

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023
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, D Cushing*, M James (Chair), C Moss, T Parry (Vice),
W Matthews, H Pritchard, J Pritchard and A Wood

Clerk: C Mortimer

*denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

143. Tiryberth Ward

Newly elected member Cllr Adrienne Wood for the Tiryberth was warmly welcomed to the meeting and introduced to her fellow members of the Community Council Cllr Adrienne Wood had previously signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Adrienne Wood had already been out meeting people in her ward with Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Haydn Pritchard.

144. Police Update for Ystrad Mynach Hengoed & St Cattwg's wards – Police were not present but their updates were received and noted.

An email from a local resident regarding illegal off road bikes using Pottery Lane and Black Ash Path between Cefn Hengoed and Tiryberth was discussed. Despite barriers being reinstated on Pottery Lane the problem of off road biking persisted with pedestrian safety, including children, being compromised.

Clerk will put an item on our social media page requesting residents to report all off road bike incidents to the Police, so that they have a record of the ongoing nuisance and to act on the intelligence. Expecting residents to dial 101 was unreasonable due to lengthy queues, sometimes in excess of 30 minutes and therefore messaging the Police via Facebook would be encouraged.

Other matters raised by members was the regular burning of waste in Brynmynach, children hanging around town outside the mini market in particular and the bikes stolen in Hengoed were committed by the same people.

Gelligaer Council

Police Update, January 2023

Crimes logged between-01/01/23 & 31/01/23

102 calls

Incidents include:

- Violence against the person- 22
- Highway disruption- 5
- Road related offences- 6
- Missing persons- 1
- Concern for safety- 9
- ASB- 2
- Theft and handling- 4
- Domestic incidents- 5
- Criminal damage- 3
- Sexual offences- 1
- Other/ police generated incidents- 44

ASB - Nothing of note.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION -Nothing of note.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Off road bike operation was conducted on Gelligaer common on 18/01/23 along with Gelligaer common ranger, x1 vehicle was issued a warning under section 59 for driving in a careless manner and driving on common land, another vehicle was seized under section 165 for driving with no insurance. Another operation is planned to take place on 26/02/23.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

There is a neighbourhood policing week of action commencing 23/01/23- 27/01/23, a multi-agency off road bike operation is planned for 27/01/23 on Gelligaer common and covering the St Cattwg ward area also.

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 458 APLIN- Sophie.Aplin@gwent.police.uk

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

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

PC 1939 EVANS- Daniel.Evans@gwent.police.uk

Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team

Council Report for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed wards

Numbers from 01/01/23 - 31/01/23

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	38 (43 with Custody related crimes)
Hengoed	44
Nelson	16
Maesycwmmmer	14

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

All Other Theft	2	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	4	9%
Drug Offences	4	9%
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	4%
Public Order Offences	10	22%
Robbery	2	4%
Shoplifting	1	2%
Vehicle Crime	2	4%
Violence With Injury	3	7%

The violence without injury relate to –

Protection from Harassment act

Common assault

Malicious Communications

Threats to kill

Public order offences are quite high but not trend related and happened in different areas of the ward, some within the custody unit.

The vehicle crime is theft of a blue badge not in our area but reported by CCBC offices so sat under Ystrad Mynach as they had no location of theft/loss

Our numbers also include:

Refusal to pay taxi driver

A takeaway driver abused

Shoplifter in Lidl

Hengoed incidents include –

All Other Theft	4	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	8	18%
Drug Offences	1	2%
Public Order Offences	2	5%
Robbery	1	2%
Violence With Injury	3	7%
Violence Without Injury	23	52%

The violence without injury relate to –

Protection from harassment order

Common assault

Malicious Communications

Breach of harassment order

Stalking

Breach of restraining order

Robbery relates to jewellery being taken from a male – known offender.

There is a high number for criminal damage & arson, but this is not a spree and some of them are part of other crimes.

Our numbers also include

Refusal to pay for takeaway

Theft of a Nintendo switch (family member)

Theft of highchair from garden in early hours

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	1
Hengoed	3
Nelson	1
Maesycwmmmer	0

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

1 call for youths gathering in the lane behind the Spar, Penallta Road and causing issues for residents in Cylla Lodge

Hengoed incidents include –

1 call for off road bikes on Lansbury Avenue

1 call for youth throwing snowballs off bridge at Hengoed Train Station

1 call for neighbour issues – adult related ASB

145. Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr A McCarthy due to post operation recovery and Cllr Gaynor Bruford due to illness.

146. 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 Donna Cushing declared an interest minute no.151(i) - Cefn Hengoed Youth Club

Cllr Haydn Pritchard declared an interest in minute no.151(ii) Gelligaer AFC

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no. 159 Planning.

147. Chair's Announcements – there were no announcements

148. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 25/01/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record following a few corrections.

149. Matters Arising

Members noted that under delegated powers the Clerk responded prior to the recent Planning Committee meeting in respect of:

Case Ref. 22/0175/NCC Site Area: 127132m²

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

Proposal: Vary condition 02 of planning consent 19/0276/NCC (Vary Condition 6 (Hours of operation) of planning consent 12/0570/FULL (Extend existing quarry operations including new drainage system and settlement ponds, landscape bunds and associated works) to extend the hours of operation for utility providers) to extend the period of extraction and restoration works at the site for a further two years (in each case) so that Extraction of minerals shall now cease by 31 December 2024 and restoration shall be completed by 31 December 2032

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

“I am writing to confirm that members of Gelligaer Community Council unanimously objected to planning application 22/0175/NCC and the proposed extension to hours of operation on the grounds that it would cause a public nuisance.

For those members that may not be aware, gradual incremental planning applications over many years at Gelliargwellt Farm have resulted in a small but typical mixed farm growing into in this massive waste management and quarrying development encroaching closer to just within 300m of people's homes. Dust and noise which local residents endure daily does not affect just one person, it affects families including children, spanning two villages.

The daily grind of noise and dust contributes to considerable hidden suffering, with increased levels of stress, anxiety and depression experienced, which cannot be underestimated as a factor in causing long term physical and mental health conditions.

Decisions have consequences and we urge the Committee to consider the basic rights of the residents to quiet enjoyment which this proposal will not allow”.

150 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds to 12th February 2023

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

(ii) Reconciliation

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

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statement no's, 40,39, 59,58,12 & 85 were received approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Revised Budget for 2023/24

Budget for 2023/24 and earmarked reserves was deferred to the next meeting in March.

(v) Spend v Budget as of Feb 2023

Spend V Budget to date and anticipated spend to 31st March 2023 was deferred to the next meeting in March.

Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting

151 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23

(i) Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre Financial Assistance Application no.26

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,500 to Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre

Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing returned to the meeting.

Cllr Haydn Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting.

(ii) Gelligaer AFC Club – newly formed club Financial Assistance Application no.27

RESOLVED: Council agreed to pledge the sum of £350 for indoor rental of Gelligaer Community Centre for the Mini Ballers. Council also agreed to pledge the sum of £1066.93 under “Projects” for the purchase of equipment and kit and requested that our logo features on the kit.

Cllr Haydn Pritchard returned to the meeting.

152 RESOLVED: Council agreed to exclude the press and public under Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, due to the confidentiality/personal details in the next item

153 Casual Vacancy in the Hengoed Ward

In line with good practice, a notice was published within the local community and on social media to co-opt a member in the Hengoed Ward, and two applications were received, discussed and considered.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to co-opt Rhianwen Callison to the office of Community Councillor to serve the Hengoed Ward.

154 RESOLVED: Council agreed to reopen the meeting to the press and public

155 Appointment to Internal & External Bodies

(i) GCC Eco Working Group

RESOLVED: Council approved Cllr Adrienne Wood’s nomination to the Eco Working Group

(ii) Vacancy exists as Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Tiryberth Primary School

RESOLVED: Council approved Cllr Adrienne Wood’s nomination as our Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Tiryberth Primary School.

(iii) Tiryberth Village Hall Management Committee (meet 4 times a year and currently only have one member on the committee but require four)

RESOLVED: Council approved Cllr Adrienne Wood’s nomination as our representative on the Tiryberth Village Hall Management Committee.

(iv) Caerphilly Borough Community & Town Council’s Liaison Committee - this item was deferred

(v) Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) & Community/Town Council’s Joint Liaison Committee - this item was deferred

156 Projects

Project items discussed were:

- (i) Defibrillator outside The Harp Gelligaer – cabinet was installed, awaiting defibrillator.
- (ii) Improvements to Gelligaer Square – Morgan Thomas consented to a mural – all schools to be invited to submit ideas. Other members were obtaining quotes for planters

- (iii) Spring Fayre, Ystrad Mynach Sat 25th March 2023
We require a minimum of two members to front the stall and two on the panto door
8.30am – 9.00am set up stall and chairs - Clerk & Haydn
9am – 1.00pm Cllrs Teresa Parry, Catrin Moss, Haydn Pritchard & Clerk
1.00pm – 5.00pm Cllr Judith Pritchard, Mandy McCarthy, Donna Cushing, Wyndham Matthews & Martyn James.
Clerk will print tickets for sale on the day of the fayre from our stall and the door.
RESOLVED: Council approved hall hire at Siloh Centre at a cost of £80 and cleaning cost of £22.00. A cost to be shared with CCBC
- (iv) Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr Sat 15th April 2023 11am -1.30pm
Potential nominations for our Community Champions were discussed. Members were requested to bring suitable nominations to the next meeting. Chair will enquire with a newly formed choir in Ystrad Mynach if they would like to perform.
- (v) Forgotten Soldier Lance Corporal Haydn Carlisle Phillips and his inscription on the memorial at St Cattwg's Church – a member finally succeeded in contacting the Reverend and he will be in contact with the Clerk imminently.
- (vi) Street Art – members received and discussed the proposal for funding from Matt Dey and agreed that he would need to provide a copy of his groups constitution, accounts and provide a specific costed project.
- (vii) Project Summary 2022/23 – was received and noted
- (viii) Lanyards/ID – new project
Council agreed that Community Councillors wear a Gelligaer Community Council ID lanyard when on council business. Twin hatted members would continue to use their CCBC ID badge.

157. Training for 2023

- (i) OVW training for 2023 was received and noted.
Cllr Wyndham Matthews and Cllr Adrienne Wood signed up for Code of Conduct Training and New Councillor Induction. Cllr Judith Pritchard signed up to Understanding the Law. Clerk signed up to various courses.

158. Cardiff Conservation – deferred for another meeting

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.

159. Planning Applications

The following planning applications are received. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Email 10/02/2023

Case Ref. 23/0074/RET Site Area: 161m² Location: Land At Grid Ref 313908 197110 Roman Gate Glyn-gaer Gelligaer (UPRN 000043172304) Proposal: Retain the erection of a boundary fence on a parcel of land Case Officer: Bridget Jones-Crabtree (07850 916850 : jonesbas@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313908 (E) 197110 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: Council unanimously objected on the grounds that the site was originally designated a Local Area for Play. The fencing should therefore be removed to enable the children their right to resume play.

Email 03/02/2023

Case Ref. 23/0056/HH Site Area: 244m² Location: 9 Starling Walk Penallta Hengoed CF82 6BH (UPRN 000043174538) Proposal: Erect single storey side extension Case Officer: Chantalle Lamnea (07874 641747 : lamnec@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314175 (E) 196325 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated - Cllr T Parry to get back to the Clerk.

Proposed provision of Disabled Bay outside No 1 Churchfield Close, Tiryberth

In accordance with the 'Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996' CCBC are underaking a consultation process in accordance with the Regulations and seeking views with regard to the proposed provision of a disabled persons parking place outside No 1 Churchfield Close, Tiryberth. Comments to be received by 17th March 2023.

RESOLVED: No objection

160. **Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 7.00pm Gelligaer Community Council office.**

Meeting closed:10.10pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 22nd March 2023