

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2023, following the annual, 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, M James, A McCarthy, C Moss, T Parry (Chair), H Pritchard, J Pritchard and A Wood (Vice Chair).

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Observer local resident Mr Kevin Miles and Gwent Police PCSO Lesley McKean.

Local resident Mr Kevin Miles spoke with members regarding his planning application - Case Ref. 23/0184/OUT Site Area: 582m² Location: Lands At Clearway Service Station Church Road Penpedairheol (UPRN 000043089606) Proposal: Erect new dwelling and seek approval of access and scale.

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PCSO Lesley McKean presented the police updates.

- 12 **Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards** – to receive and discuss reports for APRIL and to receive 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. Despite barriers being reinstated on Pottery Lane the problem of off-road biking persists. Pedestrian safety, including children, is being compromised.

“St Cattwg’s Police Update April 2023

Crimes logged between 01/04/23 - 30/04/23.

124 calls

Incidents include:

Violence against the person- 27

Highway disruption- 1

Road related offences- 3

Missing persons- 1

Concern for safety- 13

ASB- 9

Theft and handling- 4

Domestic incidents- 5

Criminal damage- 2

Sexual offences- 0

Other/ police generated incidents-59

ASB

Reports of youths using E-scooters on the square, Gelligaer.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

No incidents of note.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Operation Harley took place on 17/04/23 & 30/04/23, this operation has been developed to tackle these issues we are currently having in the area with off road bikes.

This operation was run with natural resources Wales.

From starting these operations there has been a clear decrease in the number of incidents involving off road bikes in the area, although the issues have not gone completely, we will continue the operations to maintain public confidence surrounding the issues and enforce where necessary.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

No incidents of note.

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

Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed Police Update April 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	41 (47 with Custody related crimes)
Hengoed	35
Nelson	22
Maesycwmmmer	17

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

All Other Theft	2	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	6%
Drug Offences	4	9%
Misc Crimes Against Society	3	6%
Other Sexual Offences	3	6%
Possession Of Weapons	2	4%
Public Order Offences	5	11%
Shoplifting	1	2%
Violence With Injury	8	17%
Violence Without Injury	16	34%

All 4 drug offences relate to drugs found in custody suite.

Other sexual offences relate to issues at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

Tesco had a shoplifting incident where 3 display mobile phones were stolen from the phone shop area.

Possession of a weapon relates to the custody unit, the other relates to a youth with a flick knife on Ystrad Town, the youth was stopped and searched, no knife found – caller not wanting to provide a complaint.

All other theft relates to –

An incident of cyber crime

Theft of money from the Spar.

Criminal damage –
 Youths in an old derelict caravan on land behind Station Road
 A patio window smashed – person was arrested.

Hengoed incidents include –

All Other Theft	2	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	5	14%
Drug Offences	2	6%
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	6%
Public Order Offences	3	9%
Residential Burglary	2	6%
Theft From The Person	1	3%
Vehicle Crime	2	6%
Violence With Injury	4	11%
Violence Without Injury	10	29%

Residential burglaries relate to
 A shed broken into on Trem Penallta
 Ex-partner broke into a house on Lansbury Avenue.

Criminal damage and arson relate to –

A car was smashed up on Oak Tree drive
 A car was keyed in Heol Rees
 A house was damaged by family member in Heol Rees
 A car window was smashed on Raglan Road
 Youths smashing up old caravan at the rear of Valley View

Vehicle crime –
 Car stolen on Hengoed Crescent
 Car stolen from Ael y Bryn
 Drugs relate to –
 Cannabis possession on Oak tree Drive
 Possession of Cocaine, vehicle stopped on Hengoed Avenue.

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	5
Hengoed	4
Nelson	1
Maesycwmmmer	3

Ystrad Mynach incidents include

4 out of the 5 were youth related.
 Scooter being driven along path in Ystrad Park
 Off road bike on Cwm Calon
 Scooter being ridden on foot path on Twyn Road
 Issues with college students.

Hengoed incidents include: Only 1 out of the 4 calls were youth ASB – Grass fire on forest Avenue.

Police Surgeries update As per the request from Cllr Parry we have extended our surgeries to 1 hour time slots with bigger gaps between each place. After 2 months if there is no change in the footfall at these surgeries, they will return to half hour slots.

Police Surgeries

Friday 26th May 2023

3:30 – 4:00 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

4:30 – 5:00 @ Nelson library

5:30 – 6:00 @ Maesycwmmmer Community Centre Car Park

Friday 9th June 2023

9:30 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

11:30 – 12:30 @ Nelson library

2:00 – 3:00 @ Maesycwmmmer Community Centre Car Park

Wednesday 21st June 2023

3:00 – 4:00 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

5:00 – 6:00 @ Nelson library

7:00 – 8:00 @ Maesycwmmmer Community Centre Car Park

Monday 3rd July 2023

10:00 – 11:00 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12:00 – 1:00 @ Nelson library

3:00 – 4:00 @ Maesycwmmmer Community Centre Car Park

Monday 17th July 2023

3:00 – 4:00 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

5:00 – 6:00 @ Nelson library

7:30 – 8:30 @ Maesycwmmmer Community Centre Car Park”

Neighbourhood Team Contact details:

Inspector Lysha Thompson

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Sergeant – PS 1555 Thomas Brookes

Thomas.brookes@gwent.police.uk

Crime and reduction Officer – PC 1230 Greg Turley

Stuart.turley@gwent.police.uk

PC 2389 Thomas Bolton

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CO 90 Jenna Price

Jenna.Price@gwent.police.uk

CO 202 Sean Coomer

Sean.Coomer@gwent.police.uk

CO 438 Huw Widlake

Huw.Widlake@gwent.police.uk

CO 484 Victoria Williams

13 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Donna Cushing, Cllr Gaynor Bruford, Cllr Rhianwen Callison and Cllr Wyndham Matthews.

14 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 Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.27

15 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry announced that Hengoed Primary School were having a grand opening of their poly tunnel, forest school area and allotment on 5th June and members were welcome to attend.

16 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 26/04/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

17 Matters Arising

Members are to note 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.

(i) Re: Case Ref. 23/0215/FULL Site Area: 119m² Location: Land At 8 Raglan Road Hengoed (UPRN 000043171160) Proposal: Erect a wooden cabin for the purposes of Air BNB rental Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315409 (E) 195074 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Gelligaer Community Council objected to application no. 23/0215/FULL on the following grounds:

- Sheer size of the building will have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity (noise, overshadowing etc)
- Raglan Road is a very crowded street with insufficient parking and this further business development could potentially exacerbate parking and access problems for neighbouring properties.
- We have concerns that the proposed business would set a precedence.

(ii) Re: 23/0254/HH and 23/0254/HH

Members noted that unfortunately, due to an issue with CCBC's Planning back office system, a decision was granted prior to the end of the 21 statutory consultation period for the weekly list which meant we were unable to respond to these two applications. CCBC are hoping to rectify the issue, so that it doesn't happen again.

18 Finance Year Ending 31st March 2023

These are the Final Accounts for the council which will be given to our internal auditor. On completion of the internal audit the Annual Return and accompanying documents will be presented to Council for approval.

(i) Balance of Funds

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 no's 42,43,44,45,46,47,13, 61,62,88 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

19 Finance to 19th May 2023

(i) Balance of Funds

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 no's 48,13 (as above), 63, 89.

20 Audit Wales Arrangements for a Full Audit 2022/23

Members received and noted email from Audit Wales and full audit details.

21 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23

(i) Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Financial Assistance App

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund 3 x tablets and cases and gift to the hospital to help patients with cardio rehabilitation

22 Projects

(i) Project Summary 2023/24 was received and noted

(ii) Glanynant Garden

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the quotation of £268.68 for replacing the cable at Glanynant Garden and also agreed that a living tree be installed in place of the dead tree.

23 Eco Officer – there were no further updates.

24 Training for 2023

(i) OVW training for 2023 was received and noted.

25 CCTV – Gelligaer

The system at Gelligaer is due for its annual review and CCBC are contacting all relevant / interested parties for their views to enable them to make an assessment on the continued use of CCTV.

Below are some statistical information for our area in previous 12 months 01/04/22 to 31/03/23. Police.uk website

For period 01/04/22 to 31/03/23 there were 315 recorded incidents in the Gelligaer area and 35 recorded incidents in or near the area of the cameras.

Council is requested to determine whether or not continued CCTV is justifiable and reasons why.

26 Planning Issues with CCBC – members noted the response from planning and hope that the issues are now resolved.

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

27 Planning Applications

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 date: 09/05/2023

Case Ref. 23/0242/HH Site Area: 277m² Location: 30 Trinity Close Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7DT (UPRN 000043019119) Proposal: Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect two storey side extension and single storey rear extension Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314372 (E) 194004 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated Cllr Martyn James will get back to the clerk if there are any issues.

Case Ref. 23/0286/CLPU Site Area: 183m² Location: 5 Peregrine Close Penallta Hengoed CF82 6AZ (UPRN 000043169045) Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rear flat roof dormer Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (07907 574195 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314133 (E) 195777 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated Cllr Martyn James to get back to the clerk if there are any issues.

Email: 12/05/2023

Case Ref. 23/0184/OUT Site Area: 582m² 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: Council have no objections on the provision that

- (i) the number of car parking spaces is appropriate to the size of the business
- (ii) planning is rescinded and the car wash business is not re-opened.
- (iii) the gate be replaced with a permanent fence.

Case Ref. 23/0309/HH Site Area: 206m² Location: 10 Penybryn Terrace Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GF (UPRN 000043011459) Proposal: Erect hip to gable loft conversion with rear dormer Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313647 (E) 195964 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 23/0315/LA Site Area: 7939m² Location: Trinity Fields School And Resource Centre Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7XW (UPRN 000043020848) Proposal: Erect a two storey extension, single storey link to form a new main entrance to the school and additional parking Case Officer: Elizabeth Rowley (07850 916862 : rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314485 (E) 193997 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Council objected on the grounds of

- (i) Taking away a green space will threaten the well being and health of local people
- (ii) It could affect the Green Flag status on the park
- (iii) Parking between two rugby pitches will undoubtedly raise issues of safety.
- (iv) Potentially increases the risk of flooding
- (v) Loss of biodiversity

28 Next meeting Date: Wednesday 28th June 2023, 7.00pm Gelligaer Community Council office.

Meeting closed at 10.22pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 28th June 2023