



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at 7.00pm, remotely, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.**

### PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, C Bezzina, D Cushing, C David, W David, W Griffiths, T Parry (Vice Chair), J Postians and J Pritchard (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

**Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed everyone to the remote meeting**

### 209 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Matthews, who is absent until physical meetings resume.

### 210 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 Judith Pritchard declared an interest in minute no. 215 - Chair & Vice Chair's Remuneration  
Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in minute no. 215 Chair & Vice Chair's Remuneration, minute no. 216(i) Financial Assistant to Cascade Carvers and minute no. 223 Planning Case Ref. 20/0577/RET.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.223 – Planning

### 211 Chairman's Announcements

**Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard announced the following:**

- The Grange University Hospital in Llanfrechfa, Cwmbran with a 471 bed facility will open before schedule in November, thanks to Welsh Government funding, to hopefully relieve winter pressures. The new hospital will provide emergency and urgent care.
- A thank you letter had been received from Marie Curie, a charity that provides care and support through terminal illness, in respect of our grant of £350 to them.
- A letter of resignation had very recently been received from Cllr Richard Osborne. Members requested that the clerk write a letter of thanks, especially for his hands on approach at the Christmas fayre over the years, and to wish him well for the future. Clerk will prepare a Casual Vacancy Notice in readiness for our next meeting in September.

### 212 Minutes

Minutes of the **ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 24/06/2020** were received, approved and to be signed by Chair as confirmation of an accurate record.

### 213 Matters Arising

- Members were requested to note that the day after our last meeting, Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard signed the minutes, all financial documents and the Annual Return for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
- Correction to the Balance of Funds presented at the last meeting on 24/06/2020 the Unity Bank Statement should have read Statement no.43 not 41 was noted.
- Unpresented cheques from 2019/20:

Penallta RFC Minis & Youth – cheque no.2513 for £300 had been found at the club  
Gelligaer Allot Assoc. – Cheque 2525 for £350 – awaiting to hear back from Treasurer.

### 214 Finance to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

#### (i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and to be signed by Chair as confirmation of an accurate record.

**(ii) Bank Statements**

Bank statements no's 9,30,1 & 44 were received, approved and to be signed by Chair as confirmation of an accurate record.

**(iii) Changes to banks terms & conditions** - members received and noted

*Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard & Vice Chair Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions*

*Cllr Donna Cushing chaired the item*

**215 Chair & Vice Chair's Remuneration** (deferred from last month)

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair receive pro rata payments for the duration of their extended term of office, May until September 2020 and/or until such time an Annual meeting can be held.

*Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard resumed to chairing the meeting*

*Cllr T Parry declared an interest in the next item 216(i) and played no part in the ensuing discussions*

**216 Financial Assistance/Grants 2020/21**

**(i) Cascade Carvers**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £325 to Cascade Carvers

*Cllr Teresa Parry returned to discussions*

**(ii) Cefn Hengoed Old Age Pensioners**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £375 to Cefn Hengoed OAP's

**(iii) Tredomen Allotment Association**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Tredomen Allotment Association

**(iv)** Members received and noted correspondence from Emma Wilkins, Fundraising Manager for Breast Care Unit YYF requesting a grant payment to the sum of £800 as opposed to the pledge of £800 that was agreed at our last meeting towards soft furnishings.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed not to rescind the previous decision of a pledge, which was in line with our policy for all new organisations/clubs.

**217 Projects**

**(i) Pantomimes**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that all pantomime performances be cancelled.

**(ii) Ystrad Mynach Christmas tree**

**RESOLVED:** Members were presented with three options and agreed to option a) to continue with the purchase of a cut tree at a cost of approximately £100 each year plus additional labour cost of approximately £150 for the installation/ removal within Siloh Chapel grounds

**(iii) Project Summary was received and discussed:**

**ANNUAL 2020/21 PROJECTS**

1 Intergenerational Luncheon - Lewis School Pengam for the 50+  
To support the provision of luncheon club  
£1,000

**2 Christmas Lighting**

Erect Christmas lighting throughout all wards  
£10,710  
LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors)

- 3 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market - CANCELLED**  
Contribution towards the Christmas market to ensure its continuity  
Saturday 21st Nov 2020  
£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.  
£3,917 LGA 1972 s.144 (encourage tourism/visitors)
- 5 Family Day Trip – CANCELLED 24/06/2020**  
Fund 5 x 49 seater coaches £775  
LGA 1972 s.137 / LG (Wales) Measure 2011 (well-being power)
- 6 Pantomimes - £5,040 - CANCELLED**  
(1) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 02/12 6.30pm  
(2) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 07/12 6.00pm  
(3) Lyndsey Club Wed 9/12 5.30pm  
(4) TYB Primary Thurs 10/12 6.30pm  
(5) Lewis Girls Sunday Sun 13/12 2.30pm  
(6) Glanynant Memorial Hall Sun 13/12 7.00pm  
(7) Hengoed Community Centre Mon 14/12 Dec 5.30pm  
(8) Cascade Community Centre Thurs 17/12 5.30pm  
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)
- 7 Presentation at Llancaiach - CANCELLED**  
Presentation of Young Citizens and Community Service awards & grants to clubs (up to 10 nominees) 80 -100 volunteers invited  
28th November 2020 2.00 - 4.30pm  
£1,724 (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 £1417 x 2; Distribution £500 x 2  
LGA 1972 s.142
- 9 Ystrad Mynach Public Toilets - CLOSED**  
Maintenance/cleaning £10k

#### **OTHER PROJECTS & COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

- 10 Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed**  
Installation of new roof £3,000
- 11 Cwm Calon** –the conversion of 4 columns £1,200 & supply & installation of 4 no. Christmas LED figurines along Heol Cwm Calon approaching school £1,600
- 12 Ystrad Mynach Town Christmas Lights** – purchase of tree & installation and dismantling costs £250
- 13 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Fayre** – promotional items £1,500 **CANCELLED**
- 14 Glanynant Garden Christmas Lights** – supply & install feeder pillar and supply LED lights for December 2020 £1,287 (£887 plus £400)
- 15 Glanynant Garden** – Supply picnic bench at £245, assembly and installation cost £500
- 16 Poppies** - purchase 100 lamp post poppies and 200 ties for various locations £363
- 17 CAB** – to reinstate CAB £6,000

18 **Schools Environmental Project** - £3,000

19 **Community Centres** – to assist with cost to keep open £3,000 – CANCELLED

20 **Chapel Tce** – Installation of bollards – GCC to facilitate with CCBC

21 **Rear of Kings Hill** – Installation of fruit trees – Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) – Clerk to continue without volunteers and work alongside Project Officer from KWT

### **CIL PROJECTS**

CIL1 Bedwlwyn Road Footbridge - Analysis £3600 – completed

CIL2 Welfare, Cefn Road Hengoed - Install footbridge & drop kerb £1819 – completed

CIL3 Ystrad Mynach Toilets Refurbishment – £13,454

Remaining CIL Balance £1,355

### **Potential Projects**

Black Ash Path - To resurface remaining half of path - Hengoed Avenue to New Road TYB WHQS 4

The Walk by kissing gate – Tarmac

Wild flower planting throughout our area – members to submit suitable areas

Gelligaer Cemetery – an additional standing pipe as elderly and infirm are having to walk great lengths to obtain water. Ideal location would be on the slight incline. Clerk to email CCBC.

(iv) **WHQS** - Members received and noted the approved WHQS project listing for our area, a few of which have already been delivered.

(v) **New project proposal** (deferred from last month) – **Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach**  
Installation of a new organ  
**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the Local Government Act 1894, grants are prohibited to churches and ecclesiastical.

### **218 Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Toilets**

(i) Welsh Government Guidance on providing safer toilets for public use: coronavirus. was receive, noted and discussed. Council agreed that the toilets would need to be cleansed more frequently, several times throughout the day, to prevent contamination and the potential spread of Covid-19. An estimated cost of £5k per annum for one additional cleanse was not viable, and the facility would need more than one..

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that the public toilets remain closed for the foreseeable.

### **219 Gelligaer CCTV Review**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that due to increased levels of anti social behaviour since Covid-19 that the surveillance cameras should remain in situ in Gelligaer as a deterrent and for evidence gathering.

### **220 Cycle Track/Active Travel Scheme 2020/211 - Ystrad Mynach to Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed**

Members noted that Welsh Government have approved transport funding to deliver this active travel scheme. Details can be found on the following link and attached.

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-active-travel-and-road-safety-funding-allocations-local-authorities-2020-21>

Despite the late award (as a result of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the unprecedented effort WG has had to make in response), Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) still aim to deliver the scheme this financial year.

In relation to the land transfer delays, negotiations are ongoing and it is hopeful that both issues should be concluded soon.

Detailed scheme proposals are being prepared and will be up for public consultation in due course. Members were pleased with its progress.

*Cllr William Griffiths arrived at the meeting.*

## **221 BT Telephone Box Removal**

Council received, discussed and considered either the removal of telephone boxes or adoption, due to low usage, at the following locations:

- Hengoed Road, Penpedairheol (on the crossroads by The Plough)
- Penallta Road, Ystrad Mynach

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to adopt both boxes as street ornaments and to seal them.

## **222 Pre Planning Application Consultation**

- (i) Bryn Aggregates Ltd are seeking our view on the proposed retention of, and proposed extension to the existing quarry operations including new drainage system and settlement ponds, landscape bunds, associated works, consolidation of mineral planning permissions and an overall restoration scheme at Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm, Gelligaer Road, Gelligaer CF82 8FY

Copies of proposed application, plans and other supporting documents can be inspected at: [www.bryngroup.co.uk/quarry-extension](http://www.bryngroup.co.uk/quarry-extension) Closing date 8th August 2020.

**RESOLVED: Council unanimously objected** to the pre planning application for the retention of, and proposed extension to the quarry at Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm on the following grounds:

1. Dust – local residents are having to endure the nuisance of increased visible dust on their clothes, cars, windows of their properties and on furniture throughout the inside of their homes which is causing much distress.
2. Noise – residents are having to endure loud noise from machinery and blasting at the site, and whilst industrial noise has controls in place, agricultural has none and it is high on impossible to distinguish between the two.
3. Environmental – the development has a direct negative impact on the natural habitat. Biodiversity is reduced when existing organisms in the habitat are displaced or destroyed.

Gradual incremental planning applications have resulted in this development encroaching closer to just within 300m of people's homes. The dust, noise and environmental damage does not affect just one home but a whole estate. It contributes to considerable hidden suffering, with increased levels of stress, anxiety and depression experienced, which can lead to long term physical health conditions. The residents have a basic right to quiet enjoyment which this development does not allow.

*Cllr Alan Angel declares an interest in the next item and leaves the meeting.*

## **223 Planning Applications**

Planning applications were received & discussed. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to [planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk) within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Case Ref. 20/0486/RET Site Area: 235m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Caerphilly County Borough Council Fleet Management Tir-y-berth Depot New Road Tir-y-berth (UPRN 000043171040)

Proposal: Retain and complete the change the use from B8 to A2

Case Officer: Mr J Cooke ☐ 01443 864347 ☐ [cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315253 (E) 196972 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Committee

**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 20/0485/FULL Site Area: 318m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 16 Trosnant Crescent Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7FU (UPRN 000043011504)

Proposal: Erect single storey extension to rear of property

Case Officer: Mr J Cooke ☐ 01443 864347 ☐ [cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313613 (E) 196286 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 20/0523/FULL Site Area: 186m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 9 Penybryn Terrace Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GF (UPRN 000043011472)  
Proposal: Erect a single storey porch to the front  
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones ☐ 01443 864528 ☐ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313646 (E) 195959 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

Email: 20/07/2020

Case Ref. 20/0526/FULL Site Area: 143m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 10 Pendarren Street Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BZ (UPRN 000043021719)  
Proposal: Erect bedroom extension at first floor level  
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones 01443 864528 jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314287 (E) 197614 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** Members expressed their concern in relation to this proposal, as it could affect the light and enjoyment of the adjacent property.

Email: 24/07/2020

Case Ref. 20/0514/OUT Site Area: 3591m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital Ffordd Ystrad Fawr Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7GP (UPRN 000043018258)  
Proposal: Erect a dedicated Unified Breast Unit building and associated works and seek approval of access, appearance, layout and scale  
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314687 (E) 193649 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 20/0568/FULL Site Area: 297m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 8 Bryn Awelon Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 7TF (UPRN 000043021590)  
Proposal: Erect first floor extension above existing garage  
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones 01443 864528 jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314491 (E) 197374 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

*Cllr Teresa Parry declares an interest in the next item and leaves the meeting.*

Case Ref. 20/0577/RET Site Area: 454m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 1 Kingswood Close Hengoed CF82 7LU (UPRN 000043030493)  
Proposal: Retain and complete raised decking area to the rear of dwelling  
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley 01443 864776 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315324 (E) 195184 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

*Cllr Teresa Parry returns to the meeting.*

**224 Next meeting Date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 7.00pm - noted**

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**