

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 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, G Bruford, Donna Cushing, M James (Chair), C Moss, W Matthews, T Parry (Vice Chair), H Pritchard and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: PCSO J Price and PCSO S Coomer Gwent Police

Chair Cllr Martyn James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

181. Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards were received and discussed for March and an update in relation Operation Harley and the persistent illegal off road bikes using Pottery Lane and Black Ash Path between Cefn Hengoed and Tiryberth.

Gelligaer Council

Police Update, March 2023

Crimes logged between-01/03/23 & 31/03/23

127 calls

Incidents include:

- Violence against the person- 31
- Highway disruption- 3
- Road related offences- 7
- Missing persons- 5
- Concern for safety- 9
- ASB- 7
- Theft and handling- 6
- Domestic incidents- 1
- Criminal damage- 4
- Sexual offences- 2
- Other/ police generated incidents- 52

ASB

Reports of youths consuming drugs in Castle hill, Gelligaer, local neighbourhood team will conduct heightened patrols in the area.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

Parking issues reported in Clos Cae Mawr, officers have attended and there are no restrictions currently in place and no obstructions caused, local council are aware of the issues at this location.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Operation Harley took place on 19/03/23 & 29/03/23, this operation has been developed to tackle these issues we are currently having in the area with off road bikes.

During the operation 1 x vehicle was issued a warning under section 59 police reform act 2002 for driving on common land, and 1 x vehicle was seized 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 17/04/23.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE - No incidents of note.

Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Team

Council Report for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed wards
Numbers from March 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	33 (41 with Custody related crimes)
Hengoed	35
Nelson	38
Maesycwmmmer	15

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

All Other Theft	3	7%
Commercial Burglary	1	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	4	10%
Drug Offences	3	7%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Possession Of Weapons	2	5%
Public Order Offences	8	20%
Residential Burglary	1	2%
Shoplifting	6	15%
Violence With Injury	2	5%
Violence Without Injury	10	24%

Shop lifting is quite high for March:

2 relate to Tesco 1 male arrested and the 2nd males was stopped by security.

2 relate to Lidl – School girl attempted to steal but caught both times.

2 at the Spar, both the same male stealing alcohol.

Out of the 4 criminal damage's 2 relate to the custody suite

1 is smashed window at The Royal Oak pub – known offender caught on CCTV.

1 is vehicle window smashed in car park of the rugby club.

There was 1 residential burglary at George St – happened some time over a 4-month period while house was empty.

Commercial burglary at Premier stores money, cigarettes and scratch cards stolen – 1 out of 2 offenders identified.

All 3 drug offences related to drugs found in custody suite.

Hengoed incidents include –

All Other Theft	2	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	5	14%
Drug Offences	1	3%
Public Order Offences	8	23%
Residential Burglary	1	3%
Vehicle Crime	2	6%
Violence With Injury	2	6%
Violence Without Injury	13	37%

taken from one of the

5 incidents of criminal damage reported.

House locks damaged – relates to dispute between siblings.

Spray paint on car in Lansbury Ave – no offender identified.

Window smashed on house in Lansbury Ave – Offender cautioned for offence.

Youths damaged roof of passing car with snowball – Hengoed Ave.

2 stones thrown at address by Ex – no damage caused.

A youth was dealt with for possession of cannabis

A residential burglary on Hengoed Avenue by known offender who is on police bail.

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	2
Hengoed	3
Nelson	0
Maesycwmmmer	2

Ystrad Mynach incidents include:

1 adult related driving ASB

1 related to a scooter using the cycle path on Cwm Calon – not known if youth or adult.

Hengoed incidents include:

1 related to youths causing issues on Oxwich Close – children 10 & under ringing doorbell and running away.

1 related to youths setting fire to fly tipped waste at the rear of Lansbury Avenue.

1 relates to snowballs being thrown at passing cars on Hengoed Avenue.

Members requested again than surgery posters be emailed to the clerk so that they can be shared on social media and that length of surgeries be extended to an hour.

Chair Cllr Martyn James thanks the PSCO's for the update. They subsequently leave the meeting and Cllr Martyn James leaves the meeting with them for a brief moment.

182. Apologies - apologies were received from Cllr R Callison, Cllr Roger Bevan and Cllr M McCarthy due to family commitments and Cllr Adrienne Wood due to a holiday.

183. 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.

Clerk declares an interest in Minute no. 189 Superannuation Valuation

Cllr Alan Angel declares an interest in Minute no. 198 Planning

184. Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Martyn James announced the following:

- A thank you letter had been received from Marie Curie, for their grant of £350
- Members were thanked for attending the Llancaiach awards and Cllr Teresa Parry and Cllr Mandy McCarthy were thanked for compering on the day and the Clerk was thanked for all the preparations. It had been a wonderful day, and the feedback has been very positive.

It was noted that Cllr Teresa Parry has hosted for 6 years and the clerk has hosted for 5, and therefore next year other members will be requested to host.

185. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 22/03/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

186. Matters Arising

(i) Members noted that under delegated powers the Clerk responded to the following application on behalf of the Community Council, as time did not allow for it to be discussed at full council.

Re: 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

Following an informal site visit of the business and surrounding area quite recently, the operation of this business continues to spill out onto the highway and pavements with cars awaiting service, customers parking awaiting the car wash service and cars parked for days and sometimes weeks on end, either awaiting service or awaiting parts.

Residents regularly complain of having to walk out onto the B4254 carriageway, which is a very busy road, due to parked vehicles directly outside the business obstructing safe access along the pavement.

At our meeting back in September 2022 Gelligaer Community Council resolved not to object to this application on the proviso a 3rd access is not created and subject to satisfactory provision in place for cars awaiting service. There are no further provisions in place, in fact the situation has worsened.

Building a dwelling on this business site will merely exasperate an existing unsatisfactory situation, as the business will have even less space for cars being serviced or awaiting service.

Gelligaer Community Council therefore, strongly objects to the proposed erection of a dwelling and access on the grounds of pedestrian safety, traffic safety and nuisance parking in a residential area.

(ii) Members noted that Cllr Teresa Parry had attended the OVW Larger Council's meeting.

187. Finance - Members noted that the Clerk is preparing the Final Accounts for 2022/23 and the final version to be presented to the auditors, will be presented at our next meeting in May.

188. Audit Wales Arrangements for 2022/23
Email from Audit Wales was received and noted.

Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber.

189. Valuation of Employer Contribution Rates - superannuation
RESOLVED: Members received, noted and approved that following the completion of the 2022 Pension Fund Valuation, Gelligaer Community Council's revised employer contribution rates for the next three years are as per attached.

Clerk returned to the meeting.

190. Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24
Caerphilly County Borough Council Mayor's Appeal Application no. 1
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £500 to the Mayor's Appeal for the Breast Care Unit, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.
Cllr Martyn James wanted it noted that he did not vote for the grant, due to Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) squandering money on food for members at an impending CCBC AGM, whilst food poverty is prevalent in our communities.

Glanynant Allotment Association Application no. 2**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Glanynant Allotment**Tredomen Allotment Association Application no. 3****RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Tredomen Allotment Association**Greenhill Allotment Association Application no. 4****RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Greenhill Allotment Association (their request for a project was deferred for costings)**191. King’s Coronation – funding for celebratory parties**

Members received and discussed late applications for a grant. £3k had been budgeted and £270 was granted to 11 groups and halls/centres.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £125 each to Penybryn Community Hall and Gelligaer Community Centre**192. Projects**

To discuss:

(i) Wales in Bloom 2023

RESOLVED: Members agreed a budget of £1k

(ii) Improvements to Gelligaer Square

RESOLVED: Members agreed that further costings be provided.

(iii) Forgotten Soldier Lance Corporal Haydn Carlisle Phillips and his inscription on the memorial at St Cattwg’s Church – no further update.

(iv) Project Summary 2022/23 was received and noted.

193. Eco Officer**A Service Level Agreement (SLA) was received and noted.****RESOLVED:** Council agreed to delegate the SLA overview to the Eco Group to take forward.**194. Training for 2023 – members received and noted details of OVW training for April/May 2023.****195. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Wales (LDBCW)**

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

(i) Council received LDBCW terms of reference and noted consultation timetable:

Action	Period	Date
Start of Review		March 2023
Initial Investigations	8 Weeks	March 2023 to May 2023
Draft Proposal Publication/	8 Weeks	July 2023 to September 2023
Consultation		
Final Recommendation Submission		June 2024

(ii) **RESOLVED:** Council agreed to the proposed boundary changes for review:

It is worth noting that Farm Road and the 6 streets in Cwm Calon have no direct road connection with their polling stations.

Greenhill:

- Add the new houses on Trem yr Olwen, Winding Wheel Lane (currently in Ystrad Mynach)

Gelligaer:

- Remove the following cottages and farms close to Llancaiach and move to Nelson Community Council, who have been consulted and agree the proposal:
The Smithy’s Cottage, Llancaiach CF46 6EP
Llancaiach Cottages CF46 6EP
Ty Newydd, Llancaiach Fawr Farm, Gelligaer Rd CF46 6ER
Ty-Tarw, Llancaiach Fawr Farm, Gelligaer Rd CF46 6ER

Tiryberth:

- Add Farm Close (currently in Cefn Hengoed)

Cefn Hengoed:

- Remove Farm Close (and move to Tiryberth)
- Remove the 6 streets in Cwm Calon (and move to Ystrad Mynach):
Brambling Crescent
Firecrest Walk
Goshawk Rise
Harrier Ave
Kingfisher Way
Starling Walk

Hengoed: no change

Ystrad Mynach :

- Remove the new houses on Trem yr Olwen, Winding Wheel Lane (and move to Greenhill)
- Add the 6 streets in Cwm Calon (currently in Cefn Hengoed):
Brambling Crescent
Firecrest Walk
Goshawk Rise
Harrier Ave
Kingfisher Way
Starling Walk

- 196. Cardiff Conservation – deferred from last meeting**
This item was received and noted.

- 197. Default speed limit consultation on restricted roads in the Caerphilly borough from 30mph to 20mph**
(i) Email from Tony Godsall, CCBC's Senior Engineer prior to wider consultation was received and discussed.
Members proposed that the following 30mph exception roads be 20mph.

Hengoed	New Road, Tir-y-Berth from south of William Street to southern end of village
St Cattwg	B4254 Church Road, Gelligaer and Gelligaer Road between the junction with Aneurin Bevan Avenue and west of its junction with Penywrld
Ystrad Mynach	A472 Caerphilly Road from west of its junction with Maes-y-coed Terrace to west of its junction with Station Road (including Tredomen roundabout)

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting, thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

198. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were received and agreed as follows:

APPLICATION NO. 22/0567/FULL 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 Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm, Gelligaer Road, Gelligaer. I refer to the application for planning permission for the above development and write to advise that I have received additional information/plans, which can be viewed online at <http://publicaccess.caerphilly.gov.uk/PublicAccess/> I should be grateful if you would let me have any additional comments within 14 days of the date of this letter (20/04/2023)

RESOLVED: OBJECTION

Gelligaer Community Council unanimously objected to the proposed planning on the grounds of:

- (i) **No suitable drainage plan - NRW are concerned with discharging surface water into the water course, which will dangerously pollute the water course. Silt from the storage unit will block up water courses.**
- (ii) **Intensification of the use of the Bryn Quarry site will have a detrimental effect on the residents of Penybryn and Gelligaer with increased heavy traffic through the villages.**
- (iii) **Environmental Impact – the proposed site is in close proximity to several SINC's, most notably Nelson Bog.**

Email:05/04/2023 (closing date extended)

Case Ref. 23/0206/HH Site Area: 1705m² Location: Tir Adam Uchaf Farm Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043169596) Proposal: Erect single storey orangery extension to south, first floor addition over existing ground floor utility and single storey lobby Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 :

simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312568 (E) 198175 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Extended to 28/04/2023

Case Ref. 23/0009/COU Site Area: 101m² Location: Owen And O'Sullivan Solicitors 5 Commercial Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7DU (UPRN 000043019821)

Proposal: Change the use of ground floor from A2 to A1 and first floor from A2 to C3, alter existing ground floor layout and rear extension and erect first floor rear extension and access Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314539 (E) 194300 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: OBJECTION

Gelligaer Community Council unanimously object to the change of use from business to residential and to the extension on the grounds that there is insufficient off road parking.

Case Ref. 23/0123/COU Site Area: 1239m² Location: Land At West Road Penallta Industrial Estate Penallta (UPRN 000043084725) Proposal: Change the use of land to car sales and office Case Officer: Chantalle Lamnea (07874 641747 :

lamnec@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313802 (E) 196092 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: OBJECTION

Gelligaer Community Council unanimously and strongly object on the grounds that the land is designated for housing in the current LDP. The land has been built up to a considerable height and is deemed as potentially unstable, under the weight of several cars, which could fall into the gardens of Trem yr Olwen. We further object on the grounds of visual amenity for the residents of Trem yr Olwen.

199. **Next meeting Date: AGM and ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 24th May 2023, 7.00pm Gelligaer Community Council office.**

Meeting closed:9.50pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 24th May 2023