

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 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, W Matthews, R Callison*, M James*, C Moss (Vice Chair), M McCarthy, H Pritchard (Chair), J Pritchard and A Wood*.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Mr Desmond Denham and Mrs Janet Denham

* denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard welcomed everyone to the meeting

127. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Bruford due to family commitment and D Cushing due to other reason.

128. 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.

Clerk declared an interest in Minute no 139 NJC - Local Government Service Pay Agreement

Cllr Roger Bevan declared an interest in Minute no 141 (i) – Disability Can Do

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in Minute no. 148

Mr and Mrs Denham were invited to speak with members

129. Public Participation

Following much discussion in relation to a structure erected in a neighbouring garden and Mr and Mrs Denham's dissatisfaction with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Planning Department, members suggested that they involve planning enforcement, the Council's complaints procedure and if it remained unresolved, escalating the complaint to the Ombudsman.

Mr and Mrs Denham thanked members for listening and for their advice. They both subsequently left the meeting.

130. Police Update for St Cattwg Appendix 1, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards Appendix 2

Appendices 1 and 2 for November 2024 were received and noted.

131. Retired Chair's Annual Report - deferred

133. Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard announced the following:

- He and his son had attended the Armistice Services in Greenhill Primary and Glyngaer Primary School. Cllr Haydn Pritchard also participated in a question and answer session with the children at Tiryberth School as they were receiving a lesson in conflict.
- He attended an Armistice Service at Tiryberth Memorial which was conducted for the first time and at short notice by Alan Johnson, which was very interesting.
- He attended Mrs Betty Lewis' 100th birthday with his consort Mrs Jackie Pritchard and the Clerk. They received a warm and friendly welcome and Cllr Haydn Pritchard returned later with a framed photograph of the occasion.

- 134. Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 23rd October 2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 135. Matters Arising**
In relation to the Armistice Services Minute no. 116 (ii) (b):
It was noted that Cllr Gaynor Bruford laid the wreath at Derwendeg Memorial as Cllr Donna Cushing was not in attendance.
It was further noted that Cllr Wyndham Matthews did not lay the wreath at St Catwg's Church. Cllr Catrin Moss and Cllr Roger Bevan will lay the wreaths at future services.
- 136. Finance to 17th November 2024**
(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.
(ii) Bank Statements
Bank statement no's 65, 66, 80,81, 19 and 113 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 137. Model Financial Regulation 2024 – One Voice Wales – deferred.**
- 138. Independent Remuneration Panel – Draft Annual Report**
Draft report was received and noted with the status quo being retained for Community and Town Council's determinations (pages 17 – 23 are applicable to Community & Town Councils) and the status quo would be retained

The Clerk declared an interest in the next item and therefore it was agreed that Cllr Catrin Moss would take the minute. The Clerk subsequently left the meeting.
- 139. NJC - Local Government Service Pay Agreement**
Correspondence in relation to the salary award for 2024/25 was received and noted.
RESOLVED: Council agreed to the clerk's salary SCP28 increasing from £19.05 per hour to £19.66 per hour (3% increase) and it being backdated from April 2024.

The Clerk returned to the meeting and was thanked for her hard work.
- 140. Business deferred from Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meetings:**
- A. Minor Authority Representatives on Schools Board of Governors:**
- Ystrad Mynach Primary School – vacancy exists – deferred until January 2025 (Andrew James who transferred to a minor authority rep has stepped down)
 - Greenhill Primary School – Cllr Haydn Pritchard to determine whether his position was an LA representative or a Minor Authority representative.
- B. CCBC Community Centre Management – deferred – members to contact Kevin Lodge.**
- Gelligaer Community Centre
 - Penybryn Village Hall
- Cllr Roger Bevan declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.*
- 141. Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25**
(i) Disability Can Do Application no. 21
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,500 to Disability Can Do.

Cllr Roger Bevan returned to the meeting

(ii) Rhymney Valley Music Club Application no.22

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

(iii) Michael Climer Legacy – Trinity Food Cooperative, Ystrad Mynach Application no. 23

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £2,000 to the Michael Climer Legacy.

(iv) Wales Air Ambulance Application no.24

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1,000

(v) DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal – deferred to potentially raise monies from raffles at future fayres.

142. Eco Officer Update

(i) Eco Officer Monthly Report for October
Report was received and noted

(ii) Project Proposal 11 – Gelligaer Crocus
RESOLVED: Council agreed to the project

(iii) Project Proposal 12 – Habitat boxes
RESOLVED: Council agreed to the project.

(iv) Beechgrove Land

It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair would look into this further.

143. Projects 2024/25

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

(ii) Armistice Services – were very well attended.

(iii) Festive Fayre Feedback

- To receive email from CCBC's Events Team- deferred.
- Members noted a total of £627.30 was raised for Sands and The Grange Bereavement Suite.
- 311 surplus selection boxes have been gifted to Cefn Hengoed Food Share, Penybryn and Gelligaer Christmas parties and our elderly residents living in sheltered housing.

(iv) New project proposals:

(a) Cefn Hengoed – grassed area being churned up. Awaiting Ward member to chase this matter.

(b) Disability Can Do – this item was resolved under financial assistance.

(c) Glanynant Memorial Hall – request for funding towards roller shutter doors and blinds.
Quotes were received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the roller shutter door motors

(d) Ystrad Mynach Calendars

RESOLVED: Due to the absence of a constitution, members were unable to support.

(e) Community Champion Presentation Awards 2025– to receive quotes from two local venues.
Only one quote had been received, therefore the item is deferred. Pontllanfraith Bowling Club is to be approached.

(f) Council Office Parking

RESOLVED: Council agreed in principle to fold down bollards to be installed o/s the office due to the ongoing issues, however quotes would be required.

(g) Flooding in the Community

This item was discussed and it was agreed that CCBC and NRW would be assisting those affected with grants, sand bags and flood gates.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to help the Boys & Girls Club with their clean up costs to the sum of £500 and the Chair would further fund the club with £500 from his Chair's Civic Allowance.

144. Biodiversity Report - deferred

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

146. **Dust Monitor – deferred - verbal update**

147. **Training for 2024/25**

- (i) Training dates were received and noted.
- (ii) Training plan was received and noted.

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

148. **Planning Applications**

Case ref: 24/0802/FULL

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows Norgine Ltd 7 Tir-y-berth Industrial Estate New Road Tir-y-berth
GRID REFERENCE - 315305(E) 196278(N)

Create an additional floor area (new first floor within an existing warehouse) to provide expansion of the manufacturing/production area within the existing facility and the extension of a single storey building to provide a compressor housing to contain additional air compressor, drier and air receiver to serve the expansion of the manufacturing/production area.

RESOLVED: No objection

Case 24/0525/FULL

Case Officer: Anthony Pyne

Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm, Gelligaer Road, Gelligaer.

Enable extension to existing quarry operations including drainage, landscape bunds with associated works and erect sports pitch and circular walkway footpaths I refer to the application for planning permission for the above development and write to advise that I have received additional information/plans, which can be viewed online at

<https://publicaccess.caerphilly.gov.uk/PublicAccess/>

Requested to extend the closing date to 28th November 2024.

RESOLVED: OBJECTION

Gelligaer Community Council continue to have significant concerns, along with CCBC's Ecology Officer and NRW, regarding this application in relation to land contamination and controlled waters and protected sites. We therefore strongly object on the grounds that no new information has been forthcoming and our previous comments below are upheld.

Case Ref. 24/0855/FULL Site Area: 465m² Location: Land Within Curtilage Of 44 Brynavon Terrace Hengoed CF82 7NA (UPRN 000043030202) Proposal: Construct 2 semi detached 2.5 storey houses on land adjacent the existing premise Case Officer: Joe Simmons (01443 864428 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315392 (E) 195298 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: OBJECTION

Gelligaer Community Council strongly object to planning application 24/0855/FULL on the grounds of overdevelopment. It will negatively impact the local area with the loss of amenity space.

It will have an overbearing impact on the street and will alter the character and appearance of the locality. The negative impact on local ecology will be profound as it will significantly disrupt local wildlife habitats as the hedgerows provide crucial corridors for many species. The proposed development will lead to a decline in local biodiversity.

149. **Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting on 11th December 2024 at 7.00pm**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: 11th December 2024.