

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2023 7.30pm 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, M James, A McCarthy, T Parry (Chair), H Pritchard, J Pritchard and A Wood* (Vice Chair).

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Local resident Mr Wilkes* attended as an observer to the planning item.

* denotes remote attendance.

Chair Cllr Teresa welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The order of the agenda was changed so that the planning item would feature at the start of the meeting as opposed to the end, to accommodate Mr Wilkes.

49 Apologies – apologies were received from Cllrs Rhianwen Callison, D Cushing, C Moss and W Matthews due to other commitments.

50 Declarations of Interest

Councillors and Officers 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. 52 – Planning

Cllr Roger Bevan declared an interest in Minute no.61 (v) – St Cattwg Speed Watch Financial Assistance

Cllr Haydn Pritchard arrived at the meeting and declared an interest in Minute no.61 (v) – St Cattwg Speed Watch – Financial Assistance

51 Public Participation - members of the public are requested to speak with the clerk in advance of the meeting should they wish to address members on a particular agenda item.

Mr Wilkes expressed that he hadn't contacted the clerk as he was merely in attendance as an observer to a planning application 23/0475/HH.

Cllr Alan Angel left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

52 Planning Applications

Planning applications were received and discussed and the following resolutions were carried. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Date/Dyddiad: 18/07/2023 Case Ref: 23/0475/HH

Bridget Jones-Crabtree Telephone/Ffon: 07850 916850

E Mail/E Bost: planning@caerphilly.gov.uk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Erect two storey duo-pitch rear extension 11

Firecrest Walk Penallta Hengoed CF82 6BE GRID REFERENCE - 314265(E) 196065(N)

If you require further extensive information such as a traffic impact assessment, noise survey or wildlife survey, or something that should be secured through a section 106 agreement such as affordable housing, playspace, etc please let us know within 10 days of the date of this communication. We will endeavour to identify where such information is needed and approach you within that latter timescale for confirmation.

RESOLVED: No objections

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Cllr Martyn James chaired the next item.

Date/Dyddiad: 17/07/2023 Case Ref. 23/0444/TPO Site Area: 14m²
 Location: 8 Kingswood Close Hengoed CF82 7LU (UPRN 000043030500)
 Proposal: Carry out various tree works (Tree Preservation Order 49/82/RVDC)
 Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ☐ 07907 574195 ☐ stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk
 Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315272 (E) 195156 (N)
 Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objections as we will rely on the professional advice of the tree preservation officer.

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry returned to the chamber to chair the meeting.

Mr Wilkes was thanked for his remote attendance, and he subsequently left the meeting.

Cllr Alan Angel returned to the chamber.

53 Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards – reports were received and noted for June.

There was no police presence and therefore members agreed to contact their local PCSO's should they wish to raise matters relating to the reports and/or any new issues of concern.

Police Update - St Cattwg's Ward June 2023

Crimes logged between-01/06/23 & 30/06/23

139 calls

Incidents include:

- Violence against the person- 29
- Highway disruption- 3
- Road related offences- 7
- Missing persons- 1
- Concern for safety- 7
- ASB- 8
- Theft and handling- 6
- Domestic incidents- 5
- Criminal damage- 3
- Sexual offences- 0
- Other/ police generated incidents-70

ASB

No incidents of note.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

No incidents of note.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Operation Harley is still ongoing x1 warning was issued to a vehicle on Gelligaer common, x2 incidents involving off road bikes on Hengoed road, will look to add this as a deployment area for the next operation.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

No incidents of note.

Police Update - Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed Wards June 2023

Figures from 1st – 30th June 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	46 (48 with Custody related crimes)
Hengoed	42

Ystrad Mynach incidents include

Violence Without Injury	17	35%
Violence With Injury	8	17%
Criminal Damage & Arson	7	15%
Public Order Offences	6	13%
Drug Offences	2	4%
Shoplifting	2	4%
All Other Theft	1	2%
Possession Of Weapons	1	2%
Residential Burglary	1	2%
Vehicle Crime	1	2%

Son causing damage to house – Heathlands

Deliberate grass fire – Penallta Rocks

Neighbour damaging plants – Brynmynach Ave

Service user caused damage x2

Callers van smashed up – Buzzard Way

Paint thrown over car – Coed yr haf

There was an attempt theft of Fiesta ST on Central St – vehicle owner disturbed them – offenders not caught.

There was an attempt break into house in Pantycelyn St – damage caused to front door no entry gained.

2 thefts from Spar – 1 offender charged for one of the offences.

Possession of weapon & 1 drug offence relates to incident in Brynview Avenue.

Hengoed incidents include

Violence Without Injury	14	33%
Violence With Injury	7	17%
Criminal Damage & Arson	6	14%
Vehicle Crime	6	14%
Misc Crimes Against Society	5	12%
Public Order Offences	3	7%

Ex threw a chair at vehicle – Birch Crescent

Male kicked off @ Crosskeys Inn

Partner smashed up address – Hengoed Hall Drive

Window put through on house – Hengoed Road

Damage to garage roof – Park Road

Son damaged house – Birch crescent

There was a large number of vehicle crime – this is Caerphilly borough wide for a number of makes of vehicle.

Motor bike stolen – Heol Celyn

Front grill stolen of van – Hengoed Hall Drive

Car stolen from Hengoed Train station.

Theft of vehicle – Old School Grange

Partner took vehicle without consent – Oaktree Drive

Theft of vehicle – Lansbury Avenue.

Some of the misc crimes against society relate to –

Threats to commit arson – Lansbury Avenue

Threats to cause violence – Gelligaer Road

Breach of bail – Birch Crescent

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	6
Hengoed	2
Nelson	9
Maesycwmmmer	3

Ystrad Mynach incidents include:

3 are neighbour dispute related.

Young children playing ball in street – Beech Embankment

Noisy youths gathered in lane – Cylla Lodge

Youths damaging fences – Station Road.

Hengoed incidents include –

No youth related ASB

Team Initiatives and Operations:

Op Harley is designed to tackle off road bikes, quads, 4x4`s as an ongoing operation. As part of our intelligence

gathering, we have been out in the community.

and given 2 Section 59 warnings to males on an

off-road bike using the Viaduct in Maesycwmmmer.

Crime prevention leaflets on keyless entry vehicles and how to keep them safe from being stolen, have been delivered to a number of streets where vehicles have been stolen over the 4 wards.

Police Surgeries:

Wednesday 9th August 2023

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12:30 – 1:00 @ Hengoed Train Station Car Park

2:00 – 2:30 @ Nelson library

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

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

2:00 – 2:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

3:30 – 4:00 @ Hengoed Train Station Car Park

5:00 – 5:30 @ Nelson library

7:30 – 8:00 @ Maesycwmmmer Community Centre Car Park

Monday 11th September 2023

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12:30 – 1:00 @ Hengoed Train Station Car Park

2:00 – 2:30 @ Nelson library

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

Monday 25th September 2023

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12:30 – 1:00 @ Hengoed Train Station Car Park

2:00 – 2:30 @ Nelson library

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

54 Solar panels – Mr Paul Cooke – deferred to September.

55 Groundwork Wales – Mr Hywel Tanner-Jones – deferred to September.

56 Annual Report 2022/23 – retired Chair Cllr Martyn James

Retired Chair Cllr Martyn James presented his report to members, which will also be published on our website.

He was thanked again for his term of office.

“It has been an honour and privilege to have served the Gelligaer Community Council as Chair for the past year.

This year has been a busy and challenging one. Following the 2022 council elections we elected seven new Community Councillors to our team and they are all now working tirelessly to enhance and support our communities. I am also pleased to say that all our Community Councillors are now Plaid Cymru representatives.

There have been many challenges, not least with the cost of living crisis which has affected us all. With this in mind our Community Council agreed once again not to raise the Community Council tax charge and managed to continue to support our volunteer led organisations in the community. We have seen an unprecedented rise in the needs of our local food banks and we have supported their essential work this year and will continue to do so in the future.

It was good to celebrate the champions of our community at our annual event at Llancaiach Fawr where individuals were thanked for their services to voluntary causes in our area.

I enjoyed visiting local residents who were celebrating special birthdays and anniversaries. It was an honour to share their special day.

We have continued to develop environmental projects in our areas, organising litter clean-ups and tree planting. To further enhance our environmental work we have employed a part time environment officer to advise and work on future projects.

Working with volunteers we entered the “Wales in Bloom” competition for the first time and won the Silver Gilt Award in the small towns category. We were delighted to see such wonderful contribution from schools in the area with their colourful wheelbarrow displays.

I would like to pass on my best wishes to the long-standing Community Councillors that stood down at the last election and thank them for their valued contribution over many years.

I would also like to thank my fellow councillors who have been extremely supportive over the last year and a special thanks to our clerk Ceri Mortimer for her dedication and sound advice. I would like to extend my best wishes to the incoming Chair for a successful and enjoyable year ahead”.

57 Chair’s Announcements

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry had attended the eco book launch at Trinity Fields with fellow Cllrs Alan Angel, Donna Cushing, Martyn James, Cllr Mandy McCarthy, Cllr Judith Pritchard and the clerk Ceri Mortimer. Also in attendance was environmental champion Jayne Garland. The pupils wrote the book in collaboration with children’s author Mike Church and beautifully illustrated by Andy O’Rourke. It is a fantastic book on climate change and will be gifted to all children in our primary schools alongside an interactive book read with Mike Church. Chair Cllr Teresa Parry had obtained a signed copy of the book to gift to ornithologist (bird watcher) Iolo Williams, who endorsed the work and kindly sent a video message to the pupils.

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry and Cllr Haydn Pritchard visited local resident Mrs Megan Thomas with flowers and our very best wishes as she celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and other well-wishers.

- 58 Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 28/06/2023 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 59 Matters Arising** - there were no matters arising.
- 60 Finance to 21st July 2023**
(i) Balance of Funds
 'Balance of Funds' document was received. Approved and signed as an accurate record.
- (ii) Reconciliation** – members noted that there was no reconciliation required.
- (iii) Bank Statements**
 Bank statement no's 91 & 92 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 61 Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24**
(i) Glyngeaer Primary PTA Application No. 8
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Glyngeaer Primary PTA to help with costs towards for sporting equipment
- (ii) Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Allta PTA Application No. 9**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Allta PTA to help towards costs for events
- (iii) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd Application No.10**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Eisteddfod y Cymoedd
- (iv) Vicarage Allotment Association Application no.11**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Vicarage Allotment Association
- Cllr Haydn Pritchard and Cllr Roger Bevan declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.*
- (v) St Cattwg Community Speed Watch Application no. 12**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to pledge the sum of £500 to St Cattwg Community Speed Watch
- 62 Projects**
(i) Project Summary 2023/24 – was received and noted
(ii) Eco Officer Update – was received and noted. Clerk to provide the officer with keys to the office and shed. Maps and areas for suitable development have been provided.
(iii) Plaque – Lance Corporal Haydn Carlyle Phillips
 Sourcing a brass plaque of good quality for engraving, to match the one at St Cattwg's Church is proving difficult. Therefore, having to further liaise with Father Gary. Process has started with Diocese Advisory Committee in time for their September meeting.
(iv) Cymru yn ei Blodau ~ Wales in Bloom, Ystrad Mynach
 Members discussed removing the competition from the barrows next year because they are all worthy winners. Certificates and gifts will be presented to all schools this year.
(v) New Project: Penallta Rugby Minis & Juniors
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,032 to cover the cost of purchasing a VEO camera, which can be used to aid performance.
- 63 Vacancy exists - Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Bro Allta** (deferred from last meeting)
 Clerk to make enquiries.

64 Training for 2023

- (i) OVW training for 2023 was received and noted. Cllr Gaynor Bruford requested to attend H&S on 15/8 – the clerk will book it.
- (ii) GAVO training was received and noted. Members are required to complete an application form to express an interest in the first instance.
- (iii) Schedule for publication was received and updated.

65 Twyn Hywel Energy – proposed turbines on Eglwysilan Common

Members received and discussed correspondence from Nelson Community Council and our clerk's response and reaffirmed that Gelligaer Community Council are unanimously in favour of clean renewable energy and therefore supported the proposed turbines.
Clerk to write to Bute Energy in relation to community benefit.

66 CCBC Planning

Correspondence in relation to improved planning application processes was received and noted, so that applications are not approved prematurely. Members felt that CCBC should aim to get the translation of all applications as a matter of priority.

67 Licensing

Council ratified, under delegated powers, the clerk's response to the Licensing and Gambling Committee, following consultation with members, with written and verbal representation opposing Pizza Bites extending their opening hours on the grounds of public nuisance to nearby residents and their fundamental right to peace and quiet after 11pm, having been subject to noise from trading and traffic during the day.

- Sunday to Thursday 11pm – 12pm
- Friday to Saturday 11pm – 1am

68 Pre- planning Application - Cornerstone

Members received and noted proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at CTIL 12837522 pavement outside Business Park, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7FN
NGR E: 313780 N: 194571

**69 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 27th September 2023, 7.00pm
Gelligaer Community Council office.**

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 27th September 2023