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NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2026 at 7.00pm

22nd January 2026

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 28th JANUARY 2026 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. Public Participation** - members of the public are requested to speak with the clerk in advance.
Spring Fayre 2026
To receive and note email from Mr Dean Pritchard.
- 4. Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards** – to receive and discuss update.

5. Chair's Announcements

6. Minutes

(i) To receive and if approved to confirm and sign the **Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 17th December 2025** as an accurate record.

7. Matters Arising

One Voice Wales (OVW) AGM

Members are to note that Gelligaer Community Council's motion, proposed by Cllr Teresa Parry and seconded by Cllr Colin Mann, calling for the devolvement of the Crown Estate to Wales, was passed on 21st January 2026 at OVW's AGM. This decision is expected to enable OVW and community & town councils in Wales, to lobby both the Welsh and UK Governments accordingly.

Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Standards Committee

At CCBC's recent full council meeting, it was agreed that the Caerphilly Community and Town Council Liaison Committee re-start the recruitment process for a member on the Standards Committee in a fair and transparent manner.

8. Finance to 15th January 2026

(i) Balance of Funds

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

(ii) Reconciliation

To receive, confirm and approve reconciliation document.

(iii) Bank Statements

To receive, confirm and approve bank statement no's 78,79,93, 125,126,127.

(iv) Open Spaces Society Membership & Change of Bank– to receive discuss and approve

9. Precept 2026/27

(i) To receive and note Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC)

(ii) To note last year's CCBC's listing of Community & Town Councils Precepts

(iii) To receive Clerk's Precept Report

(iv) To receive Appendix A which outlines:

a) Actual spend to date as at 15/01/2026 – approval required

b) Projected spend to 31st March 2026 – approval required

c) Proposed Budget for 2026/27 – approval required

A council resolution is required to determine the level of precept, budget and the use of earmarked reserves.

10. Financial Assistance/Grants 2025/26– (late applications may be tabled)

(i) Gelligaer & District Welfare Association – deferred from last meeting for further quotations

(ii) Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club

(iii) Shappelles Moana Dance Formation (deferred from last meeting)

(iv) Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

(v) Gelligaer Young Farmers (to be tabled)

11. Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) – deferred to December for the report.

Duty 6, under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, places a legal responsibility on all public authorities in Wales to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems in the exercise of their functions. This means we must consider biodiversity in decision making, land management, procurement and community engagement.

A report must be published by December 2025, to comply with this duty outlining the actions taken.

To receive, discuss and sign off Report.

12. **Business Items deferred from the Annual Meeting:
CCBC Community Centre Management Committees**
Gelligaer Community Centre
Penybryn Village Hall
13. **CCBC's Consultation - Proposed Budget Cuts for 2026/27**
To receive and discuss
14. **Eco Officer Update**
(i) Eco Officer Monthly Report October/November – to receive and note
(ii) New project proposal
15. **Projects 2025/26**
(i) Project Summary 2025/26 - to receive and note
16. **Dust Monitor – deferred - verbal update**
17. **Training for 2026**
To receive and note:
(i) Training Modules and Dates from OVW
(ii) Training Plan
18. **Cleaners Contract/Agreement – to defer**
(i) To receive and discuss renewed contract.
A council resolution is required to approve the new contract/agreement for the next three years.
19. **Any Other Business**
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.
21. **Next meeting Date – Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7pm.**
22. **Exclusion of Press and Public**
In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, a council resolution is required to exclude the press and public due to the confidential and personal nature of the next item.
23. **Confidential Item – Staffing/Governance Matter**