



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER

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NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING **WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2024 at 7.00pm**

19th April 2024

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 24th APRIL 2024 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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Meeting ID: 397 136 710 832

Passcode: 7RX62F

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 November 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 27/03/2024** as an accurate record.
7. **Matters Arising**
8. **Finance to 31st March 2024**
 - (i) **Balance of Funds**
To receive, confirm and approve 'Balance of Funds' document.
 - (ii) **Bank Statements**
To receive, confirm and approve bank statement no. 103 & 104
9. **Resolution required to exclude the press and public for the next item due to its confidential nature**
10. **Floral Displays and Watering Contracts for Ystrad Mynach and Gelligaer 2024/25**
 - (i) To receive quotations from two contractors
A council resolution is required to select one for the ensuing year.
11. **Resolution required to re-open the meeting to the press and public**
12. **Keep Wales Tidy Contract 2024/25**
To receive and discuss further correspondence in relation to price increase
A council resolution is required.
13. **Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25** – (late applications may be tabled)
 - (i) Ty Hafan
 - (ii) Vicarage Allotments (deferred from last meeting)
 - (iii) Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod
14. **Projects 2024/25**
 - (i) Project Summary 2024/25 – to receive and discuss
 - (ii) Newsletter
 - (iii) Llancaiach Fawr Presentation – to discuss final preparations
 - (iv) Wales in Bloom 2024
 - (iii) New project proposals:
 - (a) Vicarage Allotments
15. **Eco Officer Update** – to receive
16. **Dust Monitor Update**
17. **Decarbonisation/Green Projects** – awaiting to hear from P Rossiter.
18. **Training for 2023/24**
 - (i) To receive OVW training for 2024/25
 - (ii) To receive and to update training plan

19. Independent Remuneration Report 2024/25 (pages 19-21 for C&TC's)

Members are to receive and note that there are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members and therefore members may want all Determinations from 2023/24 be applied in 2024/25, including those covering:

- Payments for undertaking senior roles
- Contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance
- Reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs
- Compensation for financial loss
- Attendance allowance and
- Co-opted member

Please see table for ease of reference:

Type of payment	Requirement 2024/25	Agreed on 22/03/2023 for 2023/24
Group 2 Extra Costs/Basic Payment	GCC electorate: 13,767 (Electorate 10,000 -13,999) Mandatory for all Members	£156 plus one-off payment of £52 for consumables
Senior Role Payment	Mandatory £500 for 1 member; optional for up to 7	<i>£500 mandatory payment to Chair</i>
Mayor or Chair	Optional up to £1,500	<i>Implement the above instead</i>
Deputy Mayor or Vice Chair	Optional up to £500	<i>£100 to Vice Chair</i>
Care (children/elderly)	Mandatory	Must produce receipts
Attendance Allowance		Disapproved
Financial Loss	Optional	Disapproved
Travel, Overnight	Optional	Agreed
Subsistence	Optional	

In summary members may wish to adopt the same as last year for 2024/25:

(i) Extra Costs/ Basic Payment

A one off payment of £156 plus £52

Additional consumables costs over £52 can be claimed with receipts throughout the year.

(ii) Mandatory Senior Role Payment of £500

Chair to be paid £500 with no other members to be in receipt of it.

It does appear that the Mandatory Senior Role Payment of £500 plus the Basic Mandatory payment of £156 exceeds the threshold of £6 per week and is therefore taxable – the clerk will establish the appropriate procedure to pay the tax.

(iii) Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair

Vice Chair to be paid the sum of £100 to the Vice Chair for 2024/25.

(iv) Other Costs – as per the table above

Care Attendance Allowance – Mandatory with receipts.

Financial Loss - to disapprove.

Travel Overnight – to disapprove.

Subsistence – to approve.

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.

Email: 10/04/2024

Case Ref. 24/0263/FULL Site Area: 576m² Location: Land At Grid Ref 315122 195464 Bryn Awel Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7LA (UPRN 000043179511) Proposal: Erect 2 No. 3 bedroom two storey semi-detached dwellings Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (01443 864427 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315121 (E) 195467 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 24/0264/FULL Site Area: 214 m² Location: Land At Grid Ref 315231 195450 Bryn Teg Cefn Hengoed (UPRN 000043179507) Proposal: Erect 2 bedroom two storey detached dwelling Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (01443 864427 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315232 (E) 195450 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 24/0272/HH Site Area: 265m² Location: 45 Brynheulog Street Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GB (UPRN 000043011587) Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension including demolition of existing outbuilding Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313556 (E) 196231 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

21. Next meeting Date: As previously proposed and agreed by members the May AGM and Ordinary Meeting will be held on two separate dates:

- **AGM Meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 7.00pm**
- **Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 29th May 2024 7.00pm**