

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 2007, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor D Roberts
Councillors A P Angel, D Bolter, R Bevan, T H Matthews, C Morgan, Mrs J A Pritchard, Mrs M R Richards and G B Shannon.

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

In Attendance

PCSO G Coombes, Gwent Police

62 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J V Cook and R C Thomas, due to illness, and Councillor W Matthews, due to prior meeting.

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was Declared on Minute Nos 75, 76 and 83.

64 GWENT POLICE LIAISON

The Representative gave a printed report on issues within the St Catwg's, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards, the contents of which were discussed and noted.

Other matters discussed were :-

Parking on Pavement at Hengoed Crescent and Hengoed Avenue, Cefn Hengoed: Police stated that there were no reported calls but that PC Lang was dealing with the matter.

No Drinking Zone Signage: It was noted that this signage was now installed. There had been one reported incident at Castle Hill, Gelligaer, where alcohol had been confiscated.

Off-Licence Test Purchasing: It was noted that this matter is on-going.

64 GWENT POLICE LIAISON (continued...)

Junction of Cwm Yr Allt Lane and New Road, Tiryberth: It was reported that again vehicles parking on the New Road, outside David Spear Commercial Vehicles, at Glanynant, were blocking the view and causing highway danger for vehicle drivers exiting from Cwm Yr Allt Lane. Police to investigate.

Parking at Ystrad Mynach: It was reported that there was abuse of the time period at some parking bays in the Ystrad Mynach area. Police are aware of the situation and will deal with the matter as priority of time allows.

Illegal caravan parking at Dyffryn Field, Penpedairheol: Police were aware of the situation and dealing with the matter.

Speeding at Church Road, Gelligaer: Police noted the report.

Lane to the rear of Hengoed and Forest Avenues, Cefn Hengoed: It was reported that there was anti-social behaviour in this area. Police to enforce an action plan on the area and monitor on a daily basis.

Ystrad Mynach Park: Alcohol abuse and intimidation by large gangs of youth. Police were aware of the situation and invited the public to report incidents when they were observed.

Cascade Football Field: Alcohol abuse and litter. Police to monitor situation.

PCSO Coombes was thanked for his report and response to the matters raised.

65 VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

A copy of a CCBC Report to the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the provision of Variable Message Signs, having previously been circulated, was discussed. It was noted that the equipment was available to Third Parties as long as funding could be identified. It was also noted that these VMS could record the speed of vehicles passing, becoming a type of sensor for recording data that could be used to support future traffic calming provision.

66 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had represented the Council at the CCBC Mayor's Charity Appeal launch, at the AGM of Home-Start Cwm Rhymni, at a meeting of the Gelligaer Branch of the OAP Association, and had also become Patron of the Ystrad Mynach Male Choir.

67 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12:06:07 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record.

68 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 27:06:07, having previously been circulated, were approved.

69 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had signed and returned their audit of the Council's Accounts for the 2005/2006 Financial Year, with no issues. It was also reported that the 2006/2007 Financial Year Accounts would be audited on 1 October, 2007. The Clerk was thanked for the work involved in the audit.

70 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 23) SENSORY NEEDS DEPARTMENT, ST CENYDD SCHOOL

In supporting activities for the disabled youth within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £200.00 be granted to the Sensory Needs Department, St Cenydd School, to subsidise their residential activity course, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

71 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 24) LINDSAY ANGLING CLUB

In encouraging the sport of angling within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £100.00 be granted to the Lindsay Angling Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

72 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 25) YSTRAD MYNACH ARTHRITIS CARE

In supporting the work of this Charity within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £300.00 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Arthritis Care, to aid their function, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

73 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 26)

TI A FI PENPEDAIRHEOL

In supporting opportunities for the youth of the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £140.00 be granted to the Ti a Fi Penpedairheol, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

74 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 27) CAERPHILLY C B FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

In promoting leisure activities within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £100.00 be granted to the Caerphilly C B Family History Society, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

75 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 28) HENGOED PLAYGROUP

Councillor Mrs J A Pritchard declared an interest in this matter and left the Council Chamber taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision.

In supporting opportunities for the youth of the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £250.00 be granted to the Hengoed Playgroup, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

76 PROJECTS

The Project Summary, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

Councillor R Bevan declared an interest in the Festive Lighting Projects for Gelligaer and Penybryn, and for the Christmas Lantern Parade, as being Chairman and Member of the Gelligaer and Penybryn Community 1st Partnership, and after providing additional requested information on the projects, took no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision.

Project No 145: £600.00 granted for festive Lighting for December 2007.

Project No 126: £600.00 granted for festive Lighting for December 2007.

76 PROJECTS (continued...)

Project No 69: It was reported that the Consultant for the feasibility study had undergone part of the work and the first payment was now requested.

RESOLVED to release the £1000.00 pledged for the feasibility study.

New Project: Lay-by provision at The Bungalows, Hengoed: Ward Member to obtain costings.

New Project: Football Post provision at Grffiths Street Play Area: The Parks Department had provided a quotation of £700.00 for this provision.

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted and work to be commissioned as soon as convenient.

New Project: Dog Bin provision at Parc Penallta: It was reported that a Dog Fouling Receptacle had been placed at the entrance to Parc Penallta, but that the bin was overflowing.

RESOLVED to request that the bin be emptied and another receptacle placed inside the Parc.

New Project: Lantern Parade at Gelligaer and Penybryn: Discussion took place on sponsoring a Christmas Lantern Parade from Gelligaer to Penybryn, organised by the Gelligaer and Penybryn Partnership. It was noted that there would be two workshops commissioned to make the lanterns with the community and that the cost of materials needed to be taken into consideration. This would be a joint project with the Partnership.

RESOLVED that the Lantern Parade be sponsored to the maximum of £1,500.00

77 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

Minutes of the following Community 1st Partnership Meetings, having previously been circulated, were noted :-

21:05:07 Gelligaer and Penybryn
13:06:07 Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed

78 GAVO ANNUAL FUNDING DAY

Details of the GAVO Annual Funding Day scheduled for 5 July, 2007, having previously been circulated, were noted.

79 ONE VOICE WALES – COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Guidance on establishing a Complaints Procedure received from One Voice Wales, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

RESOLVED to adopt the Complaints Procedure.

80 ONE VOICE WALES – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Details of the One Voice Wales 2007 Annual Conference scheduled for 13 October, 2007, having previously been circulated was discussed.

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs J A Pritchard and D Bolter attend the Conference on the Council's behalf, and that all relevant expenses be borne by the Council.

81 AREA REVIEW COMMITTEES

The Clerk reported that all Ward Members had been invited to the relevant Area Review Committees to undertake a review of all CCBC owned properties. It was noted that more Representatives were needed for Community Centre Committees.

82 EXEMPT MATTERS

Guidance on confidential information and excluding the public received from the CCBC Monitoring Officer/Corporate Solicitor, and having been circulated, was discussed.

RESOLVED to note the guidance for future use.

83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor D Bolter declared an interest in this matter and left the Council Chamber, taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decisions.

Councillor C Morgan declared an interest in Planning Application No 07/0694/FULL and left the meeting, taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision.

RESOLVED that there be **no objection** to **Planning Application Nos 07/0715/LA, 07/0750/OUT, 07/0755/FULL, 07/0350/COU, 07/0749/FULL, 07/0780/RET, 07/0786/FULL, 07/0791/FULL, 07/0694/FULL and 07/0813/FULL.**

Planning Application Nos 07/0754/FULL was **not objected to** as long as there will be no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties and no loss of off-street parking.

Planning Application Nos 07/0744/FULL was **not objected to** as long as there will be no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____
Chairman