

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 19th January 2022, 7.00pm in REMOTE format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

PRESENT

Councillors: C Bezzina, D Cushing (Chair), C David, W David, M James, T Parry and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

*Chair Cllr Donna Cushing wished everyone a happy new year
And welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

94 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Angel due to feeling unwell, Cllr A McCarthy due to family commitments and Cllr T Matthews due to technology issues.

95 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 Donna Cushing declared an interest in and in Min no.101 (i) The Melody Makers and Min no.101 (vi) Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed

Cllr Martyn James declared an interest in Min no.101 (i) The Melody Makers

Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in Min no.101 (iii) Cascade Carvers

Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in Min no.101 (vi) Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed

96 Chair's Announcements – Chair Cllr Donna Cushing announced the following:

- Letters of thanks were received from the children and Head teachers of Derwendeg Trinity Fields and Ysgol Penalltau for the Christmas selection boxes – they were most appreciative.
- Gelligaer Historical Society has produced a 316-page hardback book to mark its Diamond Jubilee.
Copies are available (£10 plus p&p) from www.gelligaerhistoricalsociety.co.uk

97 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 08/12/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

98 Matters Arising – there were none

99 Finance to 14th January 2022

(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 27, 26, 48,47, 68,67 were received, approved and signed as accurate records.

100 Precept 2022/23

- (i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) 2022/23 was received and noted.
- (ii) Clerks report on the Precept for 2022/23 was received and approved.
- (iii) Appendix A:
 - A) Current year's budget (2021/22) – received and approved.
 - B) Budget v Spend up to 14th January 2022 – received and approved.
 - C) Anticipated spend to 31st March 2022 – received and approved.
 - D) Illustrated Budget for 2021/22 for consideration including earmarking reserves on suitable projects was received and approved.

RESOLVED: Council agreed not to increase the precept this year due to the level of reserves and the cost of living increases.

Band D Equivalent households will continue to pay £21.13 per annum. This will give the give the council a precept to the sum of £132,809.

Members also agreed to earmarking the reserves on potential projects.

A Budget & Project Working Group consisting of four members; Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Martyn James, Cllr Wynne David and Cllr Carmen Bezzina, would meet on to discuss earmarked reserves on projects in more detail, which will then be brought back to full council for ratification on 23rd February 2022.

101 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22

Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Martyn James declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.

Cllr Teresa Parry chaired the meeting

(i) Melody Makers Application No.6

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to The Melody Makers

Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Martyn James returned to discussions

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing resumed to Chairing the meeting

Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.

(ii) Cascade Carvers Application No.7

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £325 to Cascade Carvers

Cllr Teresa Parry returned to discussions

(iii) Gelligaer Historical Society Application No.8

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £200 to Gelligaer Historical Society

(iv) Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society Application No.9

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £200 to Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society

(v) Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity Application No.10

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity, based at the Heath, Cardiff.

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Cllr Martyn James chaired the meeting

(vi) Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed Application No.11

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,300 to Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing and Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to the meeting

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing resumed to Chairing the meeting

(vii) Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club Application No.12

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,300 to the Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club.

102 Projects 2021/22

- (i) Project Summary – was received and noted
- (ii) New Project Proposals – members were invited to put forward new projects.

103 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils

Members received and noted new duties:

(i) General Power of Competence – a power of first resort. To become an eligible council, two thirds of councillors must be elected, the clerk must hold named qualification and two most recent Auditor General for Wales opinions on the council's accounts are unqualified (satisfactory).

(ii) Multi-location meetings

“Whilst physical meetings in the same location are allowable under the 2021 Act, council must note that the 2021 Act requires that participants (i.e. council members, members of the public and press) are able to join meetings remotely – even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils must publish these arrangements, for example, through Standing Orders. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically. Councils should take reasonable steps to allow people to join from another location”.

(iii) Participation at meetings – the new Act makes provision for full public participation and not only at the discretion of the presiding chair. Public are encouraged to participate more and express their views where relevant.

(iv) Produce and publish an Annual Report of the council's activities as soon as practicable after 1st April 2022 which must be approved by full council and published thereafter.

(iv) Training Plans – Council must produce and publish a training plan by 5th November 2022. The training plan should address whether the council is collectively equipped through skills and knowledge, to deliver its plans effectively. Members will be required to attend basic induction, code of conduct, financial management and governance.

(iii) Other Provisions – electronic notices must be published giving 3 clear days.

Following a meeting either draft minutes must be published or a note listing attendees, declarations and decision made including outcomes of votes.

Community poles have been repealed and replaced with system of petitions.

Elections – electoral cycle is changed from a 4 year term to a 5 year for community and principal authorities. The voting system remains first past the post.

104 Welsh Government – General Power of Competence (GPoC)

Correspondence was received and noted.

105 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.

Email: 11/01/2022

Case Ref. 21/1244/FULL Site Area: 176m²

Location: 14 Ty-Nant Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HB (UPRN 000043012517)

Proposal: Erect conservatory to the rear of the property

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313822 (E) 197532 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Email: 24/12/2021

Case Ref. 21/1190/NCC Site Area: 1474m²

Location: Alexercise Unit 1A-C Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7EP (UPRN 000043176765)

Proposal: Vary conditions 3 (Noise - scheme of control), 4 (Yellow Hatching Marking scheme)

and 5 (Parking) of planning consent 19/0006/COU (Change the use of unit from class B1/B2/B8 to restricted class D2 gymnasium) to reword conditions 3, 4 and 5

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314626 (E) 193063 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Cllr Martyn James will get back to the clerk.

106 Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 23rd February 2022, 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: 23rd February 2022.