

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 23th February 2022, 7.00pm at Tiryberth Village Hall in a multi-locational format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: C Mortimer

* Denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing welcomed everyone to the meeting

107 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bezzina and Cllr M James due to attending another meeting and Cllr W Griffiths due to family commitments and Cllr S Milford due to other commitments.

108 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.

109 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing announced the following:

- The funeral for ex-Councillor, colleague and friend Graham Hughes will be held on 4th March 2022 1pm at St Catwg's Church followed by the wake at Pengam Pigeon's Club.
- Thank you letters had been received for their grants from Noah's Ark Children's Hospital and Gelligaer Historical Society.

110 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 19/01/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

111 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

112 Finance to 18th February 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.

Clerk will write to BT and request that they present the cheque for £1 for the adoption of the kiosks.

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statements 28, 49, 8 & 69 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

113 Election Costs

Members received and noted correspondence from Caerphilly County Borough Council's Electoral Services in relation to:

- (i) By-election costs for Ystrad Mynach in 2021.
- (ii) Estimated election costs for Local Elections in May 2022.

114 Budget & Project Working Group (B&PWG)

(i) Members received notes from the B&PWG meeting held on 2nd February 2022. It was agreed that reserved councillors be selected as back up to cover absences.

Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in the Foodbank item under earmarked reserves due to her involvement with the scheme at Cefn Hengoed and played no part in the ensuing discussions.

(ii) Council was requested to approve the recommended Earmarked Reserves from the Budget & Project Working Group.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the Earmarked Reserves for 2022/23.

Earmarked Reserves 2022/23	
Contingency	15,000
<u>Potential Schemes</u>	
Making 2022 an Eco/Climate change year:	
Petra book on Eco/climate English & Welsh	11,000
Increase solar panels on schools	20,000
Part-time Green Project Manager (3 year funding)	30,000
Feasibility study for a climate awareness shop/café	16,000
Orchards/environmental projects/tree planting/butterfly & bee shelters	30,000
Other potential projects	
Town Centre improvements incl. 4x bollards (£150 each)	3,000
Christmas LED tree lights, figs & conversions	5,000
Platinum Jubilee fund for community parties	2,000
Foodbanks (YM & CH)	4,000
Total	136,000

Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to the meeting

115 Proposed Final Budget

Council is requested to agree the final budget. Main changes were to the NI, increase in election fees and earmarked reserves on potential schemes.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the final budget.

116 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22

(i) Bargoed & District Art Society Financial Assistance Application no.13

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £250 to Bargoed & District Art Society

(ii) Gelligaer Allotment Association Financial Assistance Application no.14

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Gelligaer Allotment Association

(iii) Gelligaer & District Amateur Boxing Club Financial Assistance Application no. 15

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,300 to Gelligaer & District Amateur Boxing Club

(iv) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Financial Assistance Application no. 16
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £250 to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

(v) Cascade Youth Club (CYC) Financial Assistance Application no. 17
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum £1300 to CYC

(vi) 1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group Financial Assistance Application no.18
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to 1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group

(vii) Children's Wales Air Ambulance Charity Financial Assistance Application no.19
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Children's Wales Air Ambulance Charity

117 Zurich Insurance for 2022/23

Members received and noted insurance cover for 2022/23

It was noted that we are in a Long Term Agreement (LTA) with Zurich and our policy is due for renewal from the 1st April 2022. Our renewal premium is £959.20 including tax.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to continue with the LTA with Zurich and the insurance fee of £959.20 for 2022/23.

Clerk declares an interest in the next item and plays no part in the ensuing discussions

118 SLCC Membership 2022/23 – Annual Cost £270

Last year Council agreed to pay 2/3 of membership and LIPCC paid 1/3.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renew 2/3 of the clerk's membership for the ensuing year at a cost of £180 and continue with the same agreement as last year whereby Llanbradach & Pwllpant Community Council pay 1/3, £90.

Clerk returns to the meeting

119 Projects 2021/22

(i) **Project Summary** – was received and noted.

(ii) **Llancaiach Presentation 2023** – a range of dates were presented to the council.
RESOLVED: Council agreed that next year's presentation at Llancaiach be held on Saturday 15th April 2023 11.00am – 1.30pm

(iii) **Ystrad Mynach Spring Fayre Saturday 5th March 2022**

Councillors Judith Pritchard, Martyn James, Mandy McCarthy, Teresa Parry and Donna Cushing agreed to front the stall in shifts from 9am – 4pm.

Clerk will arrive at 8.15am to set it up.

(iv) **New Project Proposals** – members were invited to put forward new projects:
The Winding Wheel at Penalltau – the clerk will write to Redrow to find out what they are proposing to do with the winding wheel.

(v) **Derwendeg Primary School**

RESOLVED – Council agreed the installation of external lighting o/s the hall and car park for the safety of those attending Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir practice and other groups.

120 Local Development Plan – Candidate Sites

Members received and noted candidate sites put forward by landowners. Not all these sites will be included in the draft LDP that will go out for consultation. They will be assessed firstly by Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) officers, so this list of sites is an information item. An important consideration is how many houses CCBC deems it is going to need to satisfy the economic growth rate it will set itself.

121 Gelligaer Community Council's Climate Emergency Statement and Pledge

"The Earth's climate is changing; the extent of change will depend on how successfully we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Recent storms and the resulting flooding have clearly illustrated the need for action at a local and regional level in order to reduce the risks.

And although individual weather events cannot be directly attributed to climate change, we do know the kinds of impacts we face like coastal erosion, heat waves and increases in winter rainfall.

The Town and Community Councils of Caerphilly County Borough understand that the first step to climate change means changing the way we do things, in all areas of our lives and not just protection against the negative impacts but also seeking opportunities to work proactively.

The Town and Community Councils of Caerphilly County Borough commit to working in an environmentally friendly way, to take into account the environmental impact of any goods or services we source, to promote reduce, reuse and recycle programmes, to look at contributing to sustainable planting and preserving biodiversity, to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change and foster relationships between the community, local businesses and the local authority as to how we can work together to find shared solutions.

The Town and Community Councils of Caerphilly County Borough call on Welsh and UK Governments to provide support and resources to enable effective carbon reduction."

RESOLVED: Council agreed to adopt and adhere to the Statement and Pledge.

122 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: 18/02/22

Case Ref. 22/0101/FULL Site Area: 312m²

Location: 29 Trosnant Crescent Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7FU (UPRN 000043011519)

Proposal: Erect single storey side and rear extension

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313572 (E) 196234 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Email: 11/02/22

Case Ref. 22/0023/FULL Site Area: 281m²

Location: 19 Goshawk Rise Penallta Hengoed CF82 6BG (UPRN 000043172138)

Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension

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

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314162 (E) 196162 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0062/FULL Site Area: 247m²
Location: 50 Forest Avenue Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7HZ (UPRN 000043020346)
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension
Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ☐ 07874 641749 ☐ burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314865 (E) 195995 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0085/FULL Site Area: 225m²
Location: 7 Gelli-Ron Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HF (UPRN 000043012594)
Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension
Case Officer: Kate Pearce ☐ 07874 641733 ☐ pearck@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313871 (E) 197683 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0093/COU Site Area: 162m²
Location: 23 Cardiff Road Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XE (UPRN 000043044347)
Proposal: Change the use of existing garage into beauty studio
Case Officer: Mike Jones ☐ 01443 864528 ☐ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315221 (E) 197510 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Email: 04/02/22

Case Ref. 22/0054/FULL Site Area: 1812m²
Location: Alpine Cottage Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043087831)
Proposal: Erect single storey side and rear extensions, rear roof dormers and external alterations
Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ☐ 07874 641749 ☐ burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312216 (E) 196937 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

123 Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: _____ **Chair** **Date: 23rd March 2022.**