

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 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, D Cushing, M James*, W Matthews, A McCarthy, H Pritchard (Chair), J Pritchard, T Parry
and A Wood.

Clerk: C Mortimer

* denotes remote attendance

In Attendance: 2 x PCSO's of Gwent Police and Mr Rob Young of Glanynant Village Hall.

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 242. Apologies** – were received from Cllr G Bruford and Cllr R Callison due to being unwell, Cllr R Bevan and Cllr C Moss due to holiday and Cllr A Wood due to funeral.

243. 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 Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed - Minute no. 254 (iii)

Cllr Haydn Pritchard declared an interest in Cascade Community Centre – Minute no. 254 (ii) (j)

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in Planning - Minute no. 262

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard invited Mr Rob Young to speak with members under the next item.

**244. Public Participation
Glanynant Village Hall**

In summary, Mr Rob Young sought support from the Community Council to secure grant funding for essential materials including toilets, taps, floor and ceiling tiles etc. for Glanynant Village Hall improvements. In addition, Mr Rob Young produced costings.

Council reviewed the project but agreed to revisit it under projects later in the meeting, where a formal resolution would be made.

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard thanked Mr Rob Young for his attendance, Mr Young subsequently left the meeting.

245. Retired Chair's Annual Report

Cllr Teresa Parry presented her report for 2023-2024 to the members, which will be scanned and uploaded onto the website. Cllr Teresa Parry was thanked for her report.

246. Chair's Announcements

(i) Members received and noted correspondence from Flying Officer Aled Lewis of the 2353 (Ystrad Mynach) Squadron No. 1 Welsh Wing, which in summary, thanked us for allowing them use of Siloh hall, to showcase what they offer with a flight simulator and paper plane challenge. The increased footfall led to five new cadets joining immediately, with several more interested, alongside three new adult volunteers—a remarkable improvement from previous years.

Members agreed that promoting the Air Cadets was a positive initiative, providing valuable experiences and fresh challenges to a different demographic of young people.

(ii) Civic Expenditure

Council received and noted the Chair's civic expenditure to date.

- 247. Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 26th March 2025 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 248. Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.
- 249. Finance to 31st March 2025**
(i) Balance of Funds
RESOLVED: 'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
(ii) Reconciliation
RESOLVED: Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
(ii) Bank Statements
RESOLVED: Bank statement no's 71,86 & 118 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 250. Audit for Year Ended 31st March 2025**
Council received and noted the following documentation on audit arrangements and processes:
 (i) Email
 (ii) Audit Notice – Full Audit
 (iii) Guidance notes on completing the Annual Return
 (iv) Full Audit Information Requirements
 (v) Audit Opinions
 (vi) Audit Cycle
 (vii) Audit Fees
- 251. Financial Assistance/Grants 2025/26**
 (i) Greenhill Primary PTA Application no.1
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Greenhill Primary School PTA
 (ii) Llangollen International Eisteddfod Application no.2
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £250 to Llangollen International Eisteddfod.
- 252. Eco Officer Update**
 (i) Eco Officer Monthly Report for March 2025
 Members received and noted the report for March.
- 253. Projects 2025/26**
(i) Project Summary 2024/25
RESOLVED: Council received and approved the projects listed for 2025/26 Appendix 1

(ii) VE Day Celebrations Funding:
 (members noted that Glyngaer PTA & Penybryn Village Hall were funded grants last month)
 (a) Derwendeg Primary PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100
 (b) Greenhill Primary PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100
 (c) Hengoed Primary PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100
 (d) Trinity Fields PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100
 (e) Ysgol Bro Allta PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100
 (f) Ystrad Mynach PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100
 (g) Tiryberth PTA
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100

(h) Cefn Hengoed Street Party

It had previously been explained to Cllr Donna Cushing and again tonight, that members had agreed at the last meeting to only fund constituted groups that requested funding and therefore unfortunately a street party was not eligible.

Cllr Donna Cushing was invited to comment on the matter but declined to speak.

(i) Cascade Brownies

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard declared an interest in the next item

(j) Cascade Community Centre

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100

Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.

(iii) The Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed – Fare Share Food Distribution Project ER6

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £2,000 as per the budget for food poverty, towards the Foodshare at the Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed.

Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing returned to the meeting.

(iv) Office Alarm and lighting – deferred for another quote.

(v) Glanynant Village Hall Project New 5

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £3,030 for the WC's, floor and ceiling tiles and other materials that were discussed earlier.

(vi) Gelligaer Square Planters Project New 6

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund up to £350 on replenishing flowers in the planters at Gelligaer, to include perennials.

254. One Voice Wales - Council deferred the next item.

Correspondence from OVW inviting member councils to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on Wednesday 1st October 2025, which must arrive at this office no later than noon on Friday 20th June 2025 for consideration by the AGM Motions Committee which will meet on Thursday 26th June 2025.

255. Biodiversity Review – deferred.

256. Decarbonisation/Green Projects - deferred

257. Dust Monitor – deferred - verbal update

258. Training for 2025/26

(i) Training dates were received and noted

(ii) Updated training plan was received and noted.

259. CCBC's Parking Services Consultation re: Residents Parking Scheme in Ystrad Mynach

Members received and noted the following, which in summary, following an extensive consultation exercise with residents and ward members, we are now requested to comment on the following:

(i) A revised policy has been approved by CCBC's Cabinet, with the main change relating to the maximum times of operation, revised from Monday to Saturday 8am - 6pm to Monday to Saturday 8am - 8pm.

(ii) There are 2 Zones in Ystrad Mynach which are 503 and 510 and the streets associated with each zone according to the traffic order.

Vehicles without the correct permit identifier for a zone may be ticketed.

Closing date for comments: 9th May 2025.

Resolved: Council agreed that there were not enough traffic enforcement officers in place. It was also noted that an additional 14 spaces had been gained from the removal of yellow lines.

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

260. Planning Applications

Council received and commented on 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: 25/0155/COU

Location: Peach Perfect Lift And Glow 6 Beech Embankment Ystrad Mynach Hengoed
GRID REFERENCE - 314672(E) 194575(N)

Proposal: Change the use from dining room into a beauty salon

Contact/Cysylltwch â: Joe Simmons Telephone/Ffon: 01443 864428 E Mail/E Bost:
planning@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council

RESOLVED: Objection on the grounds of inappropriate commercial development in a residential area.

Case Ref. 25/0198/HH Site Area: 336m²

Location: 21 Tansy Close Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8LF (UPRN 000043043054)

Proposal: Erect a wooden summerhouse/shed on existing decking structure within the rear garden

Case Officer: Luke Buffery (01443 864709 : buffel@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314285 (E) 196952 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 25/0201/HH Site Area: 487m²

Location: 5 Swallowfield Drive Penallta Hengoed CF82 6AW (UPRN 000043168992)

Proposal: Convert attic to include raising the ridge height and dormer windows, french doors with Juliet balcony to the rear

Case Officer: Luke Buffery (01443 864709 : buffel@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314217 (E) 195666 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Objection on the grounds of not in character with neighbouring properties.

Case Ref: 25/0224/COU

Location: 15 Bedwlwyn Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7WS

GRID REFERENCE - 314553(E) 194396(N)

Change the use to mixed A1/A3 use and associated works

Contact/Cysylltwch â: Joshua Burrows Telephone/Ffon: 01443 864427 E Mail/E Bost:
planning@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Ystrad Mynach

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council

RESOLVED: No objection

261. Next meeting Date - Members are to note that the May meetings will on:

Addendum: Annual Meeting - Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7.00pm as opposed to 7th May.

Ordinary Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: 21st May 2025.