

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (HYBRID) of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021, 7.00pm in a hybrid/multi location format at Tiryberth Village Hall in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: C Mortimer

* denotes remote attendance

In Attendance: Several members of the public attended remotely and due to sufficient hall capacity, four members of the public attended in person.

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing welcomed everyone to the meeting

50 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bezzina due to ill health and Cllr A McCarthy due to family holiday.

51 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.

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing, declared an interest in minute no, 57 (i) Financial Assistance - Cefn Hengoed OAP's and minute No. 58 (viii) Santa's Magical Sleigh Ride.

Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in minute no. 57 (i)

Financial Assistance - Cefn Hengoed OAP's

52 LRM Planning LTD: Pre Planning Application/Consultation for the proposed development of 60 residential dwellings and associated works land south of Valley View, Cefn Hengoed.

Members received papers and heard verbal representations from the residents attending in person.

RESOLVED: Council were unanimously opposed to the proposed pre planning application for the proposed development of 60 residential dwellings and associated works on land south of Valley View, Cefn Hengoed and will respond accordingly to the consultation:

ADDENDUM

"I am writing to confirm that following a recent community council hybrid meeting, whereby members of the public provided verbal representation on the proposed pre planning development, members of Gelligaer Community Council came to a unanimous decision and objected to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1. This development lies outside the current settlement area adopted in the Local Development Plan which forms part of the preserved green wedge between Cefn Hengoed, Tiryberth, Fleur de Lis and Ystrad Mynach, which prevents their coalescence thus preserving the entity of each village

There has been a growing awareness among the public of the valuable role played by green spaces and the countryside in close proximity to built-up areas in maintaining mental health, especially as a result of the coronavirus lockdown.

2. It is part of a Site of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINC) known as Cefn Hengoed Hillside which contains and encourages invaluable wildlife, insects, plants, hedgerows which provide habitat for many species and an ancient woodland running to the east of the site, all of which contributes to the important ecological and biodiversity of the area.

This development could potentially harm the existing SINC

3. There are drainage and flooding issues experienced by recently built houses in Valley View and further reports of flooding down the hillside experienced by houses in Farm Close, Tiryberth.

Further development is likely to exacerbate the flooding issues which could also affect the Cardiff to Rhymney railway line.

4. Two mine entries have been identified and from historic mining works the ground is high risk of instability in the area around one mine adit and subject to potential land slips. A few properties in Valley View have undergone underpinning due to subsidence and some properties in Farm Close, Tiryberth have suffered flooding..

5. The proposed access road along Valley View is not suitable to serve an estate of 60 houses and flats. There is a sharp bend halfway down this road. Some of the traffic will travel along Forest Ave which is narrow and already used as a rat run. Highway Safety will be compromised.

53 Chair's Announcements

Cascade Allotment Association kindly invited Cllr Judith Pritchard to a barbeque and presented her with a cash sum of £100 to spend on projects within the council. Clerk will write to the Chair Mr Nigel Yates to thank him for the generous donation.

54 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 28/07/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

55 Matters Arising - there were no matters arising

56 Finance to 16th September 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 22, 43, 63, 62 & 61 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Expenditure

RESOLVED: Council agreed the emergency expenditure that was required and approved by the Chair during the August recess to improve the town centre through cleaning, painting and planting and in support of Olympic Gold Medallist Lauren Price's win and homecoming.

Woodfield Nursery– assorted plants and equipment £243.25

B&Q– gloves and gold paint £25.00

Ruggerbug - Lauren Price congratulatory banners that were displayed throughout the villages £288

Welsh Shop, Treforest – 30m x Welsh flag bunting and 10 hand held flags £159.60

LS Lee Ltd – erection of bunting throughout town £350

Gift for Lauren Price - £250 plus £20 engraving

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions. Vice Chair Cllr Alan Angel chaired the item

57 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22

(i) Cefn Hengoed OAP's Application No.5

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

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing resumed to chair the meeting

58 Projects 2021/22

(i) Project No. 2 Christmas Lighting (to be tabled)

RESOLVED: Council agreed the same quotation as last year with Centregreat to test, erect and dismantle Christmas lighting figurines throughout our town and villages.

(ii) Project No.3 Christmas Market 27th November 2021

RESOLVED: Council agreed to front the stall in shifts and the expenditure of £1,000 on useful promotional gifts.

(iii) Project No. 6 Pantomimes

Members received and noted email from Once Upon a Theatre Company which has sadly ceased due to the pandemic.

Clerk provided an update in relation to an alternative provider, children's author Mike Church and the pantomime is titled Jackerellastiltskin with preparations and rehearsals underway.

(iv) Project no. 7 Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr Sat 13th November 2021

2.00pm - 4.30pm

Nominations were received and unanimously agreed for our Community Champions Awards

(v) Project No.14 Standing Pipe Gelligaer

Two quotations were received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to match fund the sum of £3,500 to Hightech Water Services Ltd with CCBC for the installation of a water standing pipe at the cemetery, due to the difficulty experienced by many in carrying water to the gravesides.

(vi) Project no. 15 Telephone Boxes

RESOLVED: Council agreed to increase the expenditure to £2,500 for refurbishment.

(vii) Project Summary was received and noted.

*Chair Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting
Vice Chair Cllr Alan Angel chaired the next item.*

(viii) Santa's sleigh ride – new project proposal

RESOLVED: Council agreed the Santa Sleigh Ride through the town and villages on Friday 17th December at a cost of £300 per village.

(Penybryn & Gelligaer will be visited by Santa on 11th and 16th respectively for free).

(ix) Defibrillator – Duffryn Industrial Estate – new project proposal

Resolved: Council agreed to contribute the sum of £300 towards the purchase and installation of a defibrillator outside Gainfitness 7 Whitey, Duffryn Industrial Estate for public use. (Eight in favour with one abstention)

(x) Pathway to picnic table Glanynant – new project proposal

RESOLVED: Members agreed that costing be sought to extend the pathway to the table

Cllr Donna Cushing returned to chair the meeting

59 Minor Authority Vacancy on the Board of Governors at Tiryberth Primary School

Members noted Cllr Jodie Postians resignation due to work commitments. Clerk will email Head Teacher Sian Clemens to ascertain as to whether she has someone else in mind.

60 CCTV – Ystrad Mynach

RESOLVED: Council agreed that CCTV in Ystrad Mynach should continue as a deterrent and for the purpose of gathering evidence.

61 Wellbeing workshops with Dr David Llewellyn - deferred until the new year.

62 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. 21/0842/FULL Site Area: 414m²

Location: Land At 7 Meadow View Troedyrhiw Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7SF (UPRN 000043176870)

Proposal: Erect 4 bedroom detached dwelling

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314121 (E) 193597 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: There were no objections

Case Ref. 21/0845/FULL Site Area: 391m²

Location: Land At 6 Meadow View Troedyrhiw Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7SF (UPRN 000043176869)

Proposal: Erect 4 bedroom detached dwelling

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314119 (E) 193611 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: There were no objections

Case Ref. 21/0858/FULL Site Area: 367m²

Location: 20 Coed-Y-Graig Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FJ (UPRN 000043077551)

Proposal: Erect first floor extension above existing garage and single storey rear extension

Case Officer: Clare Beaney ☐ 07874 641751 ☐ beanec@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314259 (E) 193249 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: There were no objections

63 Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 27nd October 2021, 7pm at Tiryberth Village Hall – Hybrid.

ADDENDUM: Due to the clerks sickness the meeting scheduled for 27th October was cancelled.

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 17th November 2021.