

## CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 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:** R Bevan, G Bruford, M James, W Matthews, A McCarthy, C Moss, T Parry (Chair), H Pritchard and J Pritchard

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

\* denotes remote attendance.

*Chair Cllr T Parry welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

**168. Apologies** – apologies were received from Cllr A Angel due to sickness, Cllr D Cushing due to convalescence, Cllr R Callison due to work commitments and Cllr A Wood due to other commitments.

### 169. 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.

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry declared an interest in Minute No.176 (iv) – Cascade Carvers

**170 . Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards** – there were no police present and no report received for St Cattwg's Ward.

**Members received and noted a report for Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 31st January 2024**

### Crime & ASB Overview

<b>Ystrad Mynach</b>	<b>53 (51 without Custody crimes)</b>
<b>Hengoed</b>	<b>33</b>

### Ystrad Mynach incidents include:

<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>
Violence Without Injury	11	21%
Public Order Offences	10	19%
Violence With Injury	9	17%
Criminal Damage & Arson	8	15%
Drug Offences	3	6%
Vehicle Crime	3	6%
All Other Theft	2	4%
Possession Of Weapons	2	4%
Commercial Burglary	1	2%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Other Sexual Offences	1	2%
Robbery	1	2%
Shoplifting	1	2%

Damage caused by service user – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

Attempt damage to CCTV camera – Brynmynach

Damage caused to car after a fail to stop RTC – Central Street

Tyres slashed on car – Heathlands

Wing mirrors damaged in public carpark – Oakfield Street

Gate damaged by youths – Lewis Street

Damage to Police Cell

### Commercial Burglary

2 schoolgirls stealing vapes from behind counter – Londis

### Possession of weapons

Vehicle stopped for no insurance and male found with kitchen knife – Nelson Road

Male with Crossbow (mental health episode) – Penallta Road

### Shoplifting

2 people taking items from Lidl

### Drugs

1 relating to custody

Homeless male smoking drugs in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

Police warrant – Coed yr Haf (further details below)

### Vehicle crime

Attempt theft of motorbike – Heron Drive

Attempt break into Ambulance parked on Tredoman Business Park

Blue badge stolen from Lidl carpark

### Robbery

Male in balaclava tried to steal van off delivery driver – Twyn Road

### All other thefts

Salvation army clothes bank broken into & items stolen – Tesco carpark.

Theft by employee – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

### Misc crimes against society

Inappropriate image sent via snapchat – Lewis Street

### Other sexual offences

Relate to a DV incident in RCT area.

### **Hengoes incidents include:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100%</b>
Violence Without Injury	12	36%
Violence With Injury	8	24%
Public Order Offences	5	15%
Criminal Damage & Arson	2	6%
Vehicle Crime	2	6%
All Other Theft	1	3%
Commercial Burglary	1	3%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	3%
Other Sexual Offences	1	3%

Ball bearing shot at window – Lansbury Avenue

Wing mirror damaged – Goshawks Rise

### Vehicle crime

Moped stolen – Old Parish Road

Theft of company vehicle by ex-employee – Brynavon Terrace

### Commercial Burglary

Theft from till at Cross Keys Inn

### All other thefts

Double bed stolen from outside property – Ael y Bryn

Misc crime & other sexual offence related to the same crime

Historical rape reported – under investigation

Anti-Social Behaviour calls received for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed Wards:

<b>Ystrad Mynach</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Hengoed</b>	<b>2</b>

Ystrad Mynach incidents include:

- 3 calls relate to a homeless male causing issues in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr – has now been served with a community protection warning and not allowed near the hospital unless a medical emergency.
- 1 Relating to off road bikes in Cwm Calon

Hengoed incidents include:

No youth ASB

Incidents of note

A drugs warrant was executed at an address in Coed yr Haf, Ystrad Mynach this month with a positive result.

A large cannabis grow was located at the rented property with over 180 plants being seized and disposed of. Unfortunately, there was no one at the property at the time but enquiries are ongoing with the property owner to identify and locate the persons responsible.

Team initiatives and Operations

The LEAD (Local Environmental Awareness on Dogs) initiative launched across Caerphilly County Borough. It is in partnership with the Blue Cross and works similarly to the ASB strike process whereby if a dog is brought to our attention by persistent dog fouling, getting out of the premises, persistent barking, low level livestock attack, we will deliver an information pack to promote and educate responsible dog ownership. They will also receive a strike letter and details/information of the dog will be stored for future reference.

Police Surgeries

Wednesday 21st February 2024

2:00 – 2:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

3.30 – 4.00 @Hengoed Train Station

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

2:00 – 2:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

3.30 – 4.00 @Hengoed Train Station

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12.30 – 1.00 @Hengoed Train Station

**171. Public Participation** – there were no members of the public present.

**172. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry attended a KLA Dance session at Lewis Girls School. KLA Dance is a school specializing in Latin American, Ballroom, Freestyle, Street and Rock & Roll. A cheque was presented, to help towards funding their competition trips to Blackpool.

**173. Minutes**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 24/01/2024** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

#### 174. Matters Arising

Due to the 21-day statutory deadline closing for comments prior to our monthly meeting, the Clerk exercised her delegated powers to respond on the following planning application:

**Re: Case Ref. 24/0046/FULL**

Site Area: 91m<sup>2</sup> Location: Ying Wah Cascade Fish Bar 1 Pengam Road Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BT (UPRN 000043164825) Proposal: Erect rear two storey and single extension, replace existing garage roof, reposition existing extraction unit from rear to side, erect single front extension and modify existing front ramp and step access Case Officer: Joe Simmons ( 07874 641751 : [simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk) Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314145 (E) 197519 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Gelligaer Community Council objects to this application on the grounds that an extension may interfere with visibility for vehicles turning left out of Hospital Road onto Pengam Road. This is such a busy crossroads with cars often parking on the double yellow lines close to the junction, therefore posing a hazard. Restricting visibility further with an extension may exacerbate the issue.

Furthermore, an extension would have a visually negative impact, contrasting greatly with neighbouring properties and not in keeping with the character of the properties on the street.

**Re: Minute no.165**

**EE24 Community & Leisure Services**

Members noted that CCBC have raised outdoor sport pitch fees for children by 5%, Teenagers by 10% and adults by 20%.

#### 175. Finance to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

**(i) Balance of Funds**

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**(ii) Bank Statements**

Bank statement no. 57, 73, 16 & 101 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**(iii) Transfer of Funds**

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed the transfer the sum of £40k from the Lloyds Business Bank Instant Account no\*\*\*\*\*440, which pays interest at 1.31%, to the higher interest paying 32 Day Notice Bank Account no.\*\*\*\*\*961, which pays a higher interest rate of 2.63%  
A council resolution is required.

**(iv) Employers National Insurance Contributions 2023/24**

**RESOLVED:** Members ratified the payment of £1436.60 to HMRC PAYE for an underpayment of £143.66 x 10 months (April 23 – Jan 24) omitted in error by Playworks from the Employment Payment Record.

**(v) Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS)**

**RESOLVED:** Members ratified, that following difficulties at Lloyds bank in transferring an international payment to Palestine, a payment of £540.20 (monies raised at the Christmas Fayre raffle and grotto) was paid directly online to the PRCS. To pay this directly to the PRCS, it had to be converted to US dollars which equated to \$680 (there may be a small commission to pay, which will be reported to the next meeting).

#### 176. Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24

**(i) 1<sup>st</sup> Ystrad Mynach Scouts Application No.33**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ystrad Mynach Scouts

**(ii) Cwm Calon Community Association Application No.34**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £300 to Cwm Calon Community Association

**(iii) Melody Makers – deferred.**

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

**(iv) Cascade Carvers Application No.35**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £400 to Cascade Carvers

*Cllr Teresa Parry returned to the chamber to chair the meeting*

**177. Biodiversity/Eco Officer Update and Contract**

(i) Members received and noted report

(ii) There were no new proposals. Estimated orchard planting date: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

(iii) Our Eco Officer's contract ceases at the end of March 2024. Members are requested to consider extending for a further year, under the same terms and conditions.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to extending the Eco Officer's post for another year.

**178. SLCC Membership 2024/25**

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to renewing the clerk's membership at a cost of £238, to be shared with LLPCC. (£158 GCC/ £80 LLPCC)

**179. Newsletter –** members received and noted sample newsletter and discussed other topics for inclusion, such as the Chair's address and other posts that could be uploaded from our Facebook page.

**180. Projects**

**(i) Ystrad Mynach Spring Fayre 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 9-5pm.**

Members discussed and resolved:

a. Stall cover

Morning – Cllrs Catrin Moss, Teresa Parry, Haydn Pritchard & Wyndham Matthews, Jackie Pritchard & Ceri Mortimer,

Afternoon: Cllr Judith Pritchard, Wyndham Matthews, Martyn James and Alan Angel.

b. Panto cover 10am, 11am, 12.00, 1pm, 3pm, & 4pm

c. Panto tickets - Cllrs Teresa Parry, Martyn James and Haydn Pritchard will be selling tickets prior to the event. Surplus tickets will also be sold on the day.

d. Raffle & Pantomime proceeds

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that proceeds from the raffle and pantomime will be donated to the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

e. Seeds and promotional items

Members agreed on sunflower seeds and compostable pots etc to plant and give away on the day. Other promotional items, surplus from our other fayres, will also be available.

**(ii) Llancaiach Presentation on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 11.00am – 1.30pm**

a. Comperes x 2

Cllrs Haydn Pritchard and Catrin Moss agreed to comperere.

b. Attendance

It was noted that all members were available to attend:

c. Nominations for Champion Citizen's Awards

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed the nominations

d. Entertainment –

Clerk is to ask Pastor Steve Darby to do a Sing a long

e. Raffle

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to donate proceeds from the raffle to YYF Breast Care Unit

f. Menu

Following much deliberation the menu was agreed: Chicken Chasseur, Vegetable Madras, Apple pie and custard followed by teas/coffees.

**(iii) Melody Makers - new project**

Letter requesting project funding was received and noted

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund up to £800 for a new piano

**(iv) Ysbyty Ystrad FM – labels**

Members received quotations for the printing of labels to encourage the hospital community and wider to listen in to YYFM, to help with isolation and loneliness.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the cheapest quotation for labels.

**(v) Wales in Bloom 2024 – Ystrad Mynach**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to enter Ystrad Mynach into the Wales in Bloom competition, under small town category, at a cost of £120 (electorate no. of 4,122)

**(vi) Brass Memorial Plaque for Forgotten Soldier, Lance Corporal Haydn Carlyle Phillips**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund an inscribed brass plaque at £266 to resemble an existing plaque at St Catwg's Church and an oak wooden panel at £162.

**(vii) Project Summary 2023/24** – was received and noted.

**181. Dust Monitor Update (Deferred)**

**182. Vacancy - Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at**

**(i) Ysgol Bro Allta**

**RESOLVED:** Council approved the nominee Mr Alan Johnson as our Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Bro Allta.

**(ii) Ystrad Mynach Primary School** – deferred.

**183. Training for 2023/24**

(i) OVW training for 2024/25 (Jan – March) was noted.

(ii) Update training plan was noted.

**184. CCBC Waste & Recycling Strategy Consultation – deferred**

**185. Decarbonisation/Green Projects**

Members received and noted correspondence from Paul Rossiter and agreed to proceed with the installation of PV's on the toilets and council building. It was agreed that a further meeting be held, during the day, to discuss further.

**186. Tablets and emails** – members email addresses were noted.

**187. Planning Applications** - there were no new planning applications received.

**188. Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.00pm**

Gelligaer Community Council office.

**Meeting closed at 9.25pm.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHAIR**

**DATE: 27th March 2024**