



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ORDINARY Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.00pm via remote access in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, D Cushing, C David, M James, J Postians and J Pritchard (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.

42 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bezzina due to attending a works memorial, Cllr W David due to being unwell, Cllr T Parry due to other commitments and as approved Cllr T Matthews will remain absent until physical meetings can safely resume.

43 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 Jodie Postians declared an interest in minute no. 49 (iii) Helping Hands Tiryberth
Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.52 Planning

44 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard announced the following:

- Today is Holocaust Memorial Day whereby we honour and remember the six million Jews murdered by the Nazi's and millions of others killed just because of who they were. Today reaffirms our commitment that every human being should be given equal respect.
- Presentation of Community Champion Awards and gifts took place on the door steps with the Chair masked, sanitised and socially distanced, presenting to the following worthy volunteers:
Judy Climer and Kevin Thomas who were running a FareShare scheme attached to Trinity Church, from their home.
Patrick Ryan, Zoe Ryan and Annie Evans who also help with the Fareshare at the Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed
Nigel Bear Davies who ran a food bank from Cascade Community Centre will be presented with his award and gifts when restrictions are lifted
Cllr Martyn James presented an award and gifts on our behalf to Jamie Davies, who does daily litter picks throughout the town and on the sporting fields in all weather.
Mr Steve Darby will be presented with his award and gift, following the lift in restrictions, for bringing the community together, young and old, through a remote Remembrance and Christmas Nativity Service.
- The Chair and clerk attended a Zoom presentation on vaccinations with Dr David Llewellyn, Service Development Lead of the Caerphilly Integrated Wellbeing Networks. It was very interesting as we learnt about Farmer Benjamin Jesty vaccinating members of his family against smallpox by using material from the lesions on a cow. This method took place some 22 years before Dr Edward Jenner, who is usually credited as the originator of the practice. Smallpox is the

only disease that has been eradicated worldwide and as such since 1971 the public no longer need protection from it.

It is important to counteract the anti vax movement for any vaccines to be effective.

- Chair attended a Public Service Board (PBS) meeting as a representative on the board and enjoyed an interesting session on green space and the environment.
- The Local Development Plan (LDP) will soon be reviewed whereby local landowners will be invited to put forward land for development. We must remain vigilant in protecting our green field sites.

45 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 16/12/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

46 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

47 Finance to 21st January 2021

(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

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statements no's 15,14,36,35,3 & 52 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record

48 Precept 2021/22

RESOLVED: Council received, discussed and agreed items (i) – (iii):

(i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) 2021/22

(ii) Clerks report on the Precept for 2021/22

(iii) Appendix 1:

- A) Current year's budget (2020/21)
- B) Spend v Budget up to 21st January 2021
- C) Anticipated spend to 31st March 2021
- D) Proposed Budget for 2021/22

RESOLVED: Council agreed to increase the precept by 3% which would mean an ANNUAL increase of 0.62p to £21.13 per Band D equivalent household, giving the Community Council a total precept of £132,687.31 to spend on worthwhile projects as set out and agreed in Appendix 1.

49 Financial Assistance/Grants 2020/21

(i) Cwm Calon Community Association - Application no. 14 (including constitution, minutes & bank statement)

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund a one off start up grant to the sum of £500 to Cwm Calon Community Association

(ii) Cylch Meithrin yr Enfys, Ystrad Mynach - Application no. 15

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £600 to Cylch Meithrin yr Enfys

Cllr Jodie Postians declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.

(iii) Helping Hands Tiryberth - Application no. 16

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Helping Hands Tiryberth

Cllr Jodie Postians returned to the meeting

(iv) Wales Air Ambulance Charity Emergency Appeal - Application no. 17

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant £300 to Wales Air Ambulance Charity Emergency Appeal

50 Projects 2020/21

(i) New project proposals for 2020/21 – there were none received

(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 - CANCELLED
- 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 £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) CANCELLED
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) £7,815

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.
- 28 ROW 23 Cascade to Tiryberth – support the replacement of a style with a gate

CIL PROJECTS

- CIL1 Bedwlwyn Road Footbridge - Analysis £3600 – completed
- CIL2 Welfare, Cefn Road Hengoed - Install footpath & 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

The Walk by kissing gate – Tarmacing

51 Gelligaer & Merthyr Common

Council received and noted items (i) – (iii). The clerk will write to confirm that we are very much on board and look forward to hearing from them on any future events.

(i) Email from Mark Ward, Ranger of Gelligaer & Merthyr Common

(ii) Overview of Tirwedd y Comin Project

(iii) Letter from Gelligaer & Merthyr Commoners Association referring to the next project, entitled Comin Cydweithredol – Common Collaboration will start on 1st January 2021.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

52 Planning Applications

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. 20/1045/RET Site Area: 86m²

Location: Cefn Hengoed Post Office Gelligaer Road Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7HN
(UPRN 000043020733)

Proposal: Retain and complete the change of use from A1 to A3

Case Officer: Carwyn Powell ☐ 01443 864424 ☐ powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314725 (E) 195720 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 20/1085/RET Site Area: 410m²

Location: 22 Starling Walk Penallta Hengoed CF82 6BH (UPRN 000043174551)

Proposal: Retain raised ground level to enlarge the garden and erect glass balustrade

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke · 01443 864347 · cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314292 (E) 196258 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

ADDENDUM

At our meeting Council's response was "no objection on the proviso there is no loss of privacy to neighbouring properties". However 3 days later on 30th January an email was received by the clerk from a resident in a neighbouring property to 22 Startling Walk with objections to the planning application due to loss of privacy. The Clerk therefore, in consultation with local Ward Member Cllr Martyn James, withdrew our original response to the Planning Department as the raised ground level had indeed caused loss of privacy to neighbouring properties. On those grounds, the clerk submitted a further response to the Planning Department: "Gelligaer Community Council strongly objects to the retention of raised ground level due to loss of privacy to neighbouring properties".

53 Next meeting Date: Wednesday 24th February 2021, 7.00pm – Remote.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Signed: _____ **Chair**

Date: 24th February 2021