

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th June 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, M James (Chair), W Matthews, C Moss, T Parry* (Vice Chair) and J Pritchard*

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Community and Environmental Champion Daniel Lewis.

*Denotes remote attendance.

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited our Community and Environmental Champion Mr Daniel Lewis to speak with members

27. Mr Daniel Lewis – Gelligaer & Merthyr Common

Daniel Lewis introduced himself to members and spoke about the illicit tipping issues on Gelligaer and Merthyr Common. Following a massive clean-up operation undertaken by Daniel, whereby he cleared 40 tonnes of rubbish from the common, he installed cameras along Bogey Road, Merthyr, which have proved to be very success with only two incidents of fly tipping occurring since. Recordings from the cameras are now being investigated.

Discussions took place around the Chicken Lane area which sited within the Gelligaer area of the common with the intention of funding the installation of posts and running costs for 4 cameras for the year under our Projects heading.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund 12 bags of post crete at approx. £6 per bag and further agreed to fund the annual running costs of £120 per camera x 4. Total cost: £552

28. Police Update

Written reports were received and noted from the Police for Ystrad Mynach & Hengoed and Gelligaer. Clerk is to request Neighborhood Team contact details for Gelligaer.

29. **Apologies** – were received from Cllr R Callison, Cllr D Cushing, Cllr A McCarthy, Cllr H Pritchard and Cllr R Stone due to family commitments. The Police also gave their apologies due to one PCSO attending a call and another finishing her shift.

30. 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 Judith Pritchard and Cllr Gaynor Bruford declared an interest in minute no. 38 (ii) Food Bank.

31. Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Martyn James thanked Daniel for his outstanding environmental achievements on the common and welcomed him to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Chair also announced that the Wales in Bloom was being judged in July and good progress was being made in the town.

32. **Annual Report** – Retired Chair Cllr D Cushing was absent therefore item deferred to the next meeting.

33. Annual Minutes

Minutes of the ANNUAL COUNCIL meeting held on 17/05/2022 was received and following an amendment was approved and signed as an accurate record.

34. Matters Arising

Items deferred:

Community Centre Management Committee:

Gelligaer Community Centre – no further update, Cllr Wyndham Matthews to investigate

Penybryn Village Hall - no further update, Cllr Wyndham Matthews to investigate

Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors:

Tiryberth Primary – deferred for September

Town Centre Management Committee it was noted that the committee has been

disbanded by CCBC and is now taking on another form to include all traders.

35. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 17/05/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

36. Matters Arising

Minute no. 22 (ii) – Clerk decided against hosting a Code of Conduct Training and New Councillor Induction due to dates unsuitable to some and therefore it was not cost effective. Members can choose training and dates to suit themselves

37. Finance to 24th June 2022

(i) Balance of Funds

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

(ii) Reconciliation

There was no reconciliation to approve.

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statement no's 33,32,52,9 and 51 were received, approved, and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Expenditure

RESOLVED: Council ratified the following expenditure (materials and labour were sourced locally):

(a) Wales in Bloom 2022 - Ystrad Mynach

Purchase and delivery of 9 x barrows and compost to primary schools £383.91

Purchase of 40 exterior marine plywood sunflowers £550

Purchase of compost £5.99

Purchase of various perennial plants and shrubs £323.13

Repair, fill and paint exterior wall facing Siloh Square in readiness for sunflowers £860
(Chair to contribute)

Preparation of ground, lay weed membrane and bark for the display of wheelbarrows
£235

(b) Rub down and paint Cascade telephone box £250

(c) Install hard standing at Brynmynach for the erection and installation of bench £250

(d) Erection and installation of bench near the at welfare ground at Hengoed £150

(e) Glyngaer Primary School – Installation of marble memorial from Horeb Chapel,
Gelligaer £1,400

(f) Community Champion award, card & gift £76.75

(g) Jubilee parties, clerk was given delegated powers to oversee applications:

1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group £100, Cascade Community Centre £100, Hengoed
Community Project £100, Gelligaer Allotment Association £100, Cylch Meithrin
Penpedairheol £100, 1st Cascade Brownies £100, Croeso Club £100

38. Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23

(i) Bargoed & Gelligaer District Table Tennis Club

RESOLVED: Council agreed to pledge the sum of £350 to Bargoed & Gelligaer District Table Tennis Club towards rental costs of the Community Centre

Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Gaynor Bruford declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.

(ii) Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed – Fare share Food Distribution

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £2,000 towards the Food Share at the Youth Centre as an interim payment.

Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Gaynor Bruford returned to the meeting.

(iii) Gelligaer Young Farmers Club

RESOLVED: Council agreed to support the young farmers who were competing at national level in an environmental quiz, by pledging to cover the cost of £306 for transporting the team.

39. Projects 2022/23

(i) Project Summary 2022/23 – was received and noted

(ii) Ystrad Mynach Wales in Bloom 2022 Judging

Members noted the judge will be visiting the town to judge on Monday 18th July at 10.00am. Clerk will prepare a presentation and preparations will be organized for one last weed and clean etc. before the judge arrives.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the Clerk identifying weeds within the wild area with Cllr Catrin Moss and purchasing signage for the wildflower area.

40. Training

(i) Free webinar training for two members per module was discussed.

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

(ii) New Councillors were encouraged to attend Code of Conduct and New Councillor Induction, which remains online.

Clerk will put together a programme of training as some members had attended a couple of the sessions already and found them most interesting and beneficial.

41. CCTV Surveillance – Gelligaer

Gelligaer is due for its annual review and our views on CCTV is required to enable CCBC to make an assessment on its continued use.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that the CCTV continue due to the level of crime in the area and for the purpose of gathering evidence.

42. Planning Applications (late applications will be tabled at meeting)

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.

Case Ref. 22/0451/FULL Site Area: 247m²

Location: 70 Merebank Tir-y-berth Hengoed CF82 8FR (UPRN 000043077768)

Proposal: Convert single garage into a habitable room

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

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315029 (E) 197304 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

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

Case Ref. 22/0460/FULL Site Area: 184m²
Location: 5 Pengam Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 8AA (UPRN 000043019914)
Proposal: Convert attached garage into habitable room
Case Officer: Bridget Jones-Crabtree ☐ 07850 916850 ☐ jonesbas@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314708 (E) 194440 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection on the proviso there is sufficient off street parking

09/06/2022

Case Ref. 22/0351/FULL Site Area: 92m²
Location: 19 Griffiths Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AW (UPRN 000043018848)
Proposal: Erect front porch
Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ☐ 07874 641749 ☐ burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314117 (E) 194672 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0476/FULL Site Area: 1275m²
Location: 46 The Avenue Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 8AF (UPRN 000043030024)
Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory, erect two storey rear extension, internal and external alterations including widening to access gates and vehicular footway crossing
Case Officer: Kate Pearce ☐ 07874 641733 ☐ pearck@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 315088 (E) 194685 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: Cllr Martyn James to report back to clerk.

**43. Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 27th July 2022, 7.00pm
at Gelligaer Community Council**

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 27th July, 2022