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NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm

14th November 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 22nd November 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. 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.

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. **Chair's Announcements**

6. **Minutes**

To receive and if approved to confirm and sign the **Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 25/10/2023** as an accurate record.

7. **Matters Arising**

In respect of the following planning applications and the 21-day statutory deadline for comments, the clerk following consultation with members and under delegated powers, responded to CCBC's planning department with the following observations :

Case Ref. 23/0586/COU Site Area: 49m² Location: Ashleys Barber Shop Heol Edward Lewis Gelligaer (UPRN 000043164473) Proposal: Change the use of existing Barber shop to Takeaway (Class A3) Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (07874 641749 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313520 (E) 196849 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objections on the proviso a condition is attached whereby a bin is to be placed outside for customers to put their discarded wrappings in, and the bin is to be emptied and disposed of by the operator of the takeaway.

Case Ref. 23/0739/LA Site Area: 2978m² Location: Various Properties At Aneurin Bevan Ave, Dan-y-graig Road, Gaer Place, Greenhill Place, Haman Place, Heol Cattwg, Heol Edward Lewis, Heol Y Waun & St Cattwgs Avenue Gelligaer (UPRN 000043011874) Proposal: Rebuild existing front walls with new dwarf wall, 215mm wide, brick with brick coping, structure min height 0.3m, max height 1.6m to both houses and flats, demolish existing defective front walls and rebuild wall with steel fence behind, to include new access gates, walls to be constructed adjacent to front footpath Aneurin Bevan Avenue, 2,13,16,18,19,20,21,28,30,25-31,33-39,41,43,63-69,87. Dan y Gaer, 4,6,9,10-16. Gaer Place, 6-12,14-20. Greenhill Place, 2-8,5-11,10-14,18-24,29-35,40,42-48,53,59,61-67. Haman Place,5- 11,4,6-12,13-19,14-20,21,23. Heol Cattwg, 13,19,21,47,49-55. Heol Edward Lewis,5- 11,10,13-19,16,21-27,22,24,26,29-35,37,40,41-47,46,49-55,52,54,56,57-63, Heol y Waun 1,2,6,7,8, 10-16,18-24,23,26-32,34-40, 27. St Cattwgs Av, 5-11,19,27,29,33,37,90,94 Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (07907 574195 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313329 (E) 196691 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

ADDENDUM:

Previous comment has been retracted from the agenda and replaced with the following corrected comment, which has been submitted to CCBC's Planning.

RESOLVED: Gelligaer Community Council objects to this application as we deem the application as poorly worded and therefore we would like it withdrawn and resubmitted with sufficient information to make a judgement.

"Rebuild existing front walls with new dwarf wall, 215mm wide, brick with brick coping, structure min height 0.3m, max height 1.6m to both houses and flats, demolish existing defective front walls and rebuild wall with steel fence behind, to include new access gates, walls to be constructed adjacent to front footpath..."

It is impossible from this application to form an impression of how the estate will look after the work is completed. More detail on individual dwellings and streets is needed. The application does not explain how LDP7 will be respected. For instance the materials used are to be in keeping with the rest of the area, red brick and railings. In relation to height, LDP7 outlines that *"new boundary treatments should not obstruct views of the house from the street, and views of the street from the house"*.

Gelligaer Community Council further notes that this is a retrospective application submitted by a department of CCBC, as work has already begun. This is not good practice and sets a bad example to residents when the council does not follow its own procedures.

Case Ref: 23/0675/COU Site Area: 156m² Location: 21 Kingswood Close Hengoed CF82 7LU (UPRN 000043079257) Proposal: Change the use of domestic garage to a Hair Salon
Case Officer: Joe Simmons (07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed
Map Ref: 315278 (E) 195083 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Objection on the following grounds:

1. Intrusion of a commercial activity into a residential street at the end of a cul-de-sac
2. Traffic congestion. Clients would almost all arrive by car and would drive down an already heavily congested street with very little parking available for residents' visitors. Parking would be provided en-site but there is no guarantee that clients would use it- they may compound existing parking problems by parking on the street.
3. Surface water drainage/flooding problems caused by the conversion of a lawn to a hard-standing

8. Finance to 18th November 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 statement no. 97

9. Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24 – (late applications may be tabled)

- (i) Bargoed and District Art Society
- (ii) Rhymney Valley Music Club

10. Biodiversity/Eco Officer Update

To receive and note report and ratify proposal no.5 which is the planting of a replacement tree at Greenhill Primary School.

11. Projects

(i) Project Summary 2023/24 – to receive and discuss

(ii) Greenhouse

Council is requested to consider renting a community plot at the Vicarage Allotments and to fund the supply and installation of a greenhouse for the safe storage of plants over the winter and to potentially bring plants on in the summer. A water butt will also be required to collect rain from the greenhouse and a composter for our green waste which we currently bag for CCBC to remove. The greenhouse will serve our town and villages.

(iii) RBL Silhouettes

- (a) Greenhill Primary – see email
- (b) Glyngaer Primary

(iv) Ystrad Mynach Calendars 2024 – to discuss

12. Christmas Fayre – feedback

13. Pantomime Update

14. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)

Re: Community and Town Councils Councillor Allowances - Homeworking arrangements and consumables

To receive and note correspondence from the IRPW confirming that homeworking expenses (£156) and consumables (£52) are no longer subject to PAYE.

15. NJC - Local Government Service Pay Agreement

To receive correspondence in relation to the salary award for 2023/24 whereby the clerk's salary at SCP28 from £18.05 per hour to £19.05 per hour.

A Council resolution is requested to implement the increase as soon as possible including back pay from April 2023.

16. Information on RAAC in Buildings

To receive and note

17. Welsh Government Guidance on Separated Waste Collections

To receive and note Guidance, which is applicable from April 2024

18. Vacancies exist - Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at

- **Ysgol Bro Allta** (deferred from last meeting)
Nominations required
- **Trinity Fields School** –see attached correspondence.
Nominations required

19. Training for 2023/24

(i) To receive OVW training for 2023/24

20. 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 within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

**21. Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 13th December 2023, 7.00pm
Gelligaer Community Council office.**