

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th October 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), C Moss, W Matthews, *A McCarthy, T Parry (Vice), H Pritchard and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Mr Paul Cooke, Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Decarbonisation Officer, Mr Keith Lewis Secretary to Glanynant Allotment Association.

*Denotes remote attendance.

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Paul Cooke to speak

79 Solar panels, storage and software – Mr Paul Cooke, CCBC's Decarbonisation Officer

Members learnt about solar panels through the installation of a solar farm on Hendai Farm, Gelligaer back in 2016 which saw 28 hectares (the size of approximately 46 football pitches) developed to generate power to 3,000 homes. It also meant Gelligaer Community Council received over £41k which we used to gift all our primary schools with solar panels.

With climate change at the top of our agenda with the planet warming already destroying human and animal habitat and an underspend on last year, members were keen on installing additional solar panels on schools that have extra south facing roof capacity and installing learning resources, tools and technology to monitor and understand energy generated and usage from the solar panels.

Increasing electric vehicle points at schools and solar vehicle activated signs (VAS) was also discussed.

A member suggested installing solar panels on our toilet roof in Ystrad Mynach to save on energy costs but also to promote green energy, which in a prominent place like the town, which has a high footfall, was an excellent idea.

It was explained that £20k over 3 years had been budgeted for reducing energy .

Mr Paul Cooke explained that he would discuss options with Paul Rossiter, the new Water & Energy Officer and either he or Paul would return to a future meeting to discuss options.

Mr Paul Cooke was thanked for his attendance, and he subsequently left the meeting.

Chair Cllr Martyn James invited Mr Keith Lewis Secretary to the Glanynant Allotment to speak next

80 Glanynant Allotment Association - Potential Project

Mr Keith Lewis introduced himself and explained that Glanynant allotments had a membership of between 28-30 people and 54 half plots, with a few empty. The association were looking for funding for a variety of power tools to help with clearing the empty plots which required a lot of work to make more appealing to potential new members. It was established that for security reasons the power tools would not be stored on site and disclaimers signed by those using the tools. It was advised that he speak with his insurance company further on the issue of disclaimers and insurance for storing the tools at his home and using them on the allotment.

Members decided to discuss the matter under projects and would let Mr Lewis know the outcome in due course.

Mr Keith Lewis was thanked for his attendance, and he subsequently left the meeting.

81 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Cushing and Cllr G Bruford and Cllr R Stone due to family commitments.

82 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 Haydn Pritchard declared an interest in minute no.88 (ii) Glanynant Allotment Assoc
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and minute no.88 (xi) Cefn Hengoed Youth Club

83 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Martyn James announced the following:

- Paint your Town Pink / Cancer Awareness Event in Ystrad Mynach on Saturday with the fabulous Melody Makers singing on Siloh Square went extremely well and was very much enjoyed by those who came to the town to do their shopping. The weather was beautiful too which helped and he thanked Councillor Haydn Pritchard for assisting and taking photographs and video clips of the event.
- Ogi real fibre broadband consultation was being held at Hengoed Community Centre on 27/10/22
- An invitation to attend the official reopening of the Penallta Reuse shop was extended to all members. Chair Cllr Martyn James and Cllr Wyndham Matthews would attend.

84 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 28/09/2022 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record following correction to numbering and amended (xi) to read Chapel Terrace near Hengoed Primary School

85 Matters Arising – there were none.

86 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds to 30th September 2022

'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 80 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record

(iv) SSE Business Energy – Gas Offer 2023-2024

RESOLVED: Council ratified the best possible tariff for gas with SSE from April 2023

(v) Audit for 2020/21 now complete by Audit Wales

Members received and noted the signed off Annual Return, comments and notice for display on our notice boards for a minimum of 14 days and published on our website in line with legislation.

(vi) Cameras at Chicken Lane, Gelligaer Common

RESOLVED: Council ratified the increase in 4 solar cameras from £552 to £720

87 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23

- (i) Cascade Crafters was deferred.

88 Projects 2022/23

(i) Armistice Service

(a) Members noted the wreaths for collection and for laying at:

- Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Memorial, Derwendeg School – Cllr T Parry

- St Catwg's Church Memorial – Cllr W Matthews
 - Tiryberth Memorial – Cllr Haydn Pritchard
 - Ystrad Mynach Memorial, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr – Cllr M McCarthy
- (b) It was noted that the lamp post poppies were distributed to members to erect first week of November adhering to the Risk Assessment.

Cllr Haydn Pritchard and Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the decision

(ii) Glanynant Allotment Association – as discussed earlier with Mr Keith Lewis.
RESOLVED: Council agreed to the purchase of all power tools to the sum of £5k to gift to Glanynant Allotment Association.

Cllr Haydn Pritchard and Cllr Judith Pritchard

(iii) Chicken Lane Gelligaer Common
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund ongoing camera costs £36 per month for 12 months

(iv) Ystrad Mynach Christmas Fayre Saturday 19th November 2022
(a) RESOLVED: Council agreed that Santa gifts selection boxes or books at £1 per child. And 400 boxes be purchased, Surplus boxes can be gifted to our local food banks.
(b) RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £1k this year to CCBC as a token of our contribution to the fayre, in line with other town councils.
(c) RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund promotional products for the winter and spring fayre to the sum of £5k for children's bags, colouring gift sets, sewing kits, pens and memo pads
(d) Members agreed to front the stall throughout the day in turn. Cllr Catrin Moss will be helping Santa.

(v) Christmas Lighting
(a) RESOLVED: Council approved quote of converting two columns at £300 each, o/s The Harp for festoon lighting on 3 trees
(b) RESOLVED: Council agreed quotation for the installation of Christmas lighting, which includes the additional costs of erecting and supplying festoon lighting to 3 trees o/s the Harp.

(vi) Santa's Sleigh / Mike Church School visits
Council considered the costing Costs of £500 per village for Santa's sleigh ride (8 stops £4000) or Mike Church/Santa to visit all primary school assemblies throughout December to read and engage with the children at £150 per school (9 schools £1,350)
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund Mike Church attending 7 assemblies and a Welsh speaking Santa to visit Bro Allta and YG Penalltau.

(vii) Books gifted to primary school children at Christmas (in place of chocolate selection boxes)
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the translation and reprint of a Petra Christmassy book to gift every primary school child at Christmas.

(viii) Petra Book
(a) Following the Eco Group members Cllrs Catrin Moss, Teresa Parry, Judith Pritchard and the clerk meeting with Tracy Wallbank of Petra Books and children's author Mike Church, members received and noted details, costings and timeline.
RESOLVED: Council agreed that Trinity Fields be invited to write a book with children's author Mike Church on how to stop and reverse climate change. It was also agreed that Environmentalist Iolo Williams be invited to write the forward but members were not averse to pupils writing to other activists too.
Members were happy to run with Illustrator Andy O'Rourke and accepted his increased costs
Members selected the **PUR** bound book package including all the add ons, costed at £13,350.00

(ix) Green/Eco Officer

Eco Group members Cllr Catrin Moss, Cllr Teresa Parry Cllr Judith Pritchard and clerk would meet to discuss the role, job description etc in more detail

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

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

(xi) Citizens Advice Bureau – Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre – New Project

CAB are returning their outreach service to the Youth Centre however funding was required for rent and leaflet publishing

RESOLVED: Council agreed to cover the costs of rental and leaflets for CAB outreach at the Youth Centre to the sum of £556.

Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to discussions.

89. Training Plan

(i) Members received and noted our updated Training Plan, which will be published as a statutory duty on our website and updated regularly from November 2022.

(ii) Members received and noted training courses for October

90. Llwyn Onn Office/ Meetings

(a) RESOLVED: Council agreed, that following trialling 3 Samsung tablets, to purchase tablets for remaining members for conducting all aspects of council business over the next 5 year term of office at a cost of £127.50 (excl. VAT) plus case at £12.49 (excl. VAT)

91 . Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors

Deferred for another meeting.

Tiryberth – Vacancy

Bro Allta – Cllr Mandy McCarthy 1/5/2021 to 30/4/2025

Derwendeg – Cllr Gaynor Bruford from May 2022

Glyngaer – Hazel Minney 17/11/2021 to 16/11/2025

Greenhill - Cllr Wyndam Matthews from May 2022

Hengoed – Cllr Judith Pritchard from Jan 2022

Penalltau – Cllr Catrin Moss from October 2022

Ystrad Mynach - Ystrad Mynach – Andrew James from December 2020 (transferred from parent governor to Minor Authority rep)

92. 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: 04/10/2022

Case Ref. 22/0592/RET Site Area: 12089m²

Location: Orangebox Ltd Unit 3 East Road Penallta Industrial Estate Penallta Hengoed CF82 7SU(UPRN 000043028041)

Proposal: Retain the erection two temporary storage buildings

Case Officer: Elizabeth Rowley ☐ 07850 916862 ☐ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313942 (E) 196253 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 22/0766/RET Site Area: 222m²

Location: 4 Llys Y Coed Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7FD (UPRN 000043042897)

Proposal: Retain the Installation of an eco friendly, long-life and sustainably sourced garden room

Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ☎ 07907 574195 ✉ stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314332 (E) 193350 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Email: 11/10/2022

Case Ref. 22/0815/FULL Site Area: 526m²

Location: 41 Hospital Road Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DG (UPRN 000043012351)

Proposal: Erect single storey side extension

Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ☎ 07907 574195 ✉ stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313987 (E) 197782 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No object

93. Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 7.00pm at Gelligaer Community Council

Meeting closed: 10.20pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 23rd November 2022