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NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 11th December 2024 at 7.00pm

6th December 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 11th DECEMBER 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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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.

Cefn Hengoed – grassed area being churned up – update required from Ward Member and Police.

4. Public Participation - members of the public are requested to speak with the clerk in advance

5. Retired Chair's Annual Report – deferred

6. Chair's Announcements

7. Minutes

To receive and if approved to confirm and sign the **Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 27th November 2024** as an accurate record.

8. Matters Arising

9. Finance to 5th December 2024

(i) Balance of Funds

To receive, confirm and approve 'Balance of Funds' document.

(ii) Reconciliation

To receive, confirm and approve reconciliation document.

(ii) Bank Statements

To receive, confirm and approve bank statement no 114.

10. Model Financial Regulation 2024 – One Voice Wales – deferred from last meeting (to be tabled) .To receive, approve and adopt revised Model Financial Regulations

11. Motion – to receive and discuss:

Members are being asked to support the campaign to transfer the management and the assets of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh people. YesCymru strongly believes that profit from the Crown Estate should be directed into a Welsh Sovereign Wealth Fund and used to benefit and support the needs of the communities of Wales.

We call upon the Welsh Government to involve all stakeholders to build a coalition of voices, by discussion around this issue, as a matter of urgency. This would be to persuade Westminster, as was done for Scotland in 2016, to transfer the Crown Estate to Wales.

It is estimated that the Estate owns 65% of the nation's foreshore and riverbeds, and more than 50,000 acres of land. The value of Crown Estate holdings in Wales has risen from £96m in 2020 to over £853m in 2023.

A YouGov poll taken in spring 2023 showed that 75% of Welsh voters were in favour of Wales taking control of the management and assets of the Welsh Crown Estate rather than it remaining in the hands of the UK Treasury.

Investing the profits from our natural resources into a Sovereign Wealth Fund for public benefit is widely perceived as an important step towards addressing the needs of the people of Wales. Wales owning and benefitting from the Crown Estate is seen as a way of addressing poverty in Welsh communities and as a way of building agency and resilience.

Our local authority as others are under huge financial pressure and historically under-funded, and placing the Crown Estate in Welsh hands is one significant step in addressing the decades of unfairness and lack of investment in Welsh communities. Many local authorities in Wales also pay the Crown Estate an annual lease to access coastal areas.

YesCymru and Many of our Senedd Members have been at the forefront of this campaign since 2022 and raised awareness about the total financial injustice of the current situation. It can no longer prevail. Swansea City, Monmouthshire, Carmarthenshire, Denbighshire, and Gwynedd County Councils have announced that they support the campaign of placing the management of the Crown Estate and its assets in the hands of the Welsh Government.

Please lend Our authority's name to this campaign, as it could change the lives and fabric of all our communities for the better.

The nation of Wales should be in total control of its own assets so that they profit and benefit our communities and country.

You are asking that the Clerk to write to both the Welsh and UK Government and make a public statement calling for this as a matter of urgency.

A council resolution is required.

12. 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 confirm his LA or Minor Authority position.

B. CCBC Community Centre Management – further information required.

- Gelligaer Community Centre
- Penybryn Village Hall

13. Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25 – (late applications may be tabled)

14. Eco Officer Update

(i) Eco Officer Monthly Report for November

To receive and note report

(ii) Project Proposal 13 – Purchase and install 6qty Prunus Royal Burgundy Trees on land to the east of Penybryn Village Hall

A council resolution is required

15. Projects 2024/25

(i) Project Summary 2024/25 – to receive and discuss (to be tabled)

(ii) Festive Fayre Feedback – deferred from last meeting

- To receive email from CCBC's Events Team

(iii) Community Champion Presentation Awards 2025– to receive quotes from three local venues.

(iv) Council Office Parking – awaiting quotes for fold down bollards to be installed o/s the office due to the ongoing issues.

(v) Christmas tree lights – Siloh Centre.

Council is requested to ratify additional spend on electrical work. Also to discuss a living tree to be planted at Siloh, if the Centre's committee are in agreement.

16. Biodiversity Report - deferred

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

18. Dust Monitor – deferred - verbal update

19. Training for 2024/25

(i) To receive training dates

(ii) To receive and to update training plan

20. Planning Applications (any additional applications will be tabled at meeting)

21. Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7.00pm