

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 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, G Bruford, D Cushing*, M James (Chair), C Moss, T Parry (Vice),
H Pritchard and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

* Denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting

111 Police report/ updates for Ystrad Mynach Hengoed & St Cattwg's wards

Council Report for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed wards for November were discussed:

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	41
Hengoed	23
Nelson	23
Maesycwmmmer	27

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –



Crime Categories		
	23	
	11	Violence Without Injury
	5	Criminal Damage & Arson
	2	Public Order Offences
	2	All Other Theft
	1	Vehicle Crime
	1	Non Notifiable Offences
	1	Violence With Injury

The violence without injury relate to –

Assault of emergency worker

Protection from Harassment act

Common assault

Threats to kill

Malicious Communications

Some of these crimes relate to incidents in Ystrad Custody.

Hengoed incidents include –



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The violence without injury relate to –
Protection from harassment order
Common assault
Malicious Communications

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	9
Hengoed	3
Nelson	2
Maesycwmmmer	5

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

2 youth related calls

Hengoed incidents include –

2 youth related calls.

For off road bikes on Lansbury Avenue - work on going to catch and deal with riders.

Council Report for St Cattwgs Ward for December 2022 was discussed
Numbers for December 2022 -

Crimes logged between-01/12/22 & 09/12/22
21 calls

Incidents include:

Violence against the person- 2
Highway disruption- 2
Road related offences- 3
Missing persons- 0
Concern for safety- 0
ASB- 1
Theft and handling- 0
Domestic incidents- 0
Criminal damage- 0
Sexual offences- 0
Other/ police generated incidents- 13

ASB

Nothing of note.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

Nothing of note.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Nothing of note.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Only x1 incident of note, 02/12/22 there was an incident on Hospital road Penpedairheol whereby a number of livestock had been attacked resulting in several sheep passing away, enquiries are still taking place and the matter is being progressed by the rural crime team .

Members were grateful for the updates from Gwent Police for the St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach wards but requested that they send the same month at the same time and to dismiss the number of incidents in the Ystrad Mynach custodial suite, as they probably include detainees from other areas and were therefore not an accurate reflection of incidents in our wards.

112 Apologies – were received and noted from Cllr A Angel due to attending a Planning Committee Meeting and then experiencing technology issue preventing him from joining our meeting. Cllr A McCarthy due to family commitments and Cllr W Matthews due to illness.

113 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.

There were no declarations

114 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Martyn James announced the following:

- He thanked all members and clerk for helping out at the Winter Fayre on our stall and in the grotto. It was a cold, but thankfully, dry day setting a new record in attendance. There was excellent street and stage entertainment throughout the day and market traders and shops did well.
- Ystrad Mynach kicked off the panto season this year with a performance at Lewis Girls School. Feedback from this performance and others has been excellent, as it's toured around our villages with Sleeping Beauty and Robin Hood. Cllr Martyn James and Cllr Catrin Moss also helped local resident and school governor Rebecca Prosser with panto preparations at Tiryberth Primary School, following Rhiannon Stone's resignation.
- Chair Cllr Martyn James presented flowers and our very best wishes to Mr and Mrs Brain, in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, which they were delighted to receive.
- Santa's story telling around our primary schools, promoting reading and gifting our books to every primary school child has been well received,

115 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 23/11/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

116 Matters Arising – Min 103 GC022 was to make no comment following much discussion around the subject. Clerk is therefore to write to planning to retract our statement. Members are going to write individually to provide their personal views.

117 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds to 9th December 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 statements 82 and 83 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Ty Hafan

RESOLVED: Council ratified the decision of donating the sum of £1,000 to Ty Hafan, which includes the proceeds from the sale of panto tickets upfront. Our donation was then match funded by generous anonymous matchers during the "When Your World Stops Appeal", effectively doubling our donation to £2,000 plus £250 in Gift Aid.

- 118 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**
(i) Bargoed and District Art Society (BADAS) App no. 22
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £250 to BADAS
- (ii) Greenhill Allotment Association App No. 23**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Greenhill Allotment Association
- (iii) Wales Air Ambulance App No. 24**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £500 to Wales Air Ambulance
- 119 Co-option Vacancy in Hengoed – deferred January 2023 –** Item was noted
- 120 Casual Vacancy exists in the Tiryberth Ward**
It was noted that Dave Beecham, Caerphilly County Borough Council's Electoral Manager, has confirmed that an election will be called sometime in March 2023.
- 121 Projects 2022/23**
- (i) Ystrad Mynach Christmas/Winter Fayre 2022
- a) Raffle winners have been contacted and gifts distributed by Chair Cllr Martyn James and Cllr Judith Pritchard - noted
- b) RESOLVED: Council agreed that the proceeds from the Winter Fayre raffle to the sum of £400.50 is donated to help the people of Ukraine through the Disaster Emergency Committee
- c) RESOLVED: Council ratified the decision to share the surplus selection boxes from the fayre between Parent Network and Cefn Hengoed Food Share.
- d) RESOLVED: Proceeds from Santa's grotto to the sum of £363.37 is to be banked.
- (ii) Christmas Lighting – Members noted that numerous lighting faults have been identified and are being rectified
- (iii) Defibrillator o/s The Harp Gelligaer – members noted that the defibrillator will be installed in the new year when all other Christmas projects have been delivered.
- (iv) Project Summary 2022/23 – was received and noted
- (v) New project proposals to add to the summary for further discussion in the :
- Cigarette bins in the town
 - Gelligaer Square Improvement – mural, planters, clean up
 - Community Speed Watch
- 122 Training for 2023**
Members noted that the Clerk will forward training dates for 2023 via email.
- 123 Planning Applications** – members noted that there were no planning applications received.
- 124 Next meeting Date:** It was noted that the ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2023, will be held at the later time of 7.30pm at Gelligaer Community Council office, to allow County Members sufficient time to travel from their CCBC Budget meeting at Ty Penallta.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 25th January 2023