

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARYCOUNCIL Meeting of Gelligaer Community Council held on Wednesday 23th March 2022, 7.00pm at The Harp Public House, Gelligaer 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*, M James, T Matthews, T Parry* and J Pritchard*.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: PCSO Macauley Jessop and PCSO Angharad Morgan (Gelligaer) Clare Jackson and Mariann Richards, Penallta Rugby Club Mental Health Hub

* Denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the PCSOs for their attendance and noted how nice it was to see them back in the community after a difficult time.

An update was received by the officers, details of which have been uploaded onto our website. Members raised issues in relation to drug taking, the nuisance and danger posed by electric scooters, ongoing car parking issues in Ystrad Mynach town centre and parking on pavements during school drop off near Tiryberth Primary School. Patrols have now resumed in relation to off road bikes on Hospital road and Gelligaer Common and youth ASB at the old colliery buildings at Cwm Calon have now been resolved since access to the building has been blocked.

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing thanked the officers for their monthly update.

PCSO's left the meeting

124 Apologies

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

125 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.

Clerk declared an interest in minute no.133 National Salary Award.

Agenda item 7 (v) was moved to the next item -minute no 126

Clare Jackson and Mariann Richards were invited to speak on the next item

126 Welfare Wednesday – Penallta Rugby Club Mental Health Hub

With mental health on the increase due to lockdown, the cost of living crisis and other pressures, demand is outweighing supply with services unable to cope.

Clare Jackson, Welfare Officer for Wish 2 has set up Penallta Rugby Mental Health Hub. Initially set up for the youth of the club, Clare is now in the early stages of looking to open it up to all ages and the wider community.

They have the support of Libanus, Mind, 2 Wish, Payprus, Tackle your Thoughts and so many more agencies plus drug and alcohol support services too. There are no paid staff just people from the agencies coming together.

Members liked the project and advised that the clerk would forward further information and contacts for the initiative to progress further.

Clare was thanked for her work and invited back to a future meeting with an update.

Clare Jackson and Mariann Richards left the meeting.

127 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Donna Cushing noted a thank you letter received from Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society in respect of their recent grant.

128 Minutes

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on 23/02/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

129 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

130 Finance to 17th March 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 statement no's 70 and 71 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

131 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22

RESOLVED: Council agreed the following

(i) Cascade Allotment Association Application no. 20 was granted £350

(ii) Vicarage Allotment Association Application no. 21 was granted £350

(iii) Hengoed Rocks was deferred

(iv) Ty Hafan Children's Hospice Application no. 22 was granted £1,000 which included ticket sale proceeds from last year's pantomime performances.

(v) Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir Application no.23 was granted £500

(vi) Valley Flyers South Wales Club Application no.24 was pledged £350

(vii) Rhymney Valley Music Club Application no.25 was granted £350

132 Membership Renewal of One Voice Wales 2022-23

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renewing the membership of OVW for 2022/23 at a cost of £2,919

Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting

133 National Salary Award 2021/22

The National Association of Local Councils has been informed that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021.

RESOLVED: Council approved the clerk's increase in pay from £16.75 to £17.05 per hour from April 2021 and back dated to April 2021.

Clerk returned to the meeting

134 Projects 2021/22

(i) Project Summary – was received and noted

(ii) New project proposals

Defibrillator

RESOLVED: Council agreed that a defibrillator be installed outside the Harp public house to serve Gelligaer with the intention of rolling out more defibrillators throughout the villages.

Lamp post doggy poop bags

RESOLVED: Council agreed to trial the installation of doggy poop bags on a few lamppost in Ystrad Mynach

135 Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) Report p.47 – p.58

Annual Report from the IRP was received and noted
Gelligaer Community Council is classed as Group 1 with an electorate in excess of 14,000. Council agreed the following:

Type of payment	Requirement	RESOLVED:
Group 1	(Electorate over 14,000)	
Basic Payment	Mandatory for all Members	£150
Senior Role Payment	Mandatory for 1 member; optional for up to 7	£350 to the Chair agreed £100 to the Vice agreed
Care (children/elderly)	Mandatory	Must produce receipts
Attendance Allowance	Optional	Disapproved
Financial Loss	Optional	Disapproved
Travel, Overnight & Subsistence	Optional	Agreed

136 Notice of Elections

Council noted the Notice of Elections which will be displayed on social media, website and noticeboards from Monday 28th March 2022.

The 'pre-election period' often referred to as 'purdah' also starts on Monday 28th March. During this 6-week period until the election on 5th May 2022 the Community Council will be unable to take on any new projects or make any controversial decisions.

137 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:18/03/2021

Case Ref. 22/0214/FULL Site Area: 184m²

Location: 13 Derwendeg Avenue Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7HQ (UPRN 000043020895)

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

Case Officer: Bridget Jones-Crabtree ☐07850 916850☐jonesbas@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314648 (E) 196001 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0221/FULL Site Area: 221m²

Location: 28 Penmaen Close Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7JD (UPRN 000043021086)

Proposal: Alter application 21/0490/FULL to bring the first-floor extension inline with the front of the house

Case Officer: Bridget Jones-Crabtree ☐07850 916850☐jonesbas@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314606 (E) 196409 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0224/RET Site Area: 402m²

Location: 22 Starling Walk Penallta Hengoed CF82 6BH (UPRN 000043174551)

Proposal: Retain raised ground level to enlarge the garden and erect 1.8m privacy screen

Case Officer: Chantalle Lamnea ☐07874 641747☐lamnec@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314292 (E) 196258 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Objection on the grounds of loss of privacy

Email 10/03/2022

Case Ref. 22/0175/NCC Site Area: 127132m²

Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)

Proposal: Vary condition 02 of planning consent 19/0276/NCC (Vary Condition 6 (Hours of operation) of planning consent 12/0570/FULL (Extend existing quarry operations including new drainage system and settlement ponds, landscape bunds and associated works) to extend the hours of operation for utility providers) to extend the period of extraction and restoration works at the site for a further two years (in each case) so that Extraction of minerals shall now cease by 31 December 2024 and restoration shall be completed by 31 December 2032

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: Objection due to extension would cause a public nuisance

- 138 Next meeting Date:** Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 20th April 2022, 7.00pm
ADDENDUM – April meeting was cancelled due to Clerk's sickness

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: 20th April 2022.