

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2024 7.30pm 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, R Callison*, D Cushing, M James, W Matthews, C Moss (Vice Chair), T Parry, H Pritchard (Chair) and J Pritchard.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: PCSO Sophie Aplin – Gwent Police.

* denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard welcomed everyone to the meeting

61. Apologies – were received from Cllrs A Angel and A McCarthy due to holiday and Cllr A Wood due to other commitments.

62. 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 Rhianwen Callison declared an interest in minute no. minor authority vacancy on the board of governors at Hengoed Primary School.

PCSO Sophie Allen presented the next item and took questions from the members.

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

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Members discussed increased levels of anti-social behaviour in the town and Ystrad Mynach park. Vehicular parking on pavements on Hengoed Road and Gelligaer Road, Cefn Hengoed were noted too.

Members expressed their concern at the lack of PCSO's and lone working arrangements, whereby PCSO's are patrolling extensive areas by themselves. The clerk will write to the newly elected Police & Crime Commissioner.

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard thanked PCSO Aplin for her report and she subsequently left the meeting.

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

65. Retired Chair's Annual Report - deferred

66. Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard announced the following:

- A letter of thanks had been received from Cerebral Palsy Cymru, for their grant.

67. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 26/06/2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

68. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

69. Business deferred from Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meetings:

A. Minor Authority Representatives on Schools Board of Governors:

- **Greenhill Primary School** – recently received notification of vacancy. Deferred.

Cllr Rhianwen Callison declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussion and decision.

- **Hengoed Primary School** – Cllr Judith Pritchard 19/01/22 – 18/01/26
RESOLVED: Council agreed to Mr John Callison's nomination as our minor authority representative on the board of governors at Hengoed Primary School.

Cllr Rhianwen Callison returned to the meeting

- **Ystrad Mynach Primary School** – vacancy exists
(Andrew James who transferred to a minor authority rep has stepped down)

B. CCBC Community Centre Management – this item was deferred until September.

- Gelligaer Community Centre
- Glanynant Memorial Hall (not owned by CCBC)
- Penybryn Village Hall

70. Finance to 19th July 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 62,77,18,108,107 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

71. Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25

(i) Gelligaer Theatre Players Application No. 10

RESOLVED: Council ratified the agreed sum of £1,000 to The Gelligaer Players.

(ii) Trinity Fields PTA Application No. 11

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Trinity Fields PTA.

(iii) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd Application No. 12

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 to Eisteddfod y Cymoedd.

(iv) Bro Allta PTA Application No. 13

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Ysgol Bro Allta PTA.

72. Eco Officer Update for June 2024.

Members received and noted report from our Eco Officer.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the purchase and installation of 300 oxeye daisy plug plants to be planted along Hengoed Avenue at a cost of £306.

73. Projects 2024/25

(i) Project Summary 2024/25 – was received and noted.

(ii) Newsletter – deferred.

(iii) Wales in Bloom 2024

RESOLVED: Council agreed that two volunteers, Mr & Mrs David Lloyd, attend the awards in Abergavenny in September 2024 at a cost of £45.

Any surplus spaces will be allocated to the Clerk and Cllr Catrin Moss.

(iv) Glanynant Garden

RESOLVED: Council agreed to move the picnic table from the hardstanding closer to path for ease of access for wheelchair users and prams and for the purchase and installation of a captain's bench on the existing hard standing up to the sum of £750.

(v) Ystrad Mynach Park Toilet Closure

Since Caerphilly County Borough Council's Parks Services was not enthusiastic about our proposal for signage directing people to the toilet facilities at the Centre of Sporting Excellence, members suggested that the toilets under the rugby stand, which are accessible from the park, be made available instead. Coleg y Cymoedd are not using the facility through the summer holidays and should be made available for public use. The clerk will write to Park Services again and will copy Cabinet Member Mr Chris Morgan into the correspondence.

(vi) New Project Proposals – deferred.

74. **Biodiversity Report** - deferred

75. **Decarbonisation/Green Projects** – awaiting to hear from P Rossiter.

76. **Dust Monitor** – deferred.

77. **Training for 2024/25**

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

(ii) Training plan was updated and will be published on our website.

78. **Any Other Business** - there was none.

79. **Planning Applications**

Members received & discussed the following planning applications.

Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Case Ref. 24/0524/HH Site Area: 381m² Location: 23 Hengoed Road Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8BR (UPRN 000043021652) Proposal: Erect two storey side extension and rear single storey extension Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (01443 864427 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314306 (E) 197353 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 24/0528/HH Site Area: 438m² Location: 1 Hengoed Hall Gardens Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7PA (UPRN 000043029977) Proposal: Demolish existing outbuilding to create new detached garage Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (01443 866221 :

stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 314868 (E) 195537 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection on the proviso it is used solely for the purpose of vehicle storage or for other non-residential purposes and at no point is it converted into living space or used for residential purposes.

Case Ref. 24/0451/COU Site Area: 1610m² Location: Bridge Croft Kennels Tir Adam Uchaf Farm Heol Adam Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FU (UPRN 000043009732) Proposal: Change the use of existing kennels to single dwelling Case Officer: Joe Simmons (01443 864428 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 312540 (E) 198176 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 24/0468/LA Site Area: 1732m² Location: Glan-y-nant Learning Centre Hanbury Street Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XP (UPRN 000043044678) Proposal: Re-model existing entrance area to form new reception, refurbish classrooms and WC facilities. Convert existing out-building to create staff break room and intervention space Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (01443 864427 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315107 (E) 197397 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 24/0470/COU Site Area: 103m² Location: 12 Commercial Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7DX (UPRN 000043169092) Proposal: Change the use of first floor from B1 Offices to C3 residential apartment Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314567 (E) 194300 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection on the proviso there is sufficient off street parking.

80. Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting 25th September 2024.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 25th September 2024.