

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 4 JULY, 2006, at 7.30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor D Bolter

Councillors K M Derrick, G J Hughes, C Morgan, Mrs J A Pritchard, D Roberts and R C Thomas.

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

In Attendance

Inspector A Green, Gwent Police

63 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Angel, due to prior commitment, Councillor Mrs J V Cook, due to illness, Councillor W Matthews, due to prior meeting and Councillor Mrs M R Richards, due to work commitment.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute No 80.

65 GWENT POLICE LIAISON

Matters discussed were :-

Youth Disorder/Anti-Social Behaviour at Gelligaer and Penpedairheol: Matter to be reviewed in September after Police initiative.

Burning of items at Institute Field, Hengoed: Matter now resolved.

Speeding on Hengoed Avenue and at Lewis Street, Ystrad Mynach: Incidents were reported.

Illegal use of Motor Bikes/Quads on Highway: It was noted that all vehicles should be taxed and insured or not used on a public highway.

Statistics: It was noted that there had been an overall reduction in recorded crime in the area.

Police Liaison Committee: The Representative gave a verbal report on the Police Liaison Committee meeting held at Caerphilly Police Station on 10 April, 2006, which was supported with a copy of the Minutes. The report was noted.

66 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had represented the Council at a recent concert given by the Derwendeg Ladies Choir, which had been a very enjoyable event. He had also presented a Council Grant to the local Parkinson's Society.

The Vice-Chairman stated that he had attended the launch of the Mayor of CCBC's Charity ie the Air Ambulance Association, details of which were distributed. The matter was then further considered and it was

RESOLVED that £500.00 be granted to the Mayor's Charity – the Air Ambulance Association, to aid their function, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. The Mayor to be invited to a future meeting to receive the cheque.

67 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13:06:06 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record. A response from Wayne David, MP, on Minute No 60 Sustainable Communities Bill was read out and the contents noted.

68 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 04:07:06, having previously been circulated, were approved.

69 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 16) TIRYBERTH BRANCH – OAP ASSOCIATION

In promoting social and recreational activities for the Senior Citizens of the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £140.00 be granted to the Tiryberth Branch – OAP Association, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

70 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 17) CASC-AID COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

In supporting the work of this very active and successful local volunteer group, it was

RESOLVED that £1,000.00 be granted to the Casc-Aid Community Action Group, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976

**71 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 18)
GELLIGAER BRANCH – OAP ASSOCIATION**

In promoting social and recreational activities for the Senior Citizens of the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £140.00 be granted to the Gelligaer Branch – OAP Association, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**72 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 19)
CYLCH DAWNS CWM RHYMNI**

In promoting traditional activities within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £160.00 be granted to Cylch Dawns Cwm Rhymini, to aid its function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**73 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 20)
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 of St Cenydd School, to subsidise their residential course, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

74 PROJECTS

The Project Summary was circulated and reviewed.

Project No 145: Following correspondence from the Gelligaer & Penybryn Partnership, it was noted that the Partnership owed Groundwork Caerphilly £600.00 for Festive Lighting provision in respect of December 2005. In view of this additional information it was

RESOLVED that the grant for December 2005 of £600.00 be paid to the Gelligaer and Penybryn Partnership and that their grant for December 2006 is reduced back to £600.00

Project No 142: A copy of the Cydcoed Application, having previously been circulated, was discussed. Also received and noted was a letter of agreement between CCBC and GCC and the Project Development and Management Protocol.

RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards the amended information on the Cycoed Application to CCBC.

74 PROJECTS (continued...)

Project No 138: It was reported that work would commence on this project towards the end of July 2006.

Project Nos 99 and 100: The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Head of Leisure to discuss these projects further.

75 MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW AREA STEERING GROUPS

Correspondence from GAVO on the new Area Steering Groups Membership, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

RESOLVED that Councillor C Morgan will be the Council's Representative on the new Area Steering Group.

76 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

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

16:05:06 Glan-Y-Nant and Tir-Y-Berth
14:07:05 Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed (AGM)
18:05:06 Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed

77 FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION

The Clerk reported that new Fire Safety Legislation dictated that a public body owning a public building must undertake a Fire Risk Assessment and also provide Fire Extinguisher Training to a designated responsible person. A leaflet confirming the legislation, having previously been circulated, was then discussed.

RESOLVED that in complying with the new legislation a Fire Risk Assessment by commissioned with AFT at a cost of £150.00 and the Risk Assessment to be continually monitored and up-dated when necessary by the Clerk. Also, the Clerk to receive training on Fire Extinguisher use.

78 CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Clerk's Report on the CCB Joint Liaison Committee of Town & Community Councils Meeting held on 21:06:06, having previously been circulated, was discussed. Also circulated was a SEWTA Regional Transport Plan Research Study – Stakeholder Consultation Questionnaire.

78 CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS (continued...)

RESOLVED to accept the increase in Subscription for 2006/2007 to £50.00 per annum. Also, to accept the Clerk's completion of the Questionnaire and forward

it to Capita Symonds, with a copy to the Committee's Representatives on the Stakeholder Consultation Event scheduled for 06:07:06.

Councillor R C Thomas, gave his apologies and left the meeting.

79 LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Details of Licence Applications in respect of 23 June, 2006, having previously been circulated, were noted.

80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors D Bolter, who vacated the Chair, and G J Hughes declared an interest in this matter as being Members of the CCBC Planning Committee. Both Members left the Council Chamber taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decisions. Councillor D Roberts, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair for this matter only.

RESOLVED that there be **no objection** to Planning Application Nos **P/06/0711, 0715, 0728, 0732, 0737 and 0761.**

Planning Application Nos **P/06/0743 and 0748** were **not objected** to as long as there was no loss of off-street parking.

Planning Application No **P/06/0733** was **objected** to on the following grounds :-

- that the Pierhead Building is a listed building and therefore is unable to take outside extractor fans.
- that there is no parking facilities available.
- that there is an over-saturation of A3 Use premises within the area.

Planning Application No **P/06/0745** was **objected** to on the following grounds :-

- that there is an insufficient allocation of parking places per dwelling ie there should be at least 3 spaces per dwelling, in an area that is already over-congested with vehicles.

Councillor Bolter returned to the Chair to close the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed _____
Chairman