

## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ORDINARY Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 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, C Bezzina, C David, M James, T Parry (Vice Chair), J Postians and J Pritchard (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

**In Attendance:** Mr David Llewellyn, Service Development Lead, Integrated Well Being Networks Aneurin Bevan Public Health.

*Due to technical difficulties and several failed attempts Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard was unable to access the meeting therefore Vice Chair Cllr Teresa Parry chaired the meeting*

*Vice Chair Cllr Teresa Parry welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.*

### 73 Apologies

An apology was received and approved from Cllr T Matthews who will remain absent until physical meetings can safely resume. An apology was also received and noted from Cllr W David due to other commitments,

### 74 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 Alan Angel declared an interest in Minute no.90 – A member of CCBC's Planning Committee

Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in Minute No.81 (i) (a) – A committee member of the Protest Against Bryn Group

### 75 Dr David Llewellyn Service Development Lead, Integrated Wellbeing Networks Caerphilly, Aneurin Bevan Gwent Public Health Team

Dr David Llewellyn introduced himself and spoke with members about Integrated Wellbeing Networks (IWN) and gave a presentation, in summary:

IWN connects a community's strengths and assets to enable communities to build relationships and find what matters to them to support and enhance their overall wellbeing. Since the pandemic there had been good community engagement with Caerphilly County Borough Council implementing a "buddying" service which worked well. However generally across the board the older generation are feeling more isolated than ever. The aim of IWN is to work collectively with the community council alongside other organisations such as CCBC's Regeneration, Caerphilly Care, GAVO and basically any other group that supports the community. Some early mapping had taken place in our area and Members were very keen to be involved in developing this project further.. Dr David Llewellyn would be in touch further to meet with members physically.

*Vice Chair Teresa Parry thanked Dr David Llewellyn for his presentation, and he left the meeting.*

*Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard joined the meeting and took to chairing the meeting*

### 76 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard announced that we had received beautiful hand drawn thank you cards from two pupils of Derwendeg Primary, Sienna and Molly, for the selection boxes that we had provided to the school, as we did with all other primary schools, Trinity and Glanynant.

## 77 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 24/02/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

## 78 Matters Arising

Members ratified the clerk exercising plenary powers in contacting all members for views on the following planning applications, as time did not allow for the matter to be discussed at a council meeting. There were no objections.

Email 26/02/2021

Case Ref. 21/0139/FULL Site Area: 314m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 8 Clos Tir Twyn Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FG (UPRN 000043077180)

Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey rear extension

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke ☎ 01443 864347 ☎ [cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk)

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314528 (E) 193320 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Email: 22/02/2021

Case Ref. 20/1090/FULL Site Area: 349m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 23 Bryn Awel Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7LA (UPRN 000043030459)

Proposal: Demolish existing single storey extension and erect a new two storey side and rear extension

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

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315122 (E) 195523 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 21/0108/FULL Site Area: 1469m<sup>2</sup>

Location: E Block Coleg Y Cymoedd - Ystrad Mynach Campus Twyn Road Ystrad Mynach (UPRN 000043171899)

Proposal: Install air handling unit, six condensers, two MVHR units, four extract fans and associated ductwork on to the roof of E Block to replace the existing plant equipment currently located on the roof and to the rear of E Block and install twelve louvres to the East, North and West elevations

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314381 (E) 193528 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 21/0109/FULL Site Area: 4565m<sup>2</sup>

Location: C Block Coleg Y Cymoedd - Ystrad Mynach Campus Twyn Road Ystrad Mynach (UPRN 000043171897)

Proposal: Erect two storey extension to provide new painting and decorating workshops connected to existing 'C' block

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314223 (E) 193594 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 21/0114/NOTA Site Area: 449m<sup>2</sup>

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

Proposal: Erect silage pit

Case Officer: Anthony Pyne ☎ 01443 864523 ☎ [pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk)

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

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

## **Minute No. 65 – Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Membership 2021**

It was noted and approved Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council's agreement to contribute one third of the membership to SLCC (£78) given the size of their council and precept in comparison to ours.

### **79 Finance to 19<sup>th</sup> March 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 statement no's 54 & 55 – Unity Trust and 37 & 16 - Lloyds were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **80 Financial Assistance/Grants 2020/21**

#### **(i) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Urdd National Eisteddfod 2021**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £100 to the Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru

#### **(ii) NSPCC Cymru**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £300 to NSPCC Cymru

### **81 Projects**

(i) New project proposals:

*Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting this playing no part in the ensuing discussions*

#### **(a) Protest Against Bryn Group** (deferred from last meeting)

Quotes were received and considered.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £4,000 towards a dust monitor for an independent analysis. The monitor is an accurate piece of kit that is widely used by universities/ air quality departments and councils. This device will sit remotely and data can be accessed through an online portal. It's also light enough to be transported between villages.

*Cllr Teresa Parry returned to discussions*

#### **(b) Kiosks**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that electric to be reconnected & LED lighting installed in kiosks. Clerk to obtain quotes.

**(ii) Project Summary** - was received and discussed.

- Clerk is to contact all schools so that they can use texting service to all parents re: Easter Window competition.

**82 Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-22**

Members noted 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 2021-22 is £8.41.

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 or 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 2021-22 will be £8.41 per elector.

For the financial year 2021-22, the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4) is calculated by applying the formula set out in Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.

The Retail Prices Index increased by 1.1% between September 2019 and September 2020. This means that, by application of the formula, the maximum sum for 2021-22 increases from £8.32 to £8.41 per elector.

14,174 electors (CCBC Electoral Services, March 2021) x £8.41 = £119,203.34

**83 Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) Report for 2021 - 20200**

(i) Letter from Chair of the IRP in response to remuneration being classed as an expense as opposed to a salary was received and noted.

(ii) Covering letter from IRP Chair was received and noted.

(iii) IRP Finalised Report for 2021 – 2022 (Section 13 pages 40 -47 are applicable to Community & Town Councils) was received and noted.

Gelligaer Community Council is classed as GROUP B

**RESOLVED:** In line with our response to the IRP Draft Report at our November 2020 meeting Council agreed to the IRP's draft proposals but were unlikely to apply/support the following two determinations:

**Determination 44** - the annual payment of up to £500 each to 5 members in recognition of specific duties.

**Determination 47** - financial loss compensation.

**Determination no 42** is the payment of £150 to all members, which is mandated and therefore does not require your approval. It was noted that Members who wish to forego this payment must put it in writing to the clerk.

**RESOLVED: Council approved the following determinations:**

**45 – travel costs**

**46 – overnight expenses**

**48 – payment of £350 to the Chair**

**49 – payment of £100 to the Vice Chair**

**84 One Voice Wales (OVW) Membership 2021**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to continue membership with OVW for 2021 at a cost of £2,803 (based on 8,103 chargeable dwellings)

- 85 Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector** – received and noted.  
Votes for 16 and 17 year olds, five year terms, access to meetings including public participation, publication of documents (or summary) within seven days of a meeting and Annual Reports (April 2021 – March 2022) were discussed.
- 86 Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and On Street Parking**  
Places Consolidation Order 2019 (Amendment Order No 6) 2021  
Council received and note proposed Provision and Amendments to Traffic Orders at various locations within the Hengoed Ward.  
Any comments/objections are to be made in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – there were no objections.

**. Park Road, Hengoed**

- Provision of DYL's on the Northern side of Park Road, Hengoed from a point on the eastern house boundary wall to the rear of No's 5 & 6 Aely Bryn, Hengoed in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 30m
- Provision of DYL's on the north easterly side of Park Road, Hengoed from its junction with Kings Hill, Hengoed in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 10m
- Provision of DYL's on the north easterly side of Park Road, Hengoed from its junction with Kings Hill, Hengoed in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 10m
- Provision of DYL's on the south westerly side of Kings Hill, Hengoed from its junction with Park Road, Hengoed in a north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 10m
- Provision of DYL's on the north easterly side of Kings Hill, Hengoed from its junction with Park Road, Hengoed in a north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 10m

**Valley View, Cefn Hengoed**

- Provision of DYL's on the north westerly side of Valley View, Cefn Hengoed from its junction with Hengoed Avenue, Cefn Hengoed in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 15m
- Provision of DYL's on the south easterly side of Valley View, Cefn Hengoed from its junction with Hengoed Avenue, Cefn Hengoed in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 45m

- 87 Temporary Road Closure - along Lewis Street and High Street Ystrad Mynach.**  
It was noted that Caerphilly County Borough Council will be completing works on site associated with the experimental one way with cycling provision along Lewis Street and High Street Ystrad Mynach.  
High Street – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
Lewis Street – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- 88 Welsh Government Litter & Fly Tipping Consultation** – noted.  
Members could respond individually to the consultation if they wished – response deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.
- 89 Toucan Crossing on the B4254 near its junction with Gwaun Fro, Penpedairheol.**  
It was noted that the consultation period had ended and Caerphilly County Borough Council would proceed to installation.

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

**90 Planning Applications** (late applications will be tabled at meeting)

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.

Case Ref. 21/0162/TPO Site Area: 138m<sup>2</sup>

Location: St Catwg's Church Church Road Gelligaer (UPRN 000043169096)

Proposal: Carry out various works to trees (Tree Preservation Order 39/80/RVDC) and within the Gelligaer Conservation Area

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313564 (E) 196933 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objection on the proviso it is outside nesting season.

Case Ref. 21/0170/ADV Site Area: 405m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Premier Store 18 Bedwlwyn Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AD (UPRN 000043019737)

Proposal: Install 1 No. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 No. internally illuminated projecting sign

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314597 (E) 194383 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objection

**91 Next meeting Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 7.00pm – Remote.

Addendum: the above meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to **12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**, due to clerk's sickness.

**Meeting Closed at 9.05pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Date: 12th May 2021**