

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 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, M James, W Matthews, C Moss, T Parry (Chair), H Pritchard, and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Teresa welcomed everyone to the meeting.

70 Police Update

St Cattwg - July 2023

Crimes logged between-01/07/23 & 31/07/23

110 calls

Incidents include:

Violence against the person- 19

Highway disruption- 4

Road related offences- 11

Missing persons- 1

Concern for safety- 13

ASB- 8

Theft and handling- 7

Domestic incidents- 7

Criminal damage- 1

Sexual offences- 0

Other/ police generated incidents-39

ASB

Report of cars doing doughnuts in Gwaun Fro, Penpedairheol.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

No incidents of note.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Operation Harley is still ongoing x1 warning was issued to a driver on Gelligaer common for driving off road on the common.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

No incidents of note.

August 2023

Crimes logged between-01/08/23 & 31/08/23

127 calls

Incidents include:

Violence against the person- 27

Highway disruption- 4

Road related offences- 10

Missing persons- 1

Concern for safety- 11

ASB - 5

Theft and handling- 3

Domestic incidents- 4

Criminal damage- 5

Sexual offences- 1

Other/ police generated incidents-56

ASB

Reports of youths causing issues in Green fort hill, Gelligaer, officers have added this area to their patrols.

HIGHWAY DISRUPTION

No incidents of note.

OFF ROAD BIKES

Operation Harley is still ongoing, x1 officer and x1 community support officer have now been allocated to the off road bike team and we look forward to utilising this new team in the area as part of the ongoing operations.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

No incidents of note.

Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed ward

Figures from 1st – 31st July & 1st – 31st August 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards –

Custody has been closed so there is no figures to take off for incidents in custody for July/August.

	July	August
Ystrad Mynach	43	53
Hengoed	38	33

Ystrad Mynach incidents include

July

Violence Without Injury	15	35%
Violence With Injury	8	19%
Criminal Damage & Arson	6	14%
Public Order Offences	6	14%
All Other Theft	3	7%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Residential Burglary	1	2%
Vehicle Crime	1	2%

Vehicle crime –

Range Rover stolen from Buzzard way, Cwm Calon

All other theft –

Blackmail via Snapchat – Tredomen

Theft of fuel – Tesco

Possible cuckooing – Penallta Road

Residential burglary –

Stolen Vauxhall Zafira from rear lane of Central Street – keys left in vehicle.

Criminal damage –

X 2 at Cwrt y Baddondy – Graffiti (bad language) on doors, windows & meter box, 2 days later meter door removed, and bins stacked on top of each other in front of door.

Vehicle smashed up Lisburn Road

Paint & equipment thrown around playground at Ystrad Mynach Primary School.

Old caravan burnt out by youths on land at the rear of Station Road – Landowner who lives up country has been spoken to a number of times in regard to this piece of land and securing it before the fire happened.

August

Violence Without Injury	18	34%
Public Order Offences	8	15%
Violence With Injury	8	15%
All Other Theft	3	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	6%
Shoplifting	3	6%
Vehicle Crime	3	6%
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	4%
Possession Of Weapons	2	4%
Robbery	2	4%

All other theft –

X2 fuel theft from Tesco

Wallet left on bus in Ystrad Mynach town – another person picked it up and didn't hand in to anyone.

Criminal damage –

Damage to door by service user – YYF

Male urinated in Police vehicle & caused damage – Brynmynach Avenue

Youths set of fire extinguisher in Lidl

Shoplifting –

2 x items stolen from Spar

Meat stolen from Lidl

Vehicle crime –

Stolen Mercedes – YYF car park

Tesla damaged in Ystrad Mynach Train Station – Tesla has footage of 2 females responsible, not identified as of yet.

Theft of chainsaw from back of van in railway Junction.

Possession of weapons –

Service user in YYF with 2 knives & scissors

Weapon seen while people fighting in street – Trem yr Olwyn

Robbery –

RTC turned into robbery – Male force to take money out of cash point.

Youth pushed off electric scooter by 4 youths and had it stolen – Ystrad Mynach Train station.

Hengoed incidents include:

July

Violence Without Injury	15	39%
Violence With Injury	7	18%
Criminal Damage & Arson	5	13%
All Other Theft	2	5%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	3%
Residential Burglary	1	3%

Criminal damage –
 Window smashed on house by family member – Gelligaer Road
 Male smashed car window – Derwendeg Avenue – Male arrested
 Windscreen wiper broken off car – trem Penallta
 Damage caused to house by family member – lansbury Avenue
 Spray paint on driveway – Trem Penallta

All other theft –
 Key not returned by builder – Clyne Road
 Money taken by known person – Hengoed Crescent – No complaint forthcoming.

Residential Burglary –
 Garage broken into on Park Road.

August

Violence Without Injury	13	39%
Public Order Offences	7	21%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	9%
Drug Offences	2	6%
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	6%
All Other Theft	1	3%
Shoplifting	1	3%
Vehicle Crime	1	3%
Violence With Injury	1	3%

Shoplifting –
 Tabaco stolen from Magnum stores.

Criminal damage –
 Ex partner damaged belongings – Lansbury Avenue
 Damage to Police Van – Birch Crescent
 Damage to plant pots – Heol Rees

All other thefts –
 Blackmail online – Lansbury Avenue

Drug offences –
 Service user had drugs delivered to house in Beechfield Avenue – Male on remand and moved from the area.
 Male had drugs on him when arrested for another offence – Birch Crescent.

Vehicle crime –
 Number plates stolen – Kings Hill

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed Ward

	July	August
Ystrad Mynach	3	6
Hengoed	4	7

Ystrad Mynach incidents include:

July

No youth ASB

August

Youths in the bath house on Cwm Calon
 Off Road bikes on Buttercup Close

Hengoed incidents include:

July

Off road bikes – Lansbury Avenue

Off road bikes – Kings Hill

August

Youths messing with front door of house on Hengoed Crescent.

- 71 **Apologies** - apologies were received from Cllrs A McCarthy due to operation, D Cushing due to illness, G Bruford and A Wood due to holiday and R Callison due to work commitments.
- 72 **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 A Angel declared an interest in minute no. 88 - planning
- 73 **Public Participation** - there were no members of the public present or online.
- 74 **Chair's Announcements**
Chair Cllr Teresa Parry announced that she had made a donation to Cefn Hengoed Food Distribution and Hengoed Primary School PTA.
- 75 **Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 26/07/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 76 **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.
- 77 **Finance to 22nd September 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 52,51,50,68, 95,94 & 93 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 78 **Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**
(i) Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir Application No. 13
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir
(ii) Cefn Hengoed OAP Application No. 14
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £400 to Cefn Hengoed OAP
(iii) Ystrad Mynach Male Voice Choir Application No. 15
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Ystrad Mynach Male Voice Choir
(iv) Cerebral Palsy Cymru Application No. 16
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Cerebral Palsy Cymru
- 79 **Biodiversity/Eco Officer Update**
Members received and noted Mr A King's report and approved the following project proposals:
1. Purchase & install 4 hedgehog houses in the grounds of St Catwg's, Gelligaer
2. Purchase & install wildflower turf and fruit trees in nature area opposite Portofino's
3. Purchase and install wildflower seed for the Oak Leaf roundabout and nearby stone planters.

80 Projects

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

(iii) Plaque – Lance Corporal Haydn Carlyle Phillips

Clerk and Father Gary were meeting to complete a faculty for submission to the Llandaff Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for approval.

Father Gary has been instructed to source a brass plaque, to match like for like, a plaque currently on the wall in the church.

(iii) Cymru yn ei Blodau ~ Wales in Bloom, Ystrad Mynach

Members thanked Cllr Martyn James and volunteer Mrs Alyson James for attending the Denbigh awards whereby we received a silver gilt again, which was wonderful news. It was noted that we were 5 points away from a gold award.

The volunteers were looking to meet for a debrief and talks will take place in relation to setting up a constituted group if the volunteers wanted to pursue that.

(v) Bench on junction between B4254 and Glyngaer-

RESOLVED: Council agreed to ratify the purchase of a 3 seater captains bench made from recycled plastic at the cost of £340 plus installation costs.

(vi) Memorial Book – Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed

Members agreed that Mrs Jennifer Pritchard and Mrs Margaret Church would need to source a publisher and discuss with them options for the layout of the book.

(vii) Meadow Farm School Visits

Information was received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the project in spring/summer 2024 for all year 6 primary schools and up to 30 pupils and carers of Trinity Fields School.

81 Armed Forces Covenant

Members received and noted the Armed Forces Covenant, signed by Gelligaer Community Council, to stand by our promise and commitment in honouring and supporting the Armed Forces Community.

Members will discuss again how we can support the Armed Forces Community.

82 Vacancy exists - Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Bro Allta (deferred from last meeting) Deferred again.

83 Training for 2023

(i) OVW training for October 2023 – will be emailed to members

84 Twyn Hywel Energy – proposed turbines on Eglwysilan Common

Members noted that Bute Energy have confirmed their attendance to our next meeting on 25th October 2023 to discuss the wind turbine project and community benefit.

85 RESOLVED: Council agreed to move a resolution to exclude the press and public for the next item, due to it being of a confidential nature.

86 Confidential Item - the confidential item was discussed.

87 RESOLVED: Council agreed to re-open the meeting to the public.

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

88 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were received and discussed:

Case Ref. 23/0612/FULL Site Area: 652m²

Location: Bedwen Arian King's Hill Hengoed CF82 7NH (UPRN 000043088992)

Proposal: Demolish existing outbuilding and erect two storey ancillary dwelling

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows 07874 641749 burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315220 (E) 195040 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 23/0072/COU Site Area: 355m² Location: Harp Inn St Cattwg's Avenue Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FE (UPRN 000043012335) Proposal: Convert the first floor of public house to 3 No. residential apartments Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (07874 641749 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313560 (E) 196888 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 23/0617/FULL Site Area: 161m²
Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)
Proposal: Install a combined Heat and Power Engine and Flue along with associated works
Case Officer: Anthony Pyne ☐ 07850 916854 ☐ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N)
Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: Council objected on the following grounds:
ADDENDUM

1. Intensification of use

The application is for the installation of an additional CHP engine in addition to the existing CHP engines already on the site. The Bryn Group through its various activities- farming, quarrying, recycling, composting of green waste and treatment of food waste- has expanded its activities over a number of years with a considerable detrimental effect on the wellbeing of local residents. They have experienced intermittent smells of different types, noise and dust from the quarrying operations and increased levels of heavy goods vehicles on the local roads. Although the application does not propose additional throughput, this application seeks to double the CHP capacity to make the existing operation more efficient. It is difficult to believe that additional throughput will not follow the granting of this application, especially in view of CCBC's emerging waste strategy which will almost certainly seek to increase more recycling of food waste which will be delivered to Bryn Group. Any intensification of use would definitely not be in the best interests of the residents of Gelligaer and Penybryn.

2. Visual amenity

The flue attached to the proposed CHP installation will be almost twice the height of the flues on the existing engines and will be a further intrusion on what were pleasant countryside views.

3. Air and ground pollution

Calculations of possible emissions in the report attached to the planning application appear to be based on modelling, not on actual readings attached to the existing CHP installations. This is not satisfactory.

The report acknowledges that there may be excess acid deposition on the Nelson bog SINC. There have already been drainage issues with surplus water entering waterways in a previous Bryn Group application and the cumulative effect of over-intensification on this site is a matter of considerable concern.

4. Highway considerations

The granting of this planning application is likely to lead to a greater number of vehicular movements through both Gelligaer and Nelson.

**89 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 25th October 2023, 7.00pm
Gelligaer Community Council office.**

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 25th October 2023