

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on
Wednesday 18th February 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 A Angel, R Bevan, Cllr M James, A McCarthy, Cllr C Moss (Chair), T Parry, H Pritchard, J Pritchard and Cllr A Wood*,

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

* denotes remote attendance.

In Attendance: Sophie Thomas Butler, an observer, PCSO Harris and PCSO Coomer of Gwent Police.

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss welcomed everyone to the meeting.

159. Apologies - Apologies were received from Cllr G Bruford and Cllr W Matthews.

160. 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 A Angel declared an interest in the Planning items on the agenda.

161. Public Participation

The meeting was attended by Sophie Thomas Butler, who observed proceedings.

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss invited Gwent Police Officers to present the next item.

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

CSO Harris and Coomer spoke to the members of the council about matters included in the Police report. The increase in the statistics for St Cattwg was questioned. CSOs said they would do some research to find out what the increases entailed and where in the ward was most affected. County Council Members were reminded of the meeting held by Inspector Thomson on the last Thursday of each month.

*Chair Cllr Catrin Moss thanked both PCSO's for their attendance and update.
They subsequently left the meeting.*

163. Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Catrin Moss made the following announcements:

A Thank You letter has been received from the Marie Curie Foundation for the donation made by the Community Council.

A message has been received from a member of the public in respect of the trees and boxes for wildlife that have been installed in Forest Park.

- 164. Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 17th December 2025 with corrected page numbers were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 165. Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising from the corrected Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17th December 2025.
- 166. Minutes**
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 167. Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026.
- 168. Finance - Deferred**
(i) Balance of Funds - deferred
(ii) Reconciliation - deferred
(iii) Bank Statements - deferred
- 169. Vacancy in the Hengoed Ward**
Members noted that a notice to hold an election had not been received by 17th February 2026 at CCBC's Election Services, and as a result of this Gelligaer Community Council is in a position to fill the vacancy by co-option and a notice of the co-option will be advertised.
- 170. Community & Town Council Liaison Committee and CCBC Joint Committee**
Following recent resignations, nominations are invited on both committees and a reserve – deferred.
- 171. Financial Assistance/Grants 2025/26**
(i) **Gelligaer & District Welfare Association** – deferred for further quotations.
(ii) **Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club Application no.21**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £1600 to Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club.
(iii) **Cefn Hengoed Neuro-Diversity Café Application no.22**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to pledge the sum of £340 (£240 to cover rental and £100 towards leaflets).
(iv) **Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr** - deferred.
(v) **Ysgol Penalltau Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) Application no.23**
RESOLVED: Members agreed to grant £350 to Penalltau PTA
(vi) **Kings Hill Allotment Association Application no.24**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Kings Hill Allotment Association.

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

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

173. Eco Officer Update

- (i) Eco Officer Monthly Report – received and noted.
- (ii) No new project proposals.
- (iii) Cllrs C Moss and H Pritchard to meet with Pam Bacon and Andy King of Keep Wales Tidy on Monday 21st February to discuss future projects and work.
- (iv) More is to be done to advertise the eco work being carried out in the council areas. Photos of the latest work at Barry Close to be taken and posted on Facebook and the GCC web page.

174. Projects 2025/26

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

- (ii) **Awards Event 2026** – date agreed as 16 May 26. Rolling Jacks is available on this date. Cost per meal is the same at £21.95 per meal. Cllr H Pritchard to check on the latest date for confirming numbers and meal selections.

- (iii) **School Project – Dog Fouling.** Cllr T Parry suggested a competition at each of the schools in the GCC area to design a poster against people letting their dogs foul the local area. This would be conducted in the same way as the recent traffic awareness campaign that was conducted in the Gelligaer area. Winning posters would be printed and displayed locally and the children would receive small prizes for their work. Cllr Parry will start preparing a draft email and the costings for the prizes and printing costs etc.

175. Dust Monitor - Deferred.

176. Training for 2025/26

Members received and noted:

- (i) Training Modules and Dates from OVW
- (ii) Free Digital Training & Guidance
- (iii) Training Plan

177. Cleaners Contract/Agreement - deferred

178. Any Other Business:

- (i) **Asset Register** Received and noted updated Asset Register, returns and discussed laptops on page 4 (one of which is shared with LLPCC the other a CCBC ThinkPad purchased by GCC from CCBC).

RESOLVED: Council agreed that laptops can go to LLPCC for a contribution towards the cost.

(ii) **Royal Air Force Air Cadets (RAFAAC)**

Members received and noted risk assessment and public liability insurance from RAFAAC. Members are requested to obtain and provide RAFAAC with a copy of Siloh hall's risk assessment and public liability insurance ahead of the spring fayre. Cllr Martyn James to look into this.

(iii) **Christmas Fayre** - New date of 5 December 2026 confirmed.

(iv) **Funding for Spring and Christmas Fayres**

CCBC had requested an increase in our contribution for the Christmas and Spring Fayre.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to increase the amount to £1500 per fayre and for them to be paid in one payment.

179. Planning Applications

Case Ref. 25/0828/FULL Site Area: 10582m² Llancaich Isaf Farm, Gelligaer Road, Nelson, Treharris CF46 6EP(UPRN 000043089239) Proposal: Extend existing farmhouse to include internal alterations. Change use of two of the existing agricultural barns to residential extensions and internal alterations together with demolition, access, parking, drainage, landscaping, public footpath diversion and associated works.

Withdrawn by CCBC.

Case Ref. 25/0886/RET Site Area: 67m² Location: Lewis School Pengam, Gwerthonor Place, Gilfach, Bargoed CF81 8LJ. (UPRN 000043085822) Retain the siting 1 No. 6m x 2.5m storage container adjacent to sport field.

Resolved: No objection.

Case Ref. 25/0888/FULL Site Area: 7463m² Location: Maesycwmmmer Service Station Main Road, Maesycwmmmer, Hengoed CF82 7PP (UPRN 000043090417). Proposal: Demolish existing buildings and develop a restaurant with drive-thru facility (Use Class A3) including access and cycle/footpath, servicing, car parking, hard and soft landscaping, and other associated works.

RESOLVED: Community Council to submit an objection on the basis of increased traffic, congestion, litter and the environment.

Case Ref. 26/0074/HH Site Area: 309m² 59 Heathlands, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed CF82 7NZ (UPRN 000043019662) Proposal: Erect two storey extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of side garage.

RESOLVED: No objection.

Case Ref. 26/0071/HH Site Area: 445m² Location: 17 Tai'r Heol, Penpedairheol, Hengoed CF82 8DL(UPRN 000043012360) Proposal: Demolish single storey section and erect two storey extension, small rear extension and associated works.

RESOLVED: No objection.

- 180. Next meeting Date – Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 7pm was noted.**

Sophie Thomas Butler was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting before the next item.

- 181.** 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.

182. Confidential Item – Staffing/Governance Matter

Members discussed a confidential item regard staffing and governance.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 18th March 2026.