

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd March 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, G Bruford, R Callison, Donna Cushing, C Moss, W Matthews, A McCarthy*, H Pritchard and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Macauley Jessop, Gwent Police CSO

*denotes remote attendance

In the absence of the Chair & Vice, Cllr Alan Angel was nominated to chair the meeting.

Chair Cllr Alan Angel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

161. Police Update

Ystrad Mynach & Hengoed ward for February 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	39
Hengoed	21
Nelson	34
Maesycwmmmer	15

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

Violence Without Injury	16	41%
Public Order Offences	5	13%
Violence With Injury	5	13%
All Other Theft	4	10%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	8%
Drug Offences	3	8%
Possession Of Weapons	1	3%
Residential Burglary	1	3%
Shoplifting	1	3%

Hengoed incidents include -

Total	21	100%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	14%
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	10%
Possession Of Weapons	1	5%
Public Order Offences	2	10%
Residential Burglary	3	14%
Violence With Injury	3	14%
Violence Without Injury	7	33%

X3 criminal damage reported for the Ystradmynach area, no trending patterns between incidents and x1 incident was damage to a police vehicle.

X3 Criminal damage reported in the Hengoed area, x2 are youth related whereby youths have caused a mark on x1 victims car with a football and another where stones were thrown at victims property.

X3 residential burglaries reported for the Hengoed area, x2 are linked and x1 male has been arrested for these offences, the third report is not connected.

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	5
Hengoed	5
Nelson	0
Maesycwmmmer	0

Ystrad Mynach incidents include-

No incidents of note, x5 calls, x4 are youth related.

Hengoed incidents include –

A rise in anti-social behaviour calls has emerged on Lansbury Avenue in relation to off-road bikes, this is being implemented with the current off-road bike operation in place (operation Harley) and Lansbury Avenue have been added as one of the target locations on the deployment list of the operation.

Partnership Working

Ystrad CSO's assisted Bargoed CSO's with Heddlu Bach school visits to Gelligaer common to learn about the impact of fly tipping, anti-social driving and off-road bikes have on the common and the animals that live there.

They also carried out a litter pick to help clean up their environment.

St Cattwg's for Febuary 2023

Crimes logged between-01/02/23 & 28/02/23
99 calls

Incidents include:

Violence against the person- 23
Highway disruption- 5
Road related offences- 6
Missing persons- 2
Concern for safety- 14
ASB- 8
Theft and handling- 2

Domestic incidents- 5
Criminal damage- 2
Sexual offences- 0
Other/ police generated incidents- 32

ASB

X1 report of youths setting fires on Heol Y Mynydd.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

Parking issues reported in x2 locations, Merebank & New Road Tir-Y-Birth.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Operation Harley took place on 26/02/23, this operation has been developed to tackle these issues we are currently having in the area with off road bikes.

During the operation x2 vehicles were issued warnings under section 59 police reform act 2002 for driving on common land

These operations are due to continue up until April and will be reviewed as if to extend the operations within the area.

The next operation is due to take place on 19/03/23.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Officers have linked in with local schools and delivered practical lessons on Gelligaer common educating the children of the impacts of fly tipping and anti-social driving.

These lessons have been extremely successful, on 14/02/23 officers were joined by ITV Wales who filmed one of the lessons that took place and was presented on cost and country.

Chair Cllr Alan Angel thanked the CSO for her attendance and update and she subsequently left the meeting.

162. Apologies - were received from Cllr Martyn James due to being poorly, Cllr Teresa Parry due to work commitments and Cllr Adrienne Wood due to family commitments.

163. 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 Catrin Moss declared an interest in Minute No.172 - Eco Officer

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in Minute No. 179 - Planning

164. Chair's Announcements – there were no announcements.

165. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 22/02/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

166. Matters Arising

167. Finance

(i) Balance of Funds to 17th March 2023

'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 document.

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statement no's 41,60, 86 & 87 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Revised Budget for 2023/24

Revised budget for 2023/24 and earmarked reserves was received, approved and signed.

(v) Spend v Budget as of 17th March 2023

Spend v Budget to date was received, approved and approved.

Members noted that the anticipated spend to 31st March 2023 was calculated in January 2023 to enable us to anticipate the likely level of balances at the end of the financial year.

168. Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23

(i) 1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group Financial Assistance Application No. 28

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to 1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group

(ii) Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club Financial Assistance No. 29

RESOLVED: : Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,500 to Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club

(iii) Llangollen Music Eisteddfod 2023 Financial Assistance No.30

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £250 to Llangollen Music Eisteddfod

(iv) Marie Curie Financial Assistance No.31

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of 350 to Marie Curie

(v) Cascade Youth Club Financial Assistance No.32

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,500 to Cascade Youth Club

(vi) MacMillan Cancer Care – Caerphilly Financial Assistance No.33

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to MacMillan Cancer Care

(vii) Cascade Allotment Association Financial Assistance No.34

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Cascade Allotment Association

169. King's Coronation – funding for celebratory parties

RESOLVED: Members agreed to grant £270 to the following clubs/organisation given that our agreed total budget was £3k and the maximum grant was £300 per club.

To receive and discuss funding for:

- Cascade Brownies was granted the sum of £270
- Cascade Community Centre was granted the sum of £270
- Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol was granted the sum of £270
- Derwendeg PTA was granted the sum of £270
- Glyngaer PTA was granted the sum of £270
- Greenhill PTA was granted the sum of £270
- Tiryberth PTA was granted the sum of £270
- Ystrad Mynach Primary PTA was granted the sum of £270
- Valley Daffodils was granted the sum of £270
- Hengoed Primary PTA was granted the sum of £270
- Croeso Club was granted the sum of £270

170. Projects

The following projects were discussed:

- (i) Improvements to Gelligaer Square – awaiting quotations for planters.
- (ii) Spring Fayre, Ystrad Mynach Sat 25th March 2023
8.30am – 9.00am set up stall and chairs - Clerk, Cllr Haydn Pritchard and Mrs Jackie Pritchard.
9am – 1.00pm Cllrs Teresa Parry, Catrin Moss, Haydn Pritchard & Clerk
1.00pm – 5.00pm Cllr Judith Pritchard, Mandy McCarthy, Donna Cushing & Wyndham Matthews
- (iii) Presentation at Llancaiach Fawr Sat 15th April 2023 11am -1.30pm
RESOLVED: Council agreed the nominated Ann Brain, Debra Williams, Maldwyn Griffiths and Dr Elin Jones for our Community Champion Awards.
Clerk will be sending invitations and menu choices to 80+ people from our clubs and centres, preparing the script, purchasing awards, flowers and gifts and purchasing raffle gifts. We are awaiting to hear from Cllr Martyn James as to whether the newly formed mixed choir will be performing.
- (iv) Forgotten Soldier Lance Corporal Haydn Carlisle Phillips and his inscription on the memorial at St Cattwg's Church – Clerk is to contact the Diocese Advisory Committee.
- (v) Project Summary 2022/23 was received and noted.

171. Appointment to Internal & External Bodies – *deferred until AGM in May.*

(i) To receive for reference, Charter between Community & Town Councils and CCBC

(ii) Caerphilly Borough Community & Town Council's Liaison Committee - *deferred until AGM in May.*

Nominations required to accompany Cllrs Catrin Moss and Clerk on this committee.

(iii) Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) & Community/Town Council's Joint Liaison Committee - *deferred until AGM in May.*

Nominations required as a reserve to Cllr Catrin Moss and Clerk.

Cllr Catrin Moss declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussion.

172. Eco Officer

Council received and discussed the Clerk's report, which detailed the work of our Eco Working Group.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the draft secondment details and costs proposed from Keep Wales Tidy over a 3 year period and to potentially start in June 2023.

Cllr Catrin Moss returned to the meeting.

173. Training for 2023

OVW training for 2023 was received and noted and our Training Plan was further updated.

174. Independent Remuneration Report 2023/24 (pages 10-12)

Members noted that there are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members and therefore all other Determinations from 2022 to 2023 still stand and should be applied in 2023 to 2024, including those covering:

- Payments for undertaking senior roles
- Contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance
- Reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs
- Compensation for financial loss
- Attendance allowance and
- Co-opted member

For ease of reference please find table below indicating determinations resolved last year and our payment obligations for 2023/24.

Type of payment	Requirement 2023/24	What we RESOLVED in March 2022:	Applicable/Agreed 22/03/2023 for 2023/24
Group 2 Extra Costs/Basic Payment	GCC electorate: 13,767 (Electorate 10,000 -13,999) Mandatory for all Members	£150	£156 plus one-off payment of £52 for consumables
Senior Role Payment	Mandatory £500 for 1 member; optional for up to 7	£350 to the Chair	<i>£500 mandatory payment to Chair</i>
Mayor or Chair	Optional up to £1,500	Agreed the above Senior Role Mandatory payment	
Deputy Mayor or Vice Chair	Optional up to £500	£100 to the Vice Chair	<i>£100 to Vice Chair</i>
Care (children/elderly) Attendance Allowance	Mandatory	Must produce receipts	Must produce receipts
Financial Loss	Optional	Disapproved	Disapproved
Travel, Overnight	Optional	Disapproved	Disapproved
Subsistence	Optional	Agreed	Agreed

Guidance on taxation

It is not within the remit or authority of the Panel to provide specific advice on matters of taxation. Advice can be provided by One Voice Wales and guidance is available on the HMRC website.

The £156 should fall under the statutory provisions of section 316A ITEPA: Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (legislation.gov.uk) and the current amount that can be paid without attracting a tax liability is £6 per week: Expenses and benefits: homeworking: Homeworking expenses and benefits that are exempt from tax - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

(i) Extra Costs/ Basic Payment

RESOLVED: Council agreed to a one off payment of £156.

Additional consumables costs over £52 can be claimed with receipts throughout the year.

(ii) Mandatory Senior Role Payment of £500

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the Chair being in receipt of this payment for 2023/24 and no other members be in receipt of it.

It does appear that the Mandatory Senior Role Payment of £500 plus the Basic Mandatory payment of £156 exceeds the threshold of £6 per week and is therefore taxable – the clerk will establish the appropriate procedure to pay the tax.

(iii) Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair

RESOLVED: Council agreed to a payment of £100 to the Vice Chair for 2023/24.

(iv) Other Costs – as per the table above

Care Attendance Allowance – Mandatory with receipts

Financial Loss - RESOLVED: Council disapproved.

Travel Overnight - RESOLVED: Council disapproved.

Subsistence RESOLVED: Council approved.

175. Zurich Insurance Renewal 2023/24

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renew the insurance for 2023/24 as per our long-term agreement. at a cost of £1075.43.

176. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Wales

Members noted that Town/community councillors were invited to meet the LDBCW who will provide information about the review process and how your councils can feed into and engage with the review.

Date: 24th March, 2023

Venue: Council Chamber, Ty Penallta, Ystrad Mynach

Time: 10am & 1pm (you can attend either).

It has been suggested that the new Housing Association houses by the Baths in Penalltau come into the Greenhill ward and 6 streets currently in the Cefn Hengoed Ward: Brambling Crescent, Firecrest Walk, Goshawk Rise, Harrier Ave, Kingfisher Way and Starling Walk, fall into the Ystrad Mynach ward.

(Hengoed: 2172 electors; Cefn Hengoed:1953; Ystrad Mynach: 4122; St Cattwg: 5520)

177. Cardiff Conservaion – deferred from last meeting and deferred again.

178. One Voice Wales Membership 2023/24

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renew OVW membership for 2023/24 at a cost of £3,167.

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

Cllr Donna Cushing chaired the next item.

179. Planning Applications (will be tabled at meeting)

The following 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 20/03/2023

Case Ref. 23/0184/OUT Site Area: 640m² Location: Lands At Clearway Service Station Church Road Penpedairheol (UPRN 000043089606) Proposal: Erect new dwelling and seek approval of access and scale Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (07874 641749 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314014 (E) 197332 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Ward members Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Haydn Pritchard are to report back to the clerk.

Email 13/03/2023

Case Ref. 23/0162/HH Site Area: 112m² Location: 48 Pengam Street Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XJ (UPRN 000043044410) Proposal: Erect first floor rear extension Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (07874 641749 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315037 (E) 197428 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Cllr Alan Angel returned to the meeting to chair the last item.

180. Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2023, 7.00pm Gelligaer Community Council office.

ADDENDUM: Next meeting date: 26th April 2023

Meeting closed:8.55pm

Signed: _____CHAIR

DATE: 26th April 2023