



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Gelligaer Community Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 May 2008 at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A P Angel, R Bevan, D Bolter, W David, W Griffiths, M James, T H Matthews, C Morgan, Mrs T Parry, Mrs J A Pritchard, G Roberts, G B Shannon and R C Thomas.

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

1 Apologies

All Members were present and therefore no apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes

It was Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2007 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4 Appoint a Chairman of the Council

Nominations for the Chairman of the Council were invited.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Rob Thomas be appointed Chairman of the Council

It was Resolved that that Community Councillor Rob Thomas be appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Rob Thomas was bestowed with the Chairmans Chain of Office. He thanked the Council for honouring him with the position of Chairman of the Council and also asked the Clerk to write to the previous Members to thank them for their service to the Community Council.

5 **Appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Council**

Nominations for the Vice-Chairman of the Council were invited

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Judith Pritchard be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council

It was Resolved that that Community Councillor Judith Pritchard be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

6 **Policy**

The Policy document, having previously been circulated, was discussed. It was Resolved that the following changes be made:

Item 3 Meetings –All Council Meetings would be changed from being held on a Tuesday to a Wednesday

Item 6 Chairmans Allowance – The Chairmans personal allowance would increase from £450 to £500

Item 8 Members Allowances – Members are to submit VAT receipt for travelling expenses to enable the Clerk to claim back the VAT

Item 10 Working Party on Straying Animals - be removed

Item 16 Etiquette at Meetings – be removed and replaced with No Smoking Policy

7 **Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

It was Resolved that the Council be represented on outside bodies by the following Members and Clerk:

Community & Town Councils Liaison Committee – Cllr D Bolter, Cllr G Roberts and C Mortimer

Caerphilly County Borough & Community/Town Councils Joint Liaison Committee – Cllr G Roberts & C Mortimer

One Voice Wales – Cllr D Bolter

Hengoed Primary School – Cllr T Parry to replace Cllr A Angel

Y G G Bro Allta – Cllr T Parry to replace Mrs J Cooke

Derwendeg Primary School – Cllr A Angel to remain

Glyngaer Primary School – Cllr T H Matthews to remain

Greenhill Primary School – Cllr R Bevan to remain
Tir y Berth Primary School – Cllr B Shannon to remain
Ystrad Mynach Primary – Mrs J Cooke to remain
Penallta Bilingual School – Mrs C Angel
Y G Gilfach Bargoed – Mrs A Green
The Rest, Porthcawl – Cllr A Angel to remain
Friends of Llancaiach Fawr – Cllr W Griffiths to replace Cllr D Bolter

Health Watch, Ystrad Mynach and District – Cllr A Angel
Mid Valleys Steering Group – Cllr M James
Emergency Planning – Cllr J Pritchard to remain and C Mortimer
Communities First Partnerships Forums – Respective Ward Members to attend their own
Community Centres Management Committees – Respective Ward Members to attend their own :
Hengoed – Cllr T parry to replace Cllr a angel
Cascade – Cllr C Morgan to remain
Cefn Hengoed – Cllr R Thomas to remain
Gelligaer – Cllr T H Matthews to remain
Tir y Berth – Cllr B Shannon to remain
Pen y Bryn – Cllr R Bevan to remain

8 Cycle of Meetings

A proposed Cycle of Meetings, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

It was Resolved that the proposed 3 weekly Cycle of Meetings to be held on a Wednesday be approved and Adopted

9 Induction Pack

- Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by each Member in the presence of the Clerk
- The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008 No.288 (W.82) Local Government of Wales was formally adopted by each Member present
- Standing Orders and Chairmanship July 2003 were adopted by the Council

The Meeting Closed at 8-05 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman