

## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Monday 17th May 2022 7.00pm at Gelligaer Community Council Office in a MULTI-LOCATIONAL format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.**

### **PRESENT**

**Councillors:** A Angel, R Bevan, G Bruford, A McCarthy\*, M James (Chair), C Moss, H Pritchard, J Pritchard and R Stone.

Clerk: C Mortimer

\*Denotes remote attendance.

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **12 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Cushing, Cllr T Parry and Cllr W Matthews due to holidays and Cllr R Callison due to lost remote connectivity.

### **13 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 Catrin Moss declared an interest in minute no. 21 (v)

### **14 Chair's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Martyn James announced that Gelligaer Community Council had entered Ystrad Mynach into the Wales in Bloom 2022 and was looking forward to working with our volunteers in getting the town ship shape and colourful.

Citizens Advice were celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary at Llancaiach Fawr on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **15 Minutes**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 23/03/2022** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record following minor corrections.

### **16 Matters Arising**

Council noted that in respect of a pre planning applications the clerk under delegated powers commented on the following:

Pre-planning Consultation for engineering works to provide site drainage, an enhanced landscape bund and areas of hardstanding along with landscaping and associated works for the more efficient storage of recyclable waste at Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm, Gelligaer Road, Gelligaer, Hengoed CF82 8FY.

Gelligaer Community Council wishes to object to the proposals put forward by Bryn Group on the following grounds:

#### **1. Intensification of activity on site**

This would have further detrimental effects on the lives of residents of Gelligaer and Penybryn who have been subject to a great deal of smell, noise and dust nuisance over a number of years.

The application states that proposals will not result in the overall site processing more material as presently received at the site. In fact it gives every impression that this fairly substantial development with an enlarged hardstanding area, enhanced drainage and some form of structure to shelter materials from rainwater will indeed facilitate an increase in activity.

What guarantees can be given that there will be no such increase?

## **2. Drainage**

The ecological report (1.4) points out that the surface water run-off will enter a stream at the western boundary of the site, albeit that it will first enter an attenuation lagoon. No water from industrial processes should be allowed to enter water-courses where it could cause considerable damage to wild-life.

## **3. Proximity of SINC's and Nelson Bog**

The site is situated in close proximity to a SINC, woodland and the Nelson Bog SSSI with 13 other SINC's present within a 2m radius so that any detrimental effects could be felt over a wide area. The ecological report has been commissioned by the applicant and is not therefore independent. It has the potential of being biased in the applicant's favour. Caerphilly County Borough Council should commission its own report into the possible effects on woodland, plant growth and wildlife

### **17 Finance to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 statements 30,29,51,50,9 & 72 were received, approved and signed as accurate records.

### **18 Finance to 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 73 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **19 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**

Application no. 1 Michael Climer Legacy Fund

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £2,000 to assist the local food bank in purchasing food and agreed that they be invited to apply for more funding if need be this year.

Application no. 2 Bargoed Male Choir

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Bargoed Male choir

Application no. 3 Ystrad Mynach Choir

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Ystrad Mynach Choir

Application no. 4 Cascade Carvers

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £375 to Cascade Carvers

Application no. 5 Tredomen Allotments Association

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Tredomen Allotments

Application no. 6 Croeso Club

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £375 to the Croeso Club

**20 Welsh Government - Preparation and Publication of Statutory Financial Accounts for 2021-22**

Council received and noted the timescales for the preparation of the annual accounts extended to the later timetable, prepared and certified by 31<sup>st</sup> August and publication of final audited accounts by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**21 Projects 2022/23**

(i) Project Summary – projects listed for 2022/23 were incomplete and therefore deferred.

(ii) Wales in Bloom – Ystrad Mynach has been entered in small town category  
RESOLVED: Council agreed that 9 wheelbarrows and compost be purchased for our primary schools. Clerk will arrange that they be drilled for drainage, delivered and then collected before the judging. Chris Leader has agreed that his land opposite Portofino's can be used to display the barrows.

(iii) Jubilee Parties 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

Council agreed that constituted clubs and centres will be eligible to apply for funding up to the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and that the clerk be given delegated powers to fund the organizations a minimum of £100 and no more than £200

(iv) YM Toilets – Cleaning Contractor

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the increased costs of £12 per week for the cleaner.

*Cllr Catrin Moss declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions*

(v) Local Places for Wales Garden Packs – Keep Wales Tidy

Suitable areas were discussed:

- Cefn Hengoed opposite the Community Centre
- Rolls Ave – Glyngaer Road
- Opposite and down from the garage Penpedairheol/Glyngaer on grassy area.

*Cllr Catrin Moss returns to discussions.*

**22 Training**

(i) Members received and noted free webinar training for two members per module.

- Council as an Employer
- Understanding the Law
- Local Government Finance (Basic)
- Local Government Finance (Advanced)

(ii) It was noted that Gelligaer Community Council will be hosting training delivered by One Voice Wales in

- New Councillor Induction
- Code of Conduct

(iii) Overview of all modules – deferred.

**23 CCBC Marketing & Events – Town Centre Study**

(i) Email was received and noted

(ii) To complete questionnaire/study on Ystrad Mynach town centre – deferred.

**24 SLCC – Conference 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod**

Council agreed that Clerk be permitted to attend if convenient.

*Cllr Rhiannon Stone left the meeting*

**25 Planning Applications** -The following 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: 09/05/2022

Case Ref. 22/0316/FULL Site Area: 319m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 28 Acorn Lane Glyn-gaer Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FS (UPRN 000043079633)

Proposal: Convert attached garage to form habitable room, along with demolish existing single storey rear extension and erect side and rear extension

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314136 (E) 196862 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected

Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection on the proviso there is sufficient off-road parking

Case Ref. 22/0380/FULL Site Area: 173m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Alpine Cottage Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043087831)

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension, rear roof dormers and conduct 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

Case Ref. 22/0385/FULL Site Area: 6066m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 9 Pendarren Street Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BZ (UPRN 000043021759)

Proposal: Erect single storey side infill extension

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314291 (E) 197615 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

29/04/2022

Case Ref. 22/0330/FULL Site Area: 1041m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 86 Heathlands Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7NZ (UPRN 000043019668)

Proposal: Erect single storey extension with garage conversion and detached rear garage

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314226 (E) 194745 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0361/FULL Site Area: 4167m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 9 Tai'r Heol Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DL (UPRN 000043012381)

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension with external alterations

Case Officer: Kate Pearce ☐ 07874 641733 ☐ pearck@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313925 (E) 197808 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0374/CLPU Site Area: 570m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 13 Oxwich Close Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7JB (UPRN 000043021050)

Proposal: Obtain a certificate of lawful development for proposed first floor rear dormer extension

Case Officer: Kate Pearce ☐ 07874 641733 ☐ pearck@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314710 (E) 196216 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

**26 Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 29th June 2022, 7.00pm at Gelligaer Community Council Office was noted.  
Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIR

DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022