

## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 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:** R Bevan, M James (Chair), W Matthews, A McCarthy\*, C Moss,  
T Parry\* (Vice Chair) H Pritchard and J Pritchard.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

**In Attendance:** \*Alison Griffiths Fund Raising Manager for ABHB's Breast Care Unit Ysbyty  
Ystrad Fawr.

\*Denotes remote attendance.

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Alison Griffiths to speak

#### **44. Paint your Town Pink – Cancer Awareness - Alison Griffiths Charitable Funds/Patients Monies Manager Aneurin Bevan Health Charity**

Alison Griffiths introduced herself and explained that Emma Wilkins had been redeployed and that she was now running with the project. It was explained that Aneurin Bevan Health Board was the only health board in Wales without a breast unit.

The Welsh Government is funding the unit but there is a shortfall to cover items such as art, lighting, prosthesis room, counselling rooms and play corners for children.

£250k had been raised but due to the pandemic, funding slowed down. The Breast Care Unit will be built by August 2023 and will serve patients of Neville Hall and the Royal Gwent Hospital on the one site with the very best equipment and expertise.

Gelligaer Community Council have raised funds for the unit over the years, £271 at an event in Llancaiach in 2019, pledged £800 in June 2020 and more recently an event at Llancaiach in February 2022 raised £222 which was presented by the then Chair Cllr Donna Cushing at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

Members were keen to support the Paint your Town Pink campaign to raise cancer awareness and had invited the Melody Makers to perform on Siloh Square on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 11.30am. Alison would send posters etc to display around the town and would be speaking with the traders to decorate their windows.

It was hoped that cancer awareness and further fund raising initiatives would stem from the week.

Chair Cllr Martyn James thanked Alison Griffiths for speaking with the members and wished her every success in her efforts in raising further funding for the unit.

*Alison Griffiths left the meeting.*

#### **45. Police update July 2022 - St Cattwg**

Crimes logged between-01/07/22 & 26/07/22

107 calls

Incidents include:

Violence against the person- 21

Highway disruption- 5

Road related offences- 7

Missing persons- 7

Concern for safety- 10

ASB- 6

Theft and handling- 5

Domestic incidents- 5

Criminal damage- 2

Sexual offences- 1

Other/ police generated incidents- 38

## ASB

Several calls again to Glyngaer in relation to off road bikes, there has also been a call to St Cattwgs Avenue in relation to fly tipping whereby a sofa was dumped on the green and set alight this was reported to police by south Wales fire and rescue service, joint patrols have been arranged with Bargoed neighbourhood policing team and south Wales fire and rescue fire crime unit in the area to prevent any further incidents.

## HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

A number of calls have been received for Trosnant crescent in relation to a number of vehicles parking on the pavements, Bargoed neighbourhood policing team have now incorporated this area into their patrols and will monitor.

## OFF ROAD BIKES

Again, there have been a number of calls to the Glyngaer area in relation to offroad bikes, this has now been incorporated in the neighbourhood team's patrol plan and will be monitored by local officers.

## INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Between 18/07/22- 24/07/22 was anti-social behaviour awareness week, Bargoed neighbourhood team ran a youth engagement event at the church hall in Gelligaer along with South Wales fire and rescue service, a number of local youths took part in the event, and it is believed this assisted with the decrease in ASB figures from x10 incidents last month to x6 this month.

Local officer contacts:

INSP THOMPSON- Lysha.Thompson@gwent.police.uk

SGT BROOKES- Thomas.Brookes@gwent.police.uk

CSO 345 JESSOP- Macauley.Jessop@gwent.police.uk

CSO 202 COOMER- Sean.Coomer@gwent.police.uk

CSO 17 MCKEAN- Lesley.Mckean@gwent.police.uk

CSO 421 BATEMAN- Nicola.Bateman@gwent.police.uk

It was noted that the police were too busy on incidences to attend our meeting and that a report for Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach had not yet been received but would be forthcoming.

Members asked the clerk to thank the police for their monthly updates.

### **46. Apologies**

Apologies we received from councillor Alan Angel and councillor Donna Cushing due to sickness, councillor Rhiannon stone due to family holiday. A letter had recently been received from councillor Rhianwen Callison but had not been officially acknowledged.

### **47. 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.

Councillor Judith Pritchard declared an interest in minute number 54

### **48. Chair's Announcements**

Chair councillor Martin James announced that the Wales in Bloom judge had visited the town centre and walked the town with Cllr Martyn James and the Clerk. He was impressed with much of it but especially our school's involvement with the wheelbarrows, the Mini Miners contribution and the Olde Royal Oak's colourful display and the front garden of one resident on Pengam road. He also liked the innovative artwork which cheered up the town, the planting and the cleanliness.

The results would be announced in September.

Councillor Martyn James wanted to thank the young people for respecting the hard work that had gone on in the town and wanted to thank the clerk, members and volunteers for their hard work in supporting and delivering a fabulous project for the town. We have received so many compliments on social media and in person which has been wonderful.

- 49. Annual Report – Retired Chair Cllr Donna Cushing (deferred from last meeting)**  
Cllr Donna Cushing was absent due to illness. To defer to the next meeting.

**50. Minutes**

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 29/06/2022 was received, confirmed and approved as an accurate record.

- 51. Matters Arising** – Members were liaising with Kevin Lodge in relation to community centre committees and support.

**52. Finance to 22nd July 2022**

**(i) Balance of Funds**

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

**(ii) Reconciliation**

Reconciliation document was received, confirmed, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**(iii) Bank Statements**

Bank statement 76 for Unity was received, confirmed, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**(iv) Expenditure**

**RESOLVED:** Council ratified the additional expenditure for Wales in Bloom

**53. Audit and Annual Return for Year Ended 31st March 2022**

(i) Internal Auditors Report was received and noted

(ii) Notice of appointment of the date for the exercise of electors' rights to view and inspect accounts was received and noted.

(iii) Annual Return for year ended 31/03/2022, which will be emailed along with accompanying documentation to Audit Wales was received, confirmed, approved and signed as an accurate record.

*Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions.*

**54. Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**

**(i) Cefn Hengoed FC Application no. 10**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to the Cefn Hengoed FC to cover rental fees on the proviso that a copy of their constitution be provided and clarification on their membership fee.

*Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to discussions*

**(ii) Penallta RFC Mini & Juniors Application no. 11**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund £350 to the Mini and Junior section of Penallta RFC

**55. Projects 2022/23**

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

(ii) Ystrad Mynach Wales in Bloom Update – as per the Chair's Announcements.

## 56. Training Plan

(i) Training Plan was received and noted.

(ii) New Councillors were encouraged to attend Code of Conduct and New Councillor Induction, which remains online with CCBC hosting a free session in the Code of Conduct in September. There is FREE online training with OVW  
Cllr Roger Bevan, Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Mandy McCarthy signed up to training.

## 57. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were received and discussed:

Case Ref. 22/0567/FULL Site Area: 64314m<sup>2</sup>

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

Proposal: Conduct 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

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:** Unanimously objected 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

Case Ref. 22/0569/FULL Site Area: 125m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 8 Hill Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AU (UPRN 000043018836)

Proposal: Erect front porch

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

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314279 (E) 194710 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 22/0575/FULL Site Area: 232m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 14 Trinity Close Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7DT (UPRN 000043026746)

Proposal: Erect two storey side extension

Case Officer: Mike Jones 01443 864528 jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314326 (E) 193965 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 22/0576/FULL Site Area: 1283m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 2 Ridgedale Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7GW (UPRN 000043085625)  
Proposal: Erect double storey side extension and associated works  
Case Officer: Joshua Burrows 07874 641749 burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk  
Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314291 (E) 195349 (N)  
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

58. **Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 21st September 2022, 7.00pm  
*ADDENDUM: Changed to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 out of respect for the passing of Queen Elisabeth II and the period of mourning.*

**Meeting Closed: 8.40pm**

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

DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022