
It was RESOLVED to grant £300 to Tenovus Cancer Care
- (iii) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2019 ~ Eisteddfod Gerddorol Ryngwladol Llangollen Application No. 34
It was RESOLVED to grant £200 to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2019
- 134 Projects**
- (i) Project Summary January 2019 was received and noted:**
- Project**
- 387 Cascade Methodist – complete rewiring of building. Cost £4,300
- 386 Tower of London Ceramic Poppy
Gifted poppy to be framed alongside certificate of authenticity and displayed at Derwendeg Primary School. Cost tbc
- 385 Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Memorial Install a memorial Cost £13,008
Project War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as extended by LGA 1948 s.133
Completed
- 384 Hengoed PTA – purchase outdoor furniture Cost £500
- 383 Ystrad Mynach Library – supply & fit community notice board on library wall Cost: £1,059
- 382 VAS signs on junction of Glyngaer & Duffryn Park Cost: £10,000
- 381 WW1 Mugs to all primary schools Cost £4,188
- 380 Ystrad Mynach Park Toilets
To arrange & pay for longer opening Mon - Sun 7.30am -7.00pm July/ August - October 2018 Cost £1,532

- 379 Tiryberth Helping Hands - to fund one off payment of £300 for Xmas lights. Installation, PAT and storage annually £150. Community Council to store and erect in future.
- 378 Intergenerational Luncheon
To support the provision of luncheon club at Lewis School Pengam for the 50+
- 377 Outstanding Individuals
Support/sponsor 3 individuals per annum (sport, arts or music)
3 nominees received, one accepted - KJ
- 376 Commemoration of WW1
300 poppies to be installed on lampposts – 1st Ystrad Mynach Scouts to assist
- 375 Book development
Book development and publishing with Ysgol Penalltau
Session 1: 4th July 1-3pm, Session 2: 6th July 1-3pm
Session 3: 9th July 9.30am -11.30am, Session 4: 10th July 9.30 -11.30am
Sessions 5 & 6: 11th July 9.30am - 1.30am & 1-3pm
Illustration session: 19th July 1-3pm
- 374 Gelligaer Welfare Association.
Lay 50 metres x 3 metres concrete to access - 3 quotes received. GCC to partially fund £7k
Completed
- 373 Book read & workshop Gelligaer Giant at Derwendeg & Glyngae. Cost £300
- 372 Silent Soldier
To purchase and install 3 soldiers @ £250 each plus installation at YM cenotaph
o/s Glanynant Memorial & Tiryberth
- 369 Llwyn Onn, bollards
Installation of bollards to alleviate parking on pavements & residents' gardens
- 366 Memorial
Supply & install memorial at Cascade Re: Mr Graham Moore on grassed area, Pengam Rd
near bus stop. Consent required from planning. Design to be confirmed. Trophy in his
memory for " Player of the year" with local club Change of name from Cascade Playing
Field.
- 355 Christmas Lighting 2018
Erect Christmas lighting throughout all wards of Gelligaer CC.
Clerk to purchase new LED's
LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors)
- 353 Ystrad Mynach
Contribution of £2k towards the Christmas Market Christmas Market 2018 to ensure its
continuity Saturday 17th Nov. Clerk to purchase gas & prom items
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)
- 348 Youth Club
Rebuild/ Refurbishment of centre Cefn Hengoed
Technical services fees
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
- 342 Hanging Baskets
17.5 summer hanging basket throughout the town of Ystrad Mynach plus 3 planters of
flowers attached to railings to the front of pier head building
LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors)

- 335 Family Day Trip 2018/19 to Porthcawl
Fund 7 x 49 seater coaches for families £275 per coach to Barry / £295 per coach to
Day trip to beach leaving o/s:
(x2) Gelligaer Community Centre Sat 11th Aug
(x1) Sat Penybryn Aug 11th 2018 10.00am
(x1) Lindsay Club Sat 18th Aug 2018
(x1) Hengoed Community Centre Sat 18th Aug
(x2) TYB Primary Sun 26th Aug 2018
Resolved: Council agreed not to run buses from Penybryn & Ystrad Mynach in 2019/20
due to poor take up. LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 228 Pantomimes throughout villages of Gelligaer CC
(1) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 05/12/18 6.30pm
(2) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 10/12/18 Dec 6.00pm
(3) Lyndsey Club Wed 12/12/18 5.30pm
(4) TYB Primary Thurs 13/12/18 6.30pm
(5) Lewis Girls Sunday Sun 16/12/18 2.30pm
(6) Glanynant Memorial Hall Sun 16/12/18 7.00pm
(7) Hengoed Community Centre Mon 17/12/18 Dec 5.30pm
(8) Cascade Community Centre Thurs 20/12/18 5.30pm
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)
- 218 Wild flower seed mix
Sowing at (1)Tiryberth park banking, (2)by The Cross P/H (3) on triangular
section near Derwendeg School, (4)in the verge past Brynsiriol R/A
- 212 Presentation of awards & grants and Young Citizens & Community Service
Invitation to community volunteers (100 -120 people)
Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr 10th November 2018 2.00 -4.30pm
Awards Certificate, frames & gifts (up 10 nominees)
Funded with Chairman. Bargoed Male Voice Choir to perform
- 167 Community Newsletter Next issue - no. 10 LGA 1972 s.142
- New Claerwen Grassed area o/s no's 1-21
To create pathway. Awaiting quote to install grasscrete.
- 367CIL(i) Welfare Playground
Installation of pathway to access welfare, Cefn Road Hengoed
Quote agreed £1,819.24 Work completed. CIL
- New Bedwlwyn Road Bridge
Project Supply and install parapet at the southern west corner of the bridge to mitigate
antisocial behaviour. Assessment has been completed. Awaiting quote for mesh infill.
- New Black Ash Path Hengoed Avenue to New Road TYB
Project Quote required to resurface remaining half of path CIL
- New Dog waste composter at Parc Penallta
Project Awaiting quote
- (ii) VAS** – to ratify quotation for supply and fit, and potential ongoing maintenance costs.
Item was deferred due to incorrect spec and new quotation required.
- (iii) Ystrad Mynach Spring Fayre
It was RESOLVED that up to £300 be granted to support activities at the fayre.
- (iv) Christmas lights on tree in Tiryberth.
Two quotations were received for the removal of lights
It was RESOLVED that Zener Electrical remove the lighting and the lighting be returned to
Gelligaer Community Council for storage and future installation.

135 Off Street Parking Places Consolidation Order 2019

Order was received and noted.

136 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2019/20

(i) A letter and summary was received from Chair Mr John Bader and Determination 40 and two new determinations 45 & 49 were noted.

Also it was noted that based on level of income/expenditure between £30,000 - £199,000 for previous year, Gelligaer Community Council falls into Group B.

(ii) Annual Report (pages 1 - 8, 40 - 49) was received and the following applies:

Determination

40 – Council noted that all community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.

The payment of £150 is mandated for every member unless they advise the Clerk that they do not want to take it in writing.

41 – Not applicable to Group B

42 – Community and town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of up to £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses. It is optional to pay it for up to 5 members and, if it is paid, the amount (up to £500) must be decided.

It was RESOLVED not to approve this determination.

43 – Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs, which is optional.

It was RESOLVED to approve travel costs for members.

44 – If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members, which is optional.

It was RESOLVED to approve overnight costs.

45 – Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties, which is optional.

It was RESOLVED to approve costs for financial loss, but any such loss must be approved by Full Council in the first instance.

46 – All community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. This determination is mandated and does not require a resolution.

47 – Community and town councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the mayor/chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500, which is optional.

It was RESOLVED that £350 (plus £150 determination 40) be paid to the Chair.

48 – Community and town councils can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council up to a maximum amount of £500, which is optional.

It was RESOLVED that £100 (plus £150 determination 50) be paid to the Vice Chair.

49 – Council noted that members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care. This determination does not require a resolution as members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) can only receive travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care; if they are eligible to claim, and wish to do so.

It was noted that details of all remuneration must be published by 30th September on our website.

137 One Voice Wales

Members received and noted:

- (i) Membership of One Voice Wales 2019/20
- (ii) Schedule of Frequently Asked Questions
- (iii) A Guide to Our Services
- (iv) It was RESOLVED that the Community Council renew membership for the ensuing year at a cost of £2579 based on 8061 chargeable dwellings @ 0.32p per dwelling

138 Caerphilly County Borough Council Land Drainage Byelaws 2018

Byelaws were received and noted

Chair Cllr Alan Angel and Cllr Simon Milford declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber.

Vice Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard chaired the remaining part of the meeting

139 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. 19/0075/TPO Site Area: 12m²

Location: Durley Chine Brynavon Terrace Hengoed CF82 7LZ (UPRN 000043030375)

Proposal: Repollard lime tree to old pollard head (Tree Preservation Order 49/82/RVDC)

Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson _ 01443 864347 _ amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315314 (E) 195113 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

It was RESOLVED that there were no objections

Case Ref. 19/0089/FULL Site Area: 34m²

Location: Coed Tophill Refuse Site (former) Gelligaer Road Nelson (UPRN 000043089134)

Proposal: Site two lock up storage containers for the storage of gates and hurdles

Case Officer: Mr C Boardman _ 01443 864674 _ boardc@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 311630 (E) 196972 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

It was RESOLVED that delegated powers be given Cllr Carmen Bezzina make further enquiries with CCBC's Planning and Ward members and to inform the Clerk accordingly.

140 Next meeting Date: Wednesday, 27th March 2019, 7.00 pm

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: 27th March 2019