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**NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 at 7.00pm**

19th October 2023

**Chair and Members of Gelligaer Community Council**

**Dear Chair/Councillors**

You are summoned to attend the **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** of Gelligaer Community Council which will be held on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 at 7.00pm** at Gelligaer Community Council Office, Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol, Hengoed CF82 8BB

The meeting will be in a MULTI-LOCATIONAL format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

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The business to be transacted is set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely

Ceri Mortimer

Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors and Officers are 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.

### 3. Twyn Hywel Wind Farm – Bute Energy

To receive presentation and discuss

4. **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

5. **Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards** – to receive and discuss reports for Sept/October 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.

### 6. Chair’s Announcements

### 7. Minutes

To receive and if approved to confirm and sign the **Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 4/10/2023** as an accurate record.

### 8. Matters Arising

In respect of planning application case ref: 23/0617/FULL Minute no. 88 and our comments submitted to CCBC’s planning department, consultants acting of behalf of Bryn Compost have emailed the following response to us and CCBC.

#### 1. Intensification of use

*The proposal does not propose additional throughput but seeks to accommodate changes which optimise the site’s capacity. The level of throughput will continue to be controlled through the site’s permit with NRW. The technical assessments undertaken to support the application (i.e. Landscape and Visual Statement and Air Quality Assessment) have considered the proposals in the context of the cumulative development at the site and find that the proposals are acceptable.*

*The benefits of the site’s operation and its importance to the Council is highlighted in the Council’s planning policy guidance within the Ystrad Mynach Masterplan SPG (see Paras 5.23 and 5.24) and has been recognised by a planning inspector considering the site as part of a previous appeal:*

*“My attention was also drawn to the significant benefits in terms of its contribution to wider waste and sustainability objectives. The evidence was that the facility plays a key role in receiving green and food waste collected from residents. The Council has not raised any issue in relation to the facility in terms of the strategic policies of the Local Development Plan and I have no reason to disagree... The appellant points out that this is the waste site on which the Council relies to service its waste collections for recyclables and organic waste. It is disingenuous for the Local Planning Authority to state that this is not a planning matter. It is clearly a matter of importance to its waste collection functions.” (APP/K6920/A/18/3203497 Appeal Decision)*

#### 2. Visual amenity

*The submitted Landscape and Visual Statement prepared by McQuitty Landscape Design concludes that:*

*“The location of the proposed AD amendment development benefits from a high degree of enclosure from existing consented buildings and structures which themselves are set within a strong framework of previous earth mounding and mitigation planting, much of the latter now well established.*

*In this context, the proposed development represents a very small landscape and visual change which will result in generally negligible landscape and visual effects on the surrounding landscape and identified visual receptors.*

*It is our view therefore that this proposed development would have no unacceptable landscape and visual effects, including on the geographically extensive locally designated Mynydd Eglwysilan Special Landscape Area.”*

### 3. Air and ground pollution

*In terms of air pollution, the air quality assessment concludes that the development will have an insignificant impact on Nelson Bog SSSI. The author of the report has provided the below summary of the assessment methodology undertaken:*

*Computer based atmospheric dispersion modelling has been used to determine the pattern of discharge from the Bryn Power installation enabling an assessment of the impact of the existing and proposed plant on local air quality.*

*Atmospheric dispersion modelling provides a means of estimating the potential impacts of emissions, by modelling the dispersion of a plume or plumes exiting a chimney in relation to a number of key parameters. This enables the calculation of an estimated contribution to ground level pollutant concentrations arising from the releases, prior to the development or authorisation of new or modified plant. The model applied was the CERC ADMS software (version 5.2) which is one of a number of models used routinely in the UK for this sort of application.*

*The data inputs included emissions releases from each of the relevant combustion units at the site – it is therefore based on actual readings attached to the existing CHP installations. Where extractive test data were available for the processes, information on the release characteristics such as temperature and volumetric flow of the flue gases were applied to the model. Where no such data was available, for example for the new processes, data on the anticipated releases when operating at maximum capacity was obtained from the technology providers.*

*Pollutants have been assumed to be released concurrently and continuously at the maximum permitted levels. This should result in a worst-case assessment as the processes should emit pollutants up to the specified emission concentrations but should always aim to remain within the permitted limits. Assuming that plant discharge pollutants at the maximum permitted concentrations on a continuous basis is therefore generally considered to result in a more conservative assessment, rather than modelling measured emissions which are often lower than the permitted limit.*

*The proposal does not have any impact on the surface water drainage regime. The area of impermeable surface will not increase as a result of the development, and therefore the ability of the site to absorb rainwater is not affected. The site is already served by existing drainage infrastructure and the development will not directly affect the function of this system, its ability to take rainwater or the volume of rainwater that it is required to carry. The proposals fall below the threshold requiring SAB approval. The application will therefore not have any impact on drainage.*

### 4. Highway considerations

*The proposals do not result in the overall site processing more waste than presently received at the site as regulated by the relevant Environmental Permits, but rather enables it to be utilised more efficiently. Accordingly, there will be no increase in vehicle movements. Likewise, this application does not seek any extension to the existing controlled hours of operation. Construction impacts will be adequately controlled.*

## **9. Finance to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **(i) Balance of Funds**

To receive, confirm and approve 'Balance of Funds' document

### **(ii) Reconciliation**

To receive, confirm and approve reconciliation document

### **(iii) Bank Statements**

To receive, confirm and approve bank statements

## **10. Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24 – (late applications may be tabled)**

- (i) Caerphilly Veterans Support Hub
- (ii) Michael Climer Legacy Fund – Trinity Church Food Cooperative
- (iii) Wales Air Ambulance

- (iv) Greenhill Primary PTA
- (v) Tiryberth Primary PTA
- (vi) Trinity Fields PTA
- (vii) Ystrad Mynach Primary PTA

#### **11. Biodiversity/Eco Officer Update**

To receive and note report and ratify proposal no.4 which is the purchase and planting of spring bulbs on the banking on the entrance to Penybryn village.

#### **12. Projects**

- (i) Project Summary 2023/24 – to receive and discuss
- (ii) To ratify the purchase of 3 x soldier silhouettes to replace damaged silhouettes at Cefn Hengoed/ Glanynant Memorial/Tiryberth Memorial at a cost of £580 to the RBL
- (iii) To ratify the cost of £270 for repairs to our Christmas lighting following a PAT test.
- (iv) To receive new project proposal – Disability CAN DO
- (v) To receive further quotations for flood lights at Gelligaer FC

#### **13. Armistice Service Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

- (i) To receive lamp post poppies and ties for installation 1-2 weeks prior to Armistice day and to remove 1-2 weeks after the event. Risk assessment to be emailed to members.
- (ii) To receive wreaths for the following memorials
  - Cefn Hengoed/Hengoed Memorial – Derwendeg School
  - St Catwg's Church Memorial
  - Tiryberth Memorial
  - Ystrad Mynach Memorial – YYF
- (iii) To receive and note times of services.

#### **14. Ystrad Mynach Christmas Fayre Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

To discuss fronting the stall, raffle, Santa, elves and switch on at 5pm

#### **15. Pantomime**

Tickets and posters to be collected from the office 1<sup>st</sup> week of November – clerk will email members

#### **16. Boundary Commission Draft Proposals on Community Arrangements**

- (i) To receive and note report pages 17 – 24  
Members to note:  
An increase in Community Councillors in Ystrad Mynach from 3 to 4  
An increase in Community Councillors in Cascade from 2 to 3  
A decrease in Community Councillors in Greenhill from 3 to 2  
Under the new proposed arrangements Gelligaer Community Council will have a total of 14 members as opposed to 13.
- (ii) Llanbradach Farm currently lies within the Ystrad Mynach Ward. Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council are proposing to move Llanbradach Farm from Ystrad Mynach to within the Llanbradach boundary as it is closer to the village than it is to the town of Ystrad Mynach. Gelligaer CC members are requested to agree the proposal.

#### **17. Vacancy exists - Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Bro Allta (deferred from last meeting)**

Nominations required.

#### **18. Training for 2023**

- (i) To receive OVW training for 2023
- (ii) To approve Schedule for publication – which will be constantly updated.

- 19. Planning Applications** (any additional applications will be tabled at meeting)  
To receive & discuss planning applications. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to [planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk) within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Case Ref. 23/0691/LA Site Area: 62m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Trinity Fields School And Resource Centre Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach  
Hengoed CF82 7XW (UPRN 000043020848)

Proposal: Erect a sprinkler tank, pump house and hydrant tank

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

- 20. Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, 7.00pm  
Gelligaer Community Council office.**