

## CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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:** A Angel, R Bevan, G Bruford, R Callison\*, M James, W Matthews, A McCarthy, C Moss, T Parry (Chair), H Pritchard, J Pritchard and A Wood\*.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

\* denotes remote attendance.

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

**189. Apologies** – there were no apologies received.  
Cllr Rhianwen Callison indicated that she would need to leave this meeting early to attend another meeting

### 190. 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 Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no. 217 – Planning.

### 191. Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards

**Members** received and noted the following update for February 2024.

Members felt that including data within the report from the Custody Suite in Ystrad Mynach is not a fair representative of Ystrad Mynach, as persons detained at the suite could potentially reside anywhere within the borough.

Therefore, members requested that info and data relating to the custody suite be removed from future reports.

Members also noted that reports for St Cattwg's had not been forthcoming since December 2023, which the Clerk will query.

#### Council Report for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed Wards

Numbers from 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### **Crime & ASB Overview**

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

<b>Ystrad Mynach</b>	50
<b>Hengoed</b>	30

#### **Ystrad Mynach incidents include**

Violence Without Injury	18	36%
Drug Offences	9	18%
Criminal Damage & Arson	6	12%
Public Order Offences	5	10%
Vehicle Crime	4	8%
Bicycle Theft	2	4%
Other Sexual Offences	2	4%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Possession Of Weapons	1	2%
Shoplifting	1	2%
Violence With Injury	1	2%

**Criminal Damage**

Homeless person verbally abusing staff member-Ysbyty Ystrad Mynach Hospital  
Damage caused to locks of the Salvation Army recycling bank – Tesco Car Park  
Damage caused to Cell – Ystrad Mynach Police Station  
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**Possession of Weapons**

Bladed item found on person – Ystrad Mynach Custody Unit

**Drugs**

Possession of Cannabis – Troedyrhiw  
Possession of Cannabis – Ysbyty Ystrad Mynach Hospital  
Possession/Supply Class B Drugs - Ysbyty Ystrad Mynach Hospital  
Possession of Class A Drugs – Ystrad Mynach Custody Unit  
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**Concern for Safety**

Brother has taken an overdose - Ysbyty Ystrad Mynach Hospital

**Vehicle Crime**

Stolen Moped found – The Avenue  
Tyres damaged on Vehicle – Ynys-Glyd Street  
Theft of Number Plates – Tesco car park  
Damage caused to Police Vehicle – Ystrad Mynach Police Station

**All other Thefts**

Bag stolen from within Car – Church Street  
Attempt theft of Pedal bike – Hill Street  
Theft of Pedal bike – Nancy's cafe

**Misc Crimes against Society**

Public Order – Pengam Rd

**Violence**

Threats made from Ex Partner – Central St  
Patient being aggressive - Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
Assault Police – Ystrad College  
Assault Police – Ystrad Mynach Custody Unit  
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Racial Abuse of a Police Officer – Ystrad Mynach Police Station  
Racial Abuse of a Police Officer – Ystrad Mynach Police Station  
Assaulted by Ex family member - Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
Threats to Kill - Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
Assault by service user – Graddfa House, Caerphilly Rd

**Other Sexual Offences**

Grooming - Osprey Drive

## **Hengoed incidents include**

Violence Without Injury	9	30%
Public Order Offences	7	23%
Violence With Injury	4	13%
All Other Theft	2	7%
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	7%
Other Sexual Offences	2	7%
Residential Burglary	2	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1	3%
Vehicle Crime	1	3%

### **Criminal Damage**

Threats to cause damage – Lansbury Avenue  
Male kicking door – Ael y Bryn

### **Violence without Injury**

Altercation between family members – Acacia Avenue  
Altercation between neighbours – Cae Melyn  
Verbal threats made between family members – Online  
Altercation between family members – Gelligaer Rd  
Verbal altercation between neighbours – Forest Avenue  
Threat to run someone over – Lansbury Avenue

### **Vehicle Crime**

Van & Car window smashed – Kings Hill  
Vehicle broken into – Willow Rise

### **All other Thefts**

Theft of dog – Brynavon Terr  
Theft of Jewellery – Hawthorn Avenue

### **Residential Burglary**

Items removed from insecure property – Hengoed Cres  
Burglary – Forest Avenue

### **Misc Crime & Other Sexual Offence**

Images of a sexual nature sent to female – Hengoed Avenue  
Male complaining about the positioning of his neighbour's camera – Three Elms Close  
Family member being aggressive – Gelligaer Rd  
Youths intimidating family – Gelligaer Rd  
Shouting & Screaming – Hawthorn Avenue  
Domestic Incident – Beech Drive  
Domestic Incident – Heol Rees

## **Anti-Social Behaviour calls received in February for all Ystrad Mynach Wards**

<b>Ystrad Mynach</b>	17
<b>Hengoed</b>	0

## **Ystrad Mynach incidents include**

Male Begging – Pengam Rd  
X7 Nuisance homeless male – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
Noise nuisance – Glen View  
X2 Nuisance youths - Bedwlwyn Rd (Bus stop)  
Nuisance youths – St Griffiths St  
Nuisance youths – Ystrad Square

Nuisance youths – Commercial St  
Verbally abusive female – Outside Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
Nuisance male – Beech Tree Hotel

**Hengoed Incidents include**

No ASB calls received

**Enforcement**

Officers had a vehicle recovered in Hengoed for having No Insurance or MOT

**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

**POLICE SURGERIES APRIL 24**

**April 3rd, 2024**

2:00 – 2:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

3.30 – 4.00 @Hengoed Train Station

**April 19<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12.30 – 1.00 @Hengoed Train Station

**192. Public Participation** – there was no public participation

**193. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry announced that she had presented tablets to Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr to help with issues around isolation and to help aid recovery.

A cheque had been received to the sum of £30 from a resident, a generous and unexpected contribution towards the running of the toilets.

**194. Minutes**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 28/02/2024** was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**195. Matters Arising**

**(i) Keep Wales Tidy – increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Members received and noted the increase and will await further details before making a decision.

**(ii) Maria's Helping Hands – Increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to the increase from £24 to £25 per hour for the cleaning of the public toilets in Ystrad Mynach from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

Therefore: 6 hours per week x £25 = £150 x 52 weeks =

£7,800 per annum for 2024/25

**196. Finance to 17th March 2024**

**(i) Balance of Funds**

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

**(ii) Bank Statements**

Bank statement no's 102, 58 & 74 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**197. Audit Wales – Audit Completion for 2022/23**

- (i) Members received and noted completion of audit for 2022/23 with no matters arising
- (ii) Members received and noted Notice of Completion and Electors' rights to inspect, which will be displayed from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March on the notice board outside the office for a minimum of 14 days and displayed on our website indefinitely.

**198. Audit Arrangements for 2023/24**

- (i) Members received and note correspondence from Audit Wales in relation to arrangements for 2023/24. Members also noted that the Community Council is due a basic audit for 2023/24.

**199. One Voice Wales Membership for 2024/25**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed the membership cost of £3349 for 2024/25

**200. Financial Assistance/Grants 2023/24**

**(i) Fr Gareth Coombes, Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach App no. 36**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £ 300 towards the maintenance of the graveyard at Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach.

**(ii) The Melody Makers App no. 37**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to The Melody Makers

**(iii) Valley Fliers App no. 38**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Valley Fliers

**(iv) Vicarage Allotment Association** – this item was deferred to the next meeting and a new financial year.

**(v) Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club App no.39**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund £1500 to the Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club

**(vi) Cascade Allotment Association App no.40**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant £350 to Cascade Allotment Association

*Cllr Rhianwen Callison gives her apologies and leaves the meeting to attend a works meeting.*

**210. Projects 2024**

**(i) Project Summary 2023/24** - received and noted

**(ii) Newsletter** – currently being progressed

**(iii) New project proposals:**

(a) To gift schools with cameras for the hedgehog boxes

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund wild life cameras

(b) To use the Cascade Community Centre's shed to the rear of the office for the safe storage and over wintering of plants as opposed to pursuing a greenhouse on the Vicarage Allotments.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to using the shed and to the purchase of paint for it.

(c ) Green Waste Composter to the rear of the office.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to composter to share with Cascade Community Centre.

**211. Dust Monitor Update** – deferred whilst awaiting further information

**212. Training for 2024/25**

(i) OVW training for 2024/25 was received and noted

(ii) Training plan was received and noted.

**213. CCBC Draft Waste & Recycling Strategy Consultation (deferred from last meeting)**

In summary:

- **Recycling Targets:** The council aims to meet a **70% recycling target** by 2050 to avoid significant fines, as current performance is at 59%.
- **Strategy Goals:** [The draft strategy focuses on reducing residual waste and encouraging recycling to move towards a Circular Economy and reduce the carbon footprint<sup>1</sup>.](#)
- **Public Engagement:** Residents are invited to share their views through surveys, drop-in sessions, and online meetings, with a deadline for feedback by **29th April 2024**.

(i) Members made the following observations in relation to Caerphilly County Borough Council's Draft Waste and Recycling Strategy Consultation.

Members felt that CCBC should be concentrating more on reducing waste, saving up to 95% of the energy originally used in the production. Targets and emphasis should be set for reducing. Recycling is important for diverting waste from landfill and whilst members agreed with segregation at source more detail was required especially for residents in terraced housing due to lack of space to store recycling vessels. Also houses of multiple occupation (HMO) and communal flats whereby many HMO's frequently exhibit high levels of recycling contaminations. Recyclables that are incorrectly sorted can contaminate the recycling stream, making it extremely difficult for waste management and further detail is required around that.

In addition, how will CCBC support the old aged and vulnerable persons.

Glass deposit returns has not been addressed, which will be coming into effect in 2027.

Lastly Gelligaer Community Council objects to the proposed 4 weekly collection.

**214. Decarbonisation/Green Projects** – it was noted that we are awaiting to hear back from P Rossiter.

**215. Code of Practice for Wales – Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling**

Members received and noted a document on Code of Practice for Wales focusing on the Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling.

Here are the key points from part 1:

- **Separation Requirements:** [It outlines the legal requirements for separating recyclable waste materials from non-domestic premises in Wales, as per the Waste Separation Requirements \(Wales\) Regulations 2023<sup>1</sup>.](#)
- **Compliance Guidance:** Provides practical guidance for occupiers of non-domestic premises and those involved in waste collection, treatment, and transportation on how to comply with these requirements.
- **Recyclable Waste Streams:** Specifies the recyclable waste streams that need to be presented separately for collection, which include glass, cartons, metal, plastic, paper, card, food waste, small waste electrical and electronic equipment (sWEEE), and textiles.
- **Legal Implications:** [Emphasizes the importance of compliance, as failure to adhere to the separation requirements can result in offenses with no upper limit on fines, and civil sanctions may be issued as an alternative to criminal prosecution](#)

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that the clerk has recycled all single use plastic items on the premises and purchased individual bins for the purpose of separating recyclable waste at our premises and agreed to sharing costs with Cascade Community Centre for waste collection.

**216. Tablets and emails** – it was noted that all new GCC email addresses were corrected on members' tablets

*Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.*

- 217. 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.

Email 08/03/2024

Case Ref. 24/0146/HH Site Area: 244m<sup>2</sup> Location: 13 Burnet Drive Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8LD (UPRN 000043042986) Proposal: Construct outbuilding Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ( 01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314346 (E) 196802 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 24/0155/TPO Site Area: 57m<sup>2</sup> Location: 15 Swn-y-nant Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8HA (UPRN 000043012667) Proposal: Carry out various works to two Oak trees (Tree Preservation Order 30/79/RVDC) Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ( 01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313812 (E) 197475 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 24/0156/TPO Site Area: 269m<sup>2</sup> Location: The Ivy's 2 Hengoed Hall Drive Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7UF (UPRN 000043178448) Proposal: Carry out various tree works (Tree Preservation Order 48/08/CCBC) Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ( 01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314832 (E) 195565 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

Email date: 15/3/24

Case Ref. 24/0168/FULL Site Area: 324m<sup>2</sup> Location: 14 Burnet Drive Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8LD (UPRN 000043042991) Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory, erect single storey rear extension Case Officer: Joe Simmons ( 01443 864428 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314349 (E) 196865 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 24/0163/HH Site Area: 473m<sup>2</sup> Location: 1 Tyn-y-coed Tredomen Hengoed CF82 7DD (UPRN 000043019570) Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ( 01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314022 (E) 194304 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
**RESOLVED:** No objection

**218. Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.00pm Gelligaer**

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

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

**DATE: 24th April 2024**