



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol.

#### PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel (Chair), D Cushing, C David, W David, S Griffiths, W Griffiths, M James, T Matthews, R Osborne, T Parry and J Pritchard (Vice).

Clerk: C Mortimer

*Chair Cllr Alan Angel welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

- 106 Persistent Absence** – this item was noted.  
Cllr Richard Osborne was welcomed back following a difficult period, due to a fire in his home.
- 107 Apologies** – were received from Cllr C Bezzina and Cllr S Milford due to other commitments.
- 108 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  
Clerk declared an interest in minute no.120  
Chair Cllr A Angel declared an interest in minute no.122  
Cllr C David & Cllr W David declared an interest in minute no.122 Case Ref. 18/1088/FULL
- 109 Chairman's Announcements**  
**Chair Cllr Alan Angel announced the following:**
- Ystrad Mynach Master Plan will be going out to public consultation from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
  - Thank you notes had been received from Gelligaer Historical Society in respect of their grant and the Croeso Club in respect of the pantomime.
  - Rhymney Valley Music Club programme from January to May 2019 was distributed.
- 110 Minutes**  
Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 12/12/2018 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 111 Matters Arising**
- Minute no. 108 Page 39**  
**Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Budget Consultation**  
Cllr Wynne David stated that he and other ward members for the St Cattwg's ward will be supporting Gelligaer Community Council's objections at CCBC's Budget meeting in February, which are:  
Closure of Penallta Amenity Site, the introduction of charges for rat treatment, voluntary sector cuts (such as Barnardos and Citizen's Advice Bureau), removal of caretakers support at all Community Centres from October 2019 and the cessation of the invaluable Community Warden Service.
- 112 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 73, 74, 75,76,11,12,17,18,19 were received, approved and signed by a non signatory member as an accurate record.

**113 Precept 2019/20**

(i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) for 2019/20 was received and noted.

(ii) Clerks report on the Precept for 2019/20 was received and discussed.

(iii) Appendix A:

A) Current year's budget (2018/19) was received and discussed

B) Budget Monitoring / Spend v Budget was received and monies vired from Projects was approved to cover over spend on some subject headings.

C) Anticipated spend to 31st March 2019 was received and discussed

D) Proposed Budget for 2019/20 showing 4% and 5% increases was received and discussed at great length.

It was noted that our anticipated reserves were dramatically reduced this year as planned, with expenditure in excess of income, spent on worthwhile projects. An estimated balance/reserve of £14,545 would be carried forward into 2019/20 and earmarked for contingencies and supporting projects. Detailed earmarking of reserves on projects will take place following end of financial year 2018/19 accounts.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to set the level of precept at 4%, which would mean an increase of 60p per household (Band D) per annum, from £14.92 to £15.52 giving the Community Council a total precept of £97,330 to spend on worthwhile projects to support our communities, socially, economically and environmentally. (9 members were in favour of 4% increase with Cllr T Matthews and Cllr S Griffiths against)

**114 Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2019-20**

Council noted the notification that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019-20 is £8.12.

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to the area or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2019-20 will be £8.12 per elector.

13,392 electors (as at November 2018 CCBC) x £8.12 = £108,743

**115 Financial Applications 2018/19 – there were none received.**

## 116 Projects

- (i) **Cefn Hengoed Memorial** - Members thanked the clerk for installing the memorial at Cefn Hengoed, which has received much praise. Clerk is to write to contractor to thank him for his commitment and installing within the time.  
**Christmas Lighting** - the lighting contractor is also to be thanked for doing such an excellent job with the Christmas lighting. The clerk is to start looking at discounted festive lighting on offer for 2019.  
Cllr Donna Cushing reported that residents of Cefn Hengoed are looking to organize a switch on event, and clerk is to investigate costs for converting some of the columns around Derwendeg Primary. Column numbers would be required.  
**1 - 21 Claerwen** – members received an update from Cllr Wynne David and it was agreed that the clerk write further to Victoria Conlon for the costing of grasscrete.  
**Bedwlwyn Road Upper Footbridge** – Cllr Teresa Parry confirmed that an assessment has been undertaken of the bridge and costings to secure a mesh infill are being sought by CCBC.  
**VAS signs at Glyngaer** – Cllr Wynne David confirmed writing to CCBC’s highways.

### (ii) 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 Assoc.  
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 & Glyngaer. 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  
Fund 7 x 49 seater coaches for families £275 per coach to Barry / £295 per coach to  
P/Cawl  
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. Bargued 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  
Project 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

**117 Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Draft Local Toilet Strategy Summary Document and Consultation - Closing date: 8th March 2019**  
Council agreed to respond to the consultation with the following comments:

'Gelligaer Community Council would like to express its disappointment that the Welsh Government (WG) has not laid a statutory duty on any public authority i.e. local authorities, to provide sufficient public toilets for the needs of residents.  
Whilst we support the aspirations of CCBC to promote provision of toilets in council buildings, health authority premises and buildings controlled by the voluntary and private sectors, we have little confidence that any significant progress will be made in replacing existing town centre toilets due for closure or in improving the current situation.

Few council buildings are available in suitable town centre locations and some of them i.e. community centres open intermittently and are under the control of management committees who may not want to take on the extra caretaking costs of cleaning. Toilet facilities in libraries are usually only adequate for staff and users.  
A WG scheme was developed some years ago by which private establishments were offered £500 to allow their toilets to be used by the public. There was very little take up of this initiative and where businesses did take up the scheme, access was often unsatisfactory. It is extremely unlikely that the private sector will participate in the realization of this strategy in any appreciable numbers.

Gelligaer Community Council agrees with the promotion of mapping apps showing available toilets and on the display of stickers by participating organizations. We would also agree to any attempts to improve awareness and information available on toilet provision on the CCBC website. But it must be noted that not all have access to IT and it could be argued that older people, the disabled and families with children are being discriminated against.

The proposal to the closure of toilets runs counter to council strategies to persuade people to use public transport rather than their cars. It also undermines CCBC's attempts and strategies to encourage people to use the town centres, rather than supermarkets, which usually have toilets.

Regular physical activity has many benefits for physical and mental health well-being. People who are physically active have up to a 50% reduced risk of developing a major chronic disease. With obesity being one of the most worrying health trends, and a sedentary lifestyle being one of the main contributors, attempts to encourage people to take exercise in our urban and country parks must not be thwarted by the lack of toilets facilities.

We feel that the only workable option is for the council to continue to provide public toilets, especially at bus stations/ interchanges, in town centres and parks’.

**118 Welsh Government**

(a) Community and Town Council Update December 2018 - received and noted  
(b) Community and Town Councils Welsh Government Areas for Action - received and noted.

**119 CCBC Subsidized Bus Services for 2019/20**

Gelligaer Community Council strongly opposes the proposed reduction in revenue support for the evening bus service Stagecoach 4/C9 as it will adversely affect 8,670 residents.

*The clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber.*

**120 Nalc Employment Briefing E02-18 / 2019-20 National Salary Award**

To receive and note new pay scales for clerks to be implemented from April 2019  
This will mean an increase in the clerk’s salary from £30,756 (Scp34) per annum pro rata to £31,371 (new Scp 28) per annum pro rata  
Resolved: Council agreed to the increase and new scale SCP 28 £31,371 per annum pro rata applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

*The clerk returned to the chamber.*

**121 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Membership 2019/20**

**Resolved:** Council agreed to renew membership for 2019/20 at a cost of £175 per annum.

The clerk is to establish when Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council’s membership is up for renewal, for potentially joint/shared membership.

*Chair Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.*

*Vice Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard chaired the remaining items of the meeting.*

**122 Planning Applications**

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

Email date: 04/01/2019

Case Ref. 18/1046/LA Site Area: 1599m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Ystrad Mynach Primary School Lewis Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AQ

Proposal: Erect two storey classroom extension to the main junior block and associated parking on land off Lewis Street

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314338 (E) 194399 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

*This planning application was received on the 4<sup>th</sup> January and therefore the Community council, as a statutory consultee, had 21 days from the receipt of the email to respond.*

*However, it appeared on CCBC’s Planning Committee Agenda (23/01/2019) for a decision.*

*Members asked that the clerk write to CCBC’s Planning Department expressing our disappointment and annoyance that the statutory deadline has elapsed before we could comment. And as it has happened before, to ask what measures are in place to prevent it from happening again.*

Email date: 18/01/2019

Case Ref. 18/1081/FULL Site Area: 4808m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)

Proposal: Carry out engineering works to provide surface water lagoon and associated works and infrastructure

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved:** No objections

Case Ref. 18/1082/FULL Site Area: 264m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)

Proposal: Provide demountable building to be used for teaching and welfare facilities and associated works

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved:** No objections

Case Ref. 19/0011/FULL Site Area: 8694m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)

Proposal: Provide additional fire prevention measures including structures, storage tanks, engineering and associated works

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved:** No objections

*Cllr W David & Cllr C David declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.*

Email: 10/01/2019

Case Ref. 18/1088/FULL Site Area: 456m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 56 The Avenue Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 8AF (UPRN 000043019961)

Proposal: Erect a single storey rear extension

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314977 (E) 194631 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Resolved:** No objections

*Cllr W David & Cllr C David returned to discussions.*

• **Pre- Application**

(i) Stride Treglown Re: Centerprise International, 9 Alder Avenue, Duffryn Meadows Business Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7TW

**Resolved:** No objections

It was noted that an application from Bryn Compost was to be received within the next week or so, requesting permission to extend their site boundary to within 200m of residential areas, which contravenes the minimum distance of 300m as set out in the Local Development Plan 2010 - 21.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to respond with an objection to such a proposal.

**123 Next meeting Date: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7.00pm – noted.**

**Meeting Closed at 8.20pm**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**