

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on
Wednesday 28th January 2026 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:

Cllr C Moss (Chair), R Bevan, W Matthews (V Chair), T Parry*, H Pritchard,
J Pritchard and A McCarthy

Clerk: In the clerk's absence, Cllr H Pritchard took the minutes.

* denotes remote attendance.

In Attendance: PCSO Bateman of Gwent Police

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss welcomed everyone to the meeting.

137. Apologies - were received from Cllr A angel, Cllr A Wood, G Bruford and
Cllr M James.

138. 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss invited Captain Dean Pritchard to address members.

139. Public Participation

Captain Dean Pritchard addressed the members in respect of 2353 (Ystrad
Mynach) Squadron Air Cadets. The squadron are in a position to provide activities
for people to take part in during the Spring Fayre and would like to utilise the Siloh
Chapel. This was a great success last year and the cadets have built on the
activities that are being offered and provide things to do for all age groups from
toddlers up. The members agreed that the hire of the hall could be arranged and
paid for by the Community Council. Cllr Moss will check with Siloh Chapel and
make arrangements as necessary.

*Captain Dean Pritchard was thanked for his attendance, and he subsequently left
the meeting.*

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss invited the police to present the next item

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

CSO Nicola Bateman discussed the reports with the members.

The reports were noted.

Cllr J Pritchard reported that she had witnessed an increase in the use of Electric Scooters on pavements and roads in the local area. CSO Bateman stated that the police will increase patrols in the area in order to discourage this behaviour. It was suggested that sending a leaflet to local schools for further dissemination would be a good idea. CSO Bateman agreed to send the clerk a copy of a leaflet and this could then be sent to the local schools. A request was made for more bike marking sessions. The members agreed to fund the purchase of lights and bells, that can be handed out at these bike marking sessions. It was also agreed that in light of recent car theft activity in the local area that the Community Council could look into buying Faraday pouches as items to give away at the Spring Fayre.

PCSO Nicola Bateman was thanked for her update and she subsequently left the meeting.

141. Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss made the following announcements:

- All eight Christmas Pantomimes throughout our villages had been a great success, and our thanks and gratitude is extended to the members and volunteers that make it possible.
- Surplus selection boxes from the fayre had been distributed to local groups prior to Christmas.

142. Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 17th December 2025 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

143. Matters Arising

The following matters were discussed:

- a. Money from Pantomimes is to be handed in to Cllr H Pritchard and a record kept by him.

144. Finance to 15th January 2026

(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. The cheque for Cllr M James will need to be re-issued.

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statement no's 78,79,93, 125,126,127 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Open Spaces Society Membership & Change of Bank– this was received, discussed and approved.

145. Precept 2026/27

- (i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) was received and noted.
- (ii) CCBC's listing of Community & Town Councils Precepts from last year was received and noted.
- (iii) Clerk's Precept Report and Appendix A was received and noted.
- (iv) Appendix A which outlines:
 - a. Actual spend to date as at 15/01/2026 – approved
 - b. Projected spend to 31st March 2026 – approved
 - c. Proposed Budget for 2026/27 – approved

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the proposed budget for 2026/27 with a 4.5% increase in precept which will mean a £1.00 increase per Band D dwelling per annum and a total precept of £148,894. Council also agreed to the use of earmarked reserves on worthwhile projects benefitting the community environmentally, socially and economically.

146. Financial Assistance/Grants 2025/26

- (i) **Gelligaer & District Welfare Association** – deferred for further quotations
- (ii) **Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club** – deferred until next meeting
- (iii) **Shappelles Moana Dance Formation** – does not comply with criteria for grant
- (iv) **Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal Application No.19**

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £500 to Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

- (v) **Gelligaer Young Farmers Application No.20**

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £350 to Gelligaer Young Farmers

147. Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 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. Cllr Moss has the report and will make a few amendments before submitting it.

**148. Business Items deferred from the Annual Meeting:
CCBC Community Centre Management Committees.**

Penybryn Village Hall – a meeting will be arranged by Cllr Matthews for February 2026.

149. CCBC's Consultation - Proposed Budget Cuts for 2026/27

Received and discussed. Cllr J Pritchard to draft and submit a response on behalf of Gelligaer Community Council.

150. Eco Officer Update

- (i) Eco Officer Monthly Report – received and noted.
- (ii) No new project proposals.

151. Projects 2025/26

(i) Project Summary 2025/26 – was received and noted.

(ii) Awards Event 2026 – date agreed as 16 May 26. Cllr H Pritchard to contact Rolling Jacks Bowling Centre and check on availability of venue and approximate cost.

(iii) Christmas Lights – a revamp of the lights in Tiryberth, Penybryn, Hengoed and Gelligaer was discussed and noted. Cllr H Pritchard to speak with Centigrade to arrange a meeting to discuss this item.

(iv) Christmas Pantomimes – Cllr H Pritchard to check with Glanynant Hall that it is available for next Christmas to host the pantomimes.

152. Dust Monitor – Deferred - Cllr H Pritchard to speak with Mark Roberts and confirm where the dust monitor currently is kept.

153. Training for 2025/26 - Members received and noted:

(i) Training Modules and Dates from OVW

(ii) Training Plan

154. Cleaners Contract/Agreement - deferred

(i) Members received and discussed renewed contract. Members discussed the term of the contract and it was agreed that we needed to establish the duration of the current contract.

155. Planning Applications

Case Ref. 26/0028/FULL 12 Bedwlwyn Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension to facilitate additional storage space for the pharmacy Allied Pharmacy GRID REFERENCE - 314576(E) 194366(N).

Resolved: No objection.

Case Ref. 26/0001/FULL Site Area: 336m² Land Adjacent To 12 Raglan Road

Hengoed CF82 7LX (UPRN 000043030112) Proposal: Erect detached dwelling with associative parking.

Cllr C Moss to submit an objection on behalf of Gelligaer Community Council.

Case Ref. 26/0024/COU 322793 Site Area: 125m² 10 Commercial Street Ystrad

Mynach Hengoed CF82 7DX (UPRN 000043019874) Proposal: Change the use of first floor from D1 Storage to C3 residential apartment. Cllr C Moss to submit an objection on behalf of Gelligaer Community Council.

Case Ref. 26/0027/TCA Site Area: 429m² Hengoed Railway Station King's Hill

Hengoed (UPRN 000043168790) Proposal: Carry out various tree works.

Resolved: No objection.

Case Ref. 26/0028/FULL Site Area: 348m² Allied Pharmacy 12 Bedwlwyn Road

Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7AD (UPRN 000043085416) Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension to facilitate additional storage space for the pharmacy.

Resolved: No objection.

Case Ref. 26/0033/CLPU Site Area: 60m² 10 Commercial Street Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7DX (UPRN 000043019874) Proposal: Obtain certificate of lawfulness for proposed change of use from Class D1 to Sui Generis (nail salon). Resolved: No objection.

156. Next meeting Date – Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7pm was noted.

157. 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. There were no press or public in attendance.

158. Confidential Item – Staffing/Governance Matter
Members discussed a confidential item regard staffing and governance.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 18th February 2026