

## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.00pm in REMOTE format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.**

### **PRESENT**

**Councillors:** C David, W David, W Griffiths, M James, A McCarthy, S Milford, T Parry, and J Pritchard.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

*In the Chair's and Vice Chair's absence Cllr Teresa Parry was elected as Chair for the meeting and welcomed everyone*

### **64 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Angel due to post operative recovery, Cllr Carmen Bezzina due to family commitments, Cllr Donna Cushing absent on compassionate grounds and Cllr Thomas Matthews due to technology issues.

### **65 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 Simon Milford declared an interest in Minute No.

Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in Minute No.

### **66 Letter of Resignation – Cllr Jodie Postians**

Members received and accepted a letter of resignation received from Cllr Jodie Postians with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

A vacancy in the Tiryberth ward does not exist in this instance due to the date of resignation being within 6 months of the Local Election in May 2022.

Members requested that the Clerk write to Jodie thanking her for her valuable contribution to the Community Council.

### **67 Chair's Announcements**

A thank you letter from Ystrad Mynach Bowling Club was read out by the Clerk, for receipt of their grant, which will be used towards installing a defibrillator at the club.

### **68 Minutes**

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 22/09/2021** following a few amendments were received approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **69 Matters Arising**

### **70 Finance to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

#### **(i) Balance of Funds**

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

#### **(ii) Reconciliation**

Reconciliation document was received, approved and later signed as an accurate record.

**(iii) Bank Statements**

Bank statements no's 24,23,45,44,7,65,64 were received, approved and later signed as an accurate record.

**(iv) Additional Expenditure**

Members ratified the additional spend of £750 as agreed previously with Chair and Vice Chair to purchase red and purple lamp post poppies to replace damaged ones and "Paint your Town Pink" breast cancer awareness signage, all of which will be used every year.

**71 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22** – there were no applications received.

**72 Projects 2021/22**

**(i) Project Summary** – a verbal summary given by the clerk was noted.

Project no. 6 – Pantomimes

Tickets were sold out in Hengoed Community Centre and other venues were selling fast, as expected.

Project no.11 – Glanynant Garden

Builders have requested to provide a quote for a pathway to the picnic bench

Project no. 16 Horeb' s Roll of Honour to be installed at Glyngaer Primary School

Due to restricted opening during half term at the school the builder was unable to install the Roll of Honour. It will be programmed for installation in the spring.

*Chair Cllr Teresa Parry and Cllr Simon Milford declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting/discussions.*

*Remaining members agree that Cllr Judith Pritchard can chair the next item.*

**(ii) Santa's Magical Sleigh**

An email was received and noted from the Protest Against Bryn Group requesting funding for Santa's sleigh ride in Gelligaer & Penybryn, whereby originally the group was going to fund Santa's sleigh ride themselves in both villages.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund Santa's Sleigh ride in Gelligaer and Penybryn in line with the agreed sleigh rides in our other villages.

*Chair Cllr Teresa Parry and Cllr Simon Milford returned to the meeting/discussions.*

*Cllr Teresa Parry resumed at chairing the meeting.*

**(iii) Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr & Ystrad Mynach Christmas Fayre**

**RESOLVED:** Members ratified the decision to cancel our presentation at Llancaiach Fawr and fronting a stall at the Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market due to the clerk's sickness and agreed to re-schedule both events for the spring.

*Cllr Martyn James lost connectivity to the meeting*

*Cllr Wynne David joined the meeting*

**73 Minor Authority Vacancy on the Board of Governors at Greenhill Primary School**

Members noted that at our Annual Meeting in May Cllr William Griffiths was nominated as our minor authority representative on the board of governors at Glyngaer Primary School. However, despite the Minutes of said meeting being approved and signed as an accurate record, Cllr William Griffiths is adamant that he accepted the minor representative role on the board at Greenhill and not Glyngaer.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that Cllr William Griffiths will be our Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Greenhill Primary

**74 Minor Authority Vacancy on the Board of Governors at Glyngaer School**

Council received and noted an excellent resume/application from Ms Hazel Minney

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that Ms Hazel Minney will be our Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Glyngaer Primary School.

**75 Pilot of Community and Town Councils Self-Evaluation Toolkit – Expression of Interest**

One Voice Wales, SLCC and Welsh Government with the support from Audit Wales have developed a new bespoke toolkit to help councils to stay on top of governance requirements and regularly reflect on how it is serving its community.

**RESOLVED:** Council ratified the decision by the Clerk to volunteer Gelligaer Community Council to pilot the self- assessment toolkit.

**76 Application Form for Clerk’s Certificate in Local Council Administration Bursary Scheme in Wales**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to the Clerk applying for a free bursary from the Welsh Government to complete her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

**77 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: 08/11/2021

Case Ref. 21/1084/TPO Site Area: 149m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Brynheulog Bungalow 9 Old Parish Road Hengoed CF82 7HU (UPRN000043030374)

Proposal: Carry out various tree works (Tree Preservation Order 36/79/RVDC)

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ☐ 07874 641749 ☐ burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward:Hengoed Map Ref: 315104 (E) 195162 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objections

Email: 01/11/2021

Case Ref. 21/1045/FULL Site Area: 142m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 4 Griffiths Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AW (UPRN 000043018871)

Proposal: Enlarge existing ground floor rear extension and erect first floor extension above

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ☐ 07874 641749 ☐ burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314195 (E) 194668 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objections

**78 Next meeting Date: Remote Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Date: 8th December 2021.