

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 7.00pm 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, M James, R Bevan, G Bruford, C Moss, H Pritchard, J Pritchard and A Wood (Vice Chair).

Clerk: C Mortimer

Vice Chair Cllr A Wood took to the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

110. Apologies – apologies were received from Cllrs A McCarthy, T Parry and R Callison due to illness and D Cushing due to caring duties.

111. 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 Judith Pritchard declared an interest in minute no. 119 (ii) Rhymney Valley Music Club.

Clerk Ceri Mortimer declared an interest in minute no. 125 - NJC Salary Award.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no.130 – Planning.

113. Police Update for Hengoed, Ystrad Mynach and St Cattwg Ward

Council Report for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed wards Numbers from 1st – 31st October 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	48
Hengoed	32

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

Violence Without Injury	19	40%
Public Order Offences	11	23%
Criminal Damage & Arson	7	15%
All Other Theft	4	8%
Violence With Injury	3	6%
Commercial Burglary	2	4%
Residential Burglary	1	2%
Vehicle Crime	1	2%

Criminal damage –

Paint thrown at house, known offender – Cwrt y Baddondy.

Car window smashed – happened in Tiryberth caller lives in Cwm Calon possibly why crimed under Ystrad Mynach.

Plants & pots damaged – ongoing dispute -Brynmynach Ave.

Damage to letter box flap – offender known – Glen View

2 x Pumpkins damaged – 2 named youths -Griffin Drive

Youths kicked door – no damage, youths named – Swallowfield Drive.

Commercial Burglary –
 Coleg y Cymoedd – Ex staff member stole money.
 Ystrad Headshop – Clothing & shoes stolen – offender caught & charged.

Residential Burglary
 Window tampered with on Buttercups Close.

All other theft –
 Fruit trees stolen – Ongoing dispute – Brynmynach Avenue
 Medication stolen by agency nurse – YYF
 Staff members mobile stolen off till – Ystrad Mynach
 Bank card left in ATM and taken by next user - Tesco.

Hengoed incidents include –

Violence Without Injury	8	25%
Criminal Damage & Arson	7	22%
Public Order Offences	6	19%
Misc Crimes Against Society	3	9%
Residential Burglary	2	6%
Vehicle Crime	2	6%
Violence With Injury	2	6%
All Other Theft	1	3%
Theft From The Person	1	3%

All other theft –
 Theft of scrap – Park Road

Vehicle crime –
 Car stolen – Hill View
 Another showing as crime for car stolen but this has been cancelled as a crime as not stolen.

Residential burglary –
 House entered & keys taken belonging to offender’s vehicles – Oaktree Drive
 House broken into Ael y Bryn – Known offender.

Misc crimes against society –
 Unwanted video of sexual nature received – Heol Rees
 Unwanted video of sexual nature sent – Ael y Bryn.
 Threats to burn down house – Ael y Bryn.

Criminal damage –
 Windscreen & wing mirrors smashed – Hawthorne Ave
 Fence set on fire – Unknown offender- Lansbury Avenue
 Window smashed on house – known offender – Cefn Rd
 Damage to shed – Ael y Bryn – known offender.
 Hammer thrown at car smashing window – Hengoed Rd
 Damage caused to house phone – Hill View
 Car window smashed Trem Penallta – Known offender.

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

Ystrad Mynach	7
Hengoed	3

Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

- Youths gathering from college under railway bridge on their breaks – Twyn Rd
- Group of drunken youths under the bridge by dog track
- Off road bikes – Penallta Park

Hengoed incidents include –

Youths causing issues – Hill View

Upcoming events

Ystrad Mynach Neighbourhood team have 3 Christmas craft events being run at Ystrad Mynach library for youths with a visit from Santa during December. They are on a ticket basis being booked through the library themselves due to the large amount of youths and parents that attended the Halloween event we held.

Police Surgeries

Wednesday 30th November 2023

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

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

Monday 4th December 2023

2:00 – 2:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

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

Thursday 21st December 2023

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

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

Council Report for St Cattwg ward.

Numbers from 1st-31st October 2023

Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for St Cattwg Ward.

St Cattwg	50
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↑ Crime Category	# of Crimes	%
Total	50	100%
Violence Without Injury	20	40%
Violence With Injury	7	14%
Public Order Offences	6	12%
Vehicle Crime	4	8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	6%
Shoplifting	3	6%
All Other Theft	2	4%
Residential Burglary	2	4%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Other Sexual Offences	1	2%
Robbery	1	2%

Some of the incidents include:

Theft from Morrisons – Gelligaer

Attempt theft of a van – Gelligaer

Stolen vehicle – Penpedairheol

Theft of fishing equipment – Penpedairheol

Damaged vehicle – Gelligaer

Damaged patio door – Gelligaer

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received:

St Cattwg	5
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Some of the incidents include:

Vehicle blocking road – Pendarren St, Penpedairheol

Youths climbing a shelter and bridge – Glan-y-nant

Upcoming Police Surgeries:

12th December 1800-1830 Gelligaer Community Centre

114. Public Participation - there were no members of the public.

115. Chair's Announcements

116. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 25/10/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

117. Matters Arising

Members noted that 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 Cattwg's 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

RESOLVED: No objection on the proviso that CCBC adhere to LDP7 and that the walls are built in keeping with the area, using red brick and railings and not wooden fencing which unsightly and will require ongoing maintenance and is extremely high.

The LDP7 outlines that new boundary treatments should not obstruct views of the house from the street, nor views of the street from the house.

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

118. Finance to 18th November 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. 97 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

119. Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24

(i) Bargoed and District Art Society Application No.24

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £250 to Bargoed and District Art Society

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

(ii) Rhymney Valley Music Club Application No.25

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Rhymney Valley Music Club

Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to the chamber

120. Biodiversity/Eco Officer Update

Members received and noted the report for October.

RESOLVED: Council ratified proposal no.5 which is the planting of a replacement tree at Greenhill Primary School.

121. Projects

(i) Project Summary 2023/24 – was deferred to the next meeting.

(ii) Greenhouse

Council considered the proposal but requested further information and costings for the renting a community plot at the Vicarage Allotments and 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. The clerk will investigate further.

(iii) RBL Silhouettes

(a) Greenhill Primary Memorial Garden – an email from Greenhill Primary was received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the purchase of an RBL silhouette for the school's memorial garden.

(b) Glyngaer Primary Memorial Garden

RESOLVED: Council agreed that the school be invited to put their request in writing to the community council.

(iv) Ystrad Mynach Calendars 2024

Council received and noted email from Mr Phil Morris in relation to purchasing the calendar with proceeds supporting local groups.

RESOLVED: Council felt that we regularly support local groups and charities with grants and donations and supported the Chair's donation of £50 towards the production of the calendar.

122. Christmas Fayre – feedback

It was noted that the Christmas fayre had been a lovely day despite the weather.

(i) The Christmas tree lights failing to switch on were very disappointing despite assurances from the contractor that all was well.

RESOLVED: It was agreed for next year that an electrician would need to be on stand-by at the fayre.

(ii) The Community Council's raffle raised the sum of £269 for the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

RESOLVED: As previously agreed, Council agreed to donate the £269 from the raffle to the Palestine Red Crescent Society

(iii) Santa's Grotto raised £246.20.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to donate a further £246.20 to the Palestine Red Crescent Society

(iv) Selection boxes

500 selection boxes were purchased for Santa's grotto. 246 were sold at the grotto.

A further 29 were gifted to our volunteers as a token of our gratitude.

225 were therefore surplus.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to donate 33 to the families of the Cefn Hengoed Food Share and 192 to the Aberbargoed Fire Station's sleigh ride as they were visiting a few of our areas - Gelligaer, Tiryberth and Ystrad Mynach.

123. Pantomime Update

Tickets were selling fast with Penybryn, Lindsay and Hengoed selling out fast.

124. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)

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

Members received and noted correspondence from the IRPW confirming that homeworking expenses (£156) and consumables (£52) are no longer subject to PAYE.

Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the chamber thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Cllr Haydn Pritchard minuted the next item.

125. NJC - Local Government Service Pay Agreement

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

RESOLVED: Council agreed to implement the increase from £18.05 to £19.05 per hour and to back pay from April 2023.

Clerk returned to the meeting

126. Information on RAAC in Buildings

Members received and noted information on RAAC.

127. Welsh Government Guidance on Separated Waste Collections

Members received and noted Guidance, which is applicable from April 2024.

Clerk will implement any changes.

128. Vacancies exist - Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at (i)Ysgol Bro Allta- this item was deferred to the next meeting .

(ii) Trinity Fields School – correspondence was received and noted.
Nominations were invited.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that Cllr Alan Angel be our minor authority representative on the board of governors at Trinity Fields School.

129. Training for 2023/24

(i) OVW training for 2023/24

Members received and noted the latest training schedule, which has also been emailed to members.

130. Planning Applications

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.

Case Ref. 23/0754/HH Site Area: 10380m²

Location: Cwrt Evan House Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043079779)

Proposal: Erect single storey garage with observatory dome and re-configured existing drive

Case Officer: Joe Simmons ☐ 07874 641751 ☐ simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312388 (E) 197788 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

ADDENDUM – following a site visit by local members Cllr Haydn Pritchard and Cllr Judith Pritchard

RESOLVED: There were no objections.

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

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ CHAIR

DATE: 13th December 2023