

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ORDINARY Full Council Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 7.00pm via remote access in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: C Mortimer

A minute silence was held in respect of the recent and sudden passing of Cllr Carmen Bezzina's dear mother Margaret Matthews. Our thoughts are with Carmen and her family at this very sad time.

Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.

92 Apologies

An apology was received and approved from Cllr T Matthews who will remain absent until physical meetings can safely resume and Cllr Jodie Postians due to family commitments. An apology was also received and noted from Cllr C Bezzina due to the recent passing of her mother.

93 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.

Despite not being a part of the decision making process but for reasons of transparency the clerk declared an interest in Minute No.99 (i) - Save Ystrad Mynach Green Space Group as she is in support of the group and has made a small donation to them.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in Minute no.102 – A member of CCBC's Planning Committee

94 Welcome new Member for the Ystrad Mynach Ward

Cllr Mandy McCarthy who has previously signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk/Proper Officer and received a "Members Pack" was congratulated by the Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard and warmly welcomed into the fold.

95 Chair's Announcements

Easter Window Competition: All entrants received an Easter egg and the children were very excited and the people were generally very pleased. Despite the clerk contacting all schools uptake was very patchy. The clerk, Cllr Jodie Postians and Cllr Donna Cushing were thanked for delivering them. The Chair delivered the remaining eggs to people who had been out when the clerk had been around previously.

Left over eggs in the Cefn Hengoed / Hengoed area were donated to Cefn Hengoed Fareshare Scheme, who are parents on low income. Again they were very well received.

Community Champions Awards: Chair Cllr Judith Pritchard presented the remaining two awards and gifts as a token of our appreciation to:

Mr Nigel Bear Davies for setting up and running a food bank during the first lockdown last year until September in the Cascade Community Centre.

Pastor Steve Darby for his work on pulling the community together for the Remembrance Service and a Community Carols by (virtual) Candlelight Service.

Thank you - A letter of thanks had been received from the Urdd for the grant to the sum of £100 we awarded them at the March meeting.

Tiryberth Primary School - The children of Tiryberth Primary School have made a beautiful calendar for 2021 themed "What Makes Us Happy". The clerk has written a lovely letter to the children thanking them for sending a copy to the Community Council. The hand drawn pictures are delightful.

Senedd Election: Chair and members send our congratulations to Hefin David, Labour, who was re-elected as Constituency MS for Caerphilly. Delyth Jewell and Peredur Owen Griffiths, Plaid Cymru, were elected as South East Wales Regional MS's. Laura Ann Jones and Natasha Asghar, Conservatives were also elected as South East Wales Regional Ms's.

Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Gwent:
Jeff Cuthbert, Labour, was re-elected as PCC for Gwent
And our commiserations to Cllr Donna Cushing who came a respectable third.

96 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 24/03/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

97 Matters Arising

Minute No. 75 Integrated Wellbeing Networks Caerphilly, Aneurin Bevan Gwent Public Health Team

With it being Mental Health Awareness Week this week Cllr Martyn James asked how much involvement Dr David Llewellyn had with schools and how could as a Community Council could help. The Clerk will email Dr Llewellyn and arrange a further meeting.

Minute No 89 Toucan Crossing on the B4254 near its junction with Gwaun Fro, Penpedairheol

Cllr Wynne David updated members that the installation had been delayed as the contractor hadn't been able to get hold of the electrical connection required. It is anticipated to be installed before 31st July 2021.

98 Finance to 31st March 2021

(i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Reconciliation

(a) Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record. Cllr Martyn James would try to retrieve an un-presented cheque to the sum of £300 to Penallta RFC Mini's & Youth for financial assistance in 2019/20. Cllr S Milford will present his cheque for remuneration to the bank. Clerk will email BT payphones to ensure their cheque is presented. Clerk will enquire with Gelligaer Allotment Association in relation to their replacement cheque in March 2021 which has yet to be presented.

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statements 18, 17,39,38,4 and 56 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(i) Save Ystrad Mynach Green Space

Members received and noted

(a) Application form, Constitution & Minutes,

(b) Report – Laboratory Analysis of soil samples taken from Sue Noakes Playing Field.,

(c) Report 1&2

(d) Welsh Water quarantine data

(e) Additional testing quotation.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to pledge £340 plus VAT to Save Ystrad Mynach Green Space Group for laboratory testing of the Sue Noakes Field with Quantum Geotech.

(ii) Ystrad Mynach Male Voice Choir

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Ystrad Mynach Male Voice Choir.

100 Projects 2021/22

(i)RESOLVED: Council agreed the project summary but deferred item 17 – Selection boxes for another meeting.

Clerk suggested and members agreed to include potential schemes that were discussed when we set the budget and precept back in January for the next meeting.

101 Future Meetings

RESOLVED Members noted the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 which makes it easier for meetings to take place through a variety of arrangements.

These include remotely (as we have been since last June 2020) and hybrid meetings whereby a number of members may wish to join us in person whilst others may choose to join us remotely.

At our next meeting on 26th May 2021, which will be our AGM followed by an Ordinary Council meeting, it will be a hybrid type at the Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed.

The reason it is being held there as opposed to the council chamber is its capacity to hold 14 persons comfortably with 2m distancing with good ventilation, making it Covid compliant and has Wi-Fi.

As most of the members, but not all, are receiving agenda packs electronically, iPad/tablets will need to be brought along if attending in person

Face coverings are to be worn at our physical meetings and hand sanitizer is to be used in the foyer before entering the hall. Do not attend in person if you're feeling unwell.

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

102 Planning Applications

The following 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).

Email:07/05/2021

Case Ref. 21/0398/FULL Site Area: 349m²

Location: 1 Brunel Close Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HT (UPRN 000043022120)

Proposal: Demolish garage and erect two storey extension to rear and side of dwelling

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314107 (E) 197223 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegate

RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 21/0423/FULL Site Area: 199m²
Location: 2 Starling Walk Penallta Hengoed CF82 6BH (UPRN 000043174531)
Proposal: Erect garage to side elevation
Case Officer: Jacob Cooke ☐ 01443 864347 ☐ cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314183 (E) 196295 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected
Decision Level: Delegate
RESOLVED: No objections

Email:30/04/2021

Case Ref. 21/0312/LA Site Area: 239m²
Location: Llancaiach Fawr Manor Gelligaer Road Nelson Treharris CF46 6ER (UPRN 000043086672)
Proposal: Install new play facilities in the grounds of Llancaiach Fawr Manor
Case Officer: Carwyn Powell ☐ 01443 864424 ☐ powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 311389 (E) 196576 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Committee
RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 21/0373/FULL Site Area: 209m²
Location: 7 Pen-Y-Bont Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HD (UPRN 000043012546)
Proposal: Demolish existing garage and porch and erect single storey front and side extensions to dwelling
Case Officer: Mike Jones ☐ 01443 864528 ☐ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313828 (E) 197561 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 21/0374/FULL Site Area: 159m²
Location: 26 Bron Las Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 7TB (UPRN 000043078164)
Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension
Case Officer: Jacob Cooke ☐ 01443 864347 ☐ cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314576 (E) 196922 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 21/0383/FULL Site Area: 764m²
Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)
Proposal: Erect a farm building over concrete yard space to provide additional cattle housing and to harvest rain water from the roofs and reduce the water run-off from the yards
Case Officer: Anthony 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 objections

Case Ref. 21/0401/FULL Site Area: 263m²
Location: 8 Glas Fryn Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 7TN (UPRN 000043021542)
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension
Case Officer: Elizabeth Rowley ☐ 01443 864776 ☐ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314422 (E) 197326 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objections

Email: 23/04/2021

Case Ref. 21/0339/FULL Site Area: 212m²

Location: 33 Birch Crescent Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7LJ (UPRN 000043020490)

Proposal: Erect two side storey extension

Case Officer: Anthony Pyne ☐ 01443 864523 ☐ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314926 (E) 195657 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections

103 Next meeting Date: AGM & Ordinary Wednesday 26th May 2021, 7.00pm – Hybrid meeting at Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Signed: _____ **Chair Date: 26th May 2021**