



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of an ORDINARY Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via remote access in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations.

#### PRESENT

**Councillors:** A Angel, C Bezzina, D Cushing, C David, W David, M James, S Milford, T Parry (Vice) J Postians and J Pritchard (Chair)

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

**In Attendance** Mr Phillip Morris, resident of Forge Mill, Ystrad Mynach

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

#### 11 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr W Griffiths due to bereavement, and Cllr Thomas Matthews will remain absent until physical meetings can safely resume.

#### 12 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 Teresa Parry, Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in minute no.19 (i) The Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed

Cllr Donna Cushing also declared an interest in minute no.23 – IRP and Chair of Democratic Services, CCBC

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.24 Planning

#### 13 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Judith Prichard announced the following:

She thanked members for putting up and taking down the lamp post poppies and to Cllr Jodie Postians, Cllr Martyn James, Cllr William Griffiths for laying the wreaths.

Cllr Judith Pritchard laid a wreath at our Memorial in Cefn Hengoed and took part in a virtual service recorded by Pastor Steve Darby along with Cllr Teresa Parry and Cllr Donna Cushing. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid grant from the Welsh Government for community centres, halls and places like the Gelligaer Boxing Club and Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre had been gratefully received and most useful in helping to keep the centres going until some sort of normality returns.

The Christmas lighting was up in most of our villages and will hopefully help to raise spirits a little.

*Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed Mr Phillip Morris, resident representative of Forge Mill and brought forward agenda item "Local Democracy and Boundary Commission (LDBC): Review of Electoral Arrangements".*

#### 14 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission: Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly

Following much discussion, it was established that Mr Phillip Morris and residents of Forge Mill had no knowledge of the LDBC consultation until the final recommendations came to light, by chance, to move the boundary of Forge Mill to the Llanbradach ward.

It was agreed that several opportunities were missed to consult with the residents by various organisations including the Ward Members and the Community Council, to which Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard apologised for that.

Residents of Forge Mill felt intrinsically linked to Ystrad Mynach with no affinity whatsoever to Llanbradach. Hefin David MS has been approached by residents and has been extremely helpful in fast tracking a petition and meeting with Julie James Minister, for Housing and Local Government.

Members agreed that Gelligaer Community Council would support the residents of Forge Mill remaining within the boundary of Ystrad Mynach and Gelligaer Community Council and would do our utmost to remedy the situation. The Clerk will write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government and the four regional members, Delyth Jewell, Laura Jones, Mark Reckless and David Rowlands for a cross party and unified approach in supporting the residents. Local ward members should write in too.

It was noted that the Commission's Final Recommendations can be viewed at [www.ldbc.gov.wales](http://www.ldbc.gov.wales) and any further matters should be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

*Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard thanked Mr Phillip Morris for his attendance and he subsequently left the remote meeting.*

**15 Minutes**

Minutes of the **ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 28/10/2020** were received approved and signed as an accurate record.

**16 Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising

**17 Finance to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**(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 document.

**(iii) Bank Statements**

Bank statements no's 13,12,34,33,2 and 49 were received, approved and signed as accurate documents.

**(iv) Budget v Spend November 2020**

Budget v Spend was received and noted

**18 Financial Assistance/Grants 2020/21**

**(i) Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol Application No.13** (deferred from last meeting)

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £600 to Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol

*Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in the next item 18(i) and played no part in the ensuing discussions.*

*Cllr Alan Angel chaired the meeting*

**19 Projects**

**(i) Project No. 10 The Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed**

A.Quotations were invited and received from local contractors to replace damaged ceiling plaster boards

**RESOLVED** Council agreed to award the contract to the lowest quote at £1500 – Genius Plastering Ltd

B. Quotations were invited and received from local contractors to supply and paint ceilings

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to award the contract to the lowest quote at £954 – Decorative Solutions

*Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Teresa Parry returned to discussions*

*Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard resumed at chairing the meeting*

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

Annual Projects – Committed/Budgeted

- 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)  
**VIRED TO SPEND ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Minute 254 (ii)**
- 3 Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market- CANCELLED  
Contribution towards the Christmas market to ensure its continuity Saturday 21st Nov  
£2,000  
LGA 1972, s.145 (provision of entertainment, festivals & support of the arts)  
**VIRED TO SPEND ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Minute 254 (ii)**
- 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)  
**VIRED TO SPEND ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Minute 254 (ii)**
- 6 Pantomimes - £5,040 - CANCELLED  
(1) Penybryn Village Hall Wed 02/12 6.30pm  
(2) Gelligaer Community Centre Mon 07/12 6.00pm  
(3) Lindsay 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)  
**VIRED TO SPEND ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Minute 254 (ii)**
- 7 Presentation at Llancaiach - CANCELLED  
8 awards agreed to be presented on their door steps Minute 259  
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  
  
VIRED from Project No. 2, 3 & 5 for Christmas Lighting LED Figurines (Qty 25)

#### 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
- 22 Wild flower planting throughout our area – members to submit suitable areas
- 23 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 awaiting response from CCBC.
- 24 BT Phone Boxes at Ystrad Mynach and Penpedairheol – time capsule project for schools depicting the good and bad in 2020 through art, stories pics etc Boxes to be cleaned, painted and re-glazed in parts and sealed. Cost tbc
- 25 Relocation of Roll of Honour from Horeb Chapel to Glyngaer Primary Cost £360
- 26 Selection boxes to all 9 schools. Members to deliver to schools. Schools to distribute to children to minimize contamination.
- 27 Food Bank, Cascade – further information required.

#### 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

#### Potential Projects:

- Black Ash Path – To resurface remaining half of path – Hengoed Avenue to New Road TYB  
 WHQS 4  
 The Walk by kissing gate – Tarmacing

*The clerk was thanked for conducting a night scout to inspect the Christmas lighting, highlighting any issues.*

## 20 Rights of Way

Members received and discussed correspondence from local resident and CCBC's Countryside

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to support the well trodden ROW 23 from Cascade to Tiryberth in principle by replacing the stile with a gate to improve access for all, bringing it in line with the rest of the ROW. Clerk to request costings from Andrew Fleming at Countryside.

**21 Caerphilly Tourism Association Member**

**RESOLVED:** Council considered and agreed membership which is FREE to join with no fees due until 1st April 2022. (After this time, whilst there is no obligation to continue with membership, it is currently just £50.00 for a two-year membership.)

**22 Proposed provision of double yellow lines (DYL's) in the St Cattwg Ward of Caerphilly County Borough Council**

In accordance with the 'Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996' CCBC Officer Tony Godsall is undertaking a consultation process in accordance with the Regulations and seeking our views regarding the following locations in the first instance:

• **North Road, Penallta Industrial Estate**

Not entirely sure of this site so therefore cannot comment

• **Southview Houses, Lane to side and rear of surgery, off Penallta Road, Gelligaer**

Patients are blocking the road here, we therefore support

• **Gwaun-Fro, Penpedairheol**

This is to facilitate a cycle route/path, we therefore support

• **Sorrel Close, Penpedairheol**

This is in front of the allotments which is problematic to access, we therefore support

*Cllr Simon Milford left the meeting*

*Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item*

**23 Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) Draft Report 2021/22**

(i) Letter from IRP Chair and draft report was received and noted  
Closing date extended to 27<sup>th</sup> November

(ii) Council was requested to consider determinations – Section 13 (page 40)

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to the IRP's draft proposals but was unlikely to apply/support determinations 42 (annual payment of up to £500 each to 5 members in recognition of specific duties) and 45 (financial loss compensation).

Member reiterated that remuneration to members should be classed as an expense as opposed to a salary, especially the mandated determination no.40, to the sum of £150, which should not be taxed.

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

**24 Planning Applications**

Planning applications were received and 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.

**Email date 06/11/2020**

Case Ref. 20/0900/FULL Site Area: 269m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Plot 1 Land At Grid Ref 314128 194285 Brynmynach Avenue East UI Tredomen (UPRN 000043177790)

Proposal: Erect attached single garage

Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 [powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314129 (E) 194298 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED: OBJECTION on the grounds that this site is a high flood risk area.**

Case Ref. 20/0901/FULL Site Area: 288m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Plot 2 Land At Grid Ref 314128 194285 Brynmynach Avenue East Ul Tredomen (UPRN 000043177791)  
Proposal: Erect attached double garage  
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314128 (E) 194274 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council  
Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED: OBJECTION on the grounds that this site is a high flood risk area.**

Case Ref. 20/0902/FULL Site Area: 273m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Plot 3 Land At Grid Ref 314128 194285 Brynmynach Avenue East Ul Tredomen (UPRN 000043177792)  
Proposal: Erect attached double garage  
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314124 (E) 194248 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED: OBJECTION on the grounds that this site is a high flood risk area.**

Case Ref. 20/0936/FULL Site Area: 223m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 38 Cheriton Avenue Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7JA (UPRN 000043021032)  
Proposal: Erect single storey front extension  
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones 01443 864528 jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314733 (E) 196247 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED: No objection**

Case Ref. 20/0937/FULL Site Area: 558m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)  
Proposal: Erect extension to existing milking parlour to provide covered feeding area  
Case Officer: Mr A Pyne 01443 864523 pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED: No objection**

Case Ref. 20/0954/FULL Site Area: 289m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: Tir-y-rhen Farm Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043009718)  
Proposal: Erect extension to existing farm buildings over concrete yard space to improve cattle feeding welfare  
Case Officer: Mr A Pyne 01443 864523 pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312819 (E) 197717 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED: No objection**

**25 Next meeting Date:**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 7.00pm – Remote.

**Meeting Closed at 9.10pm**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**