

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 2007, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor D Botler
Councillors A P Angel, R Bevan, G J Hughes, T H Matthews, Mrs J A Pritchard,

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

In Attendance

Inspector J Walsh, Gwent Police
PC570 N Harris, Gwent Police

84 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J V Cook, prior commitment, Councillor W Matthews, due to prior meeting, Councillor Mrs M R Richards, due to work commitment, Councillor D Roberts, family commitment and Councillor R C Thomas, due to recovery from illness.

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was Declared on Minute Nos 103, 104 (Part of) and 111 .

86 GWENT POLICE LIAISON

Inspector Walsh explained that she was finding it difficult to send staff to Meetings within the Community, especially as new groups were being set up and requesting police attendance. She distributed information sheets on how to contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team for the three Wards of St Catwg's, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach, and requested the Council's co-operation to work closer together through electronic mail, rather than by representation at Council Meetings. She felt this would help issues being resolved quicker.

Concern was expressed that Members would be at a disadvantage by never actually meeting the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Inspector Walsh stated that she met quarterly with County Members and Community Councillors could be invited to these meetings with the co-operation of the County Councillors.

Those County Councillors present agreed that a joint meeting would be advantageous.

86 GWENT POLICE LIAISON (continued...)

RESOLVED to agree to the suggestion to report issues via e mail, but to monitor the situation closely and request Police Representation to discuss specific issues if and when required.

PC N Harris introduced himself as the Community Officer for Tiryberth, Glanynant and Maesycwmmmer.

Other matters discussed were :-

Parking on Pavement at Hengoed Crescent and Hengoed Avenue, Cefn Hengoed: Inspector Walsh stated she would contact PC Lang to report to the Council on this matter.

Junction of Cwm Yr Allt Lane and New Road, Tiryberth: PC Harris reported that some tickets had been issued outside the premises and Mr Spear had been approached on the matter.

87 GWENT AREA POLICE MEETING

The Representative gave a verbal report on the Gwent Area Police Meeting held at Caerphilly Police Station on 9 July, 2007. It was noted that Area Inspectors had given individual reports and that crime figures had decreased generally.

88 THE 2008/2009 LOCAL POLICING PLAN

Details of the consultation events for the 2008/2009 Local Policing Plan were circulated and duly noted.

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

89 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03:07:07 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record.

90 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 10:08:07, having previously been circulated, were approved.

91 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 2006/2007 were received and discussed. The Internal Auditor's Interim Report for August 2007 having previously been circulated was also discussed.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts be Approved and Signed and forwarded to the External Auditor and that the contract to Mrs D Williams, Internal Auditor, be extended for the next financial year and that she paid for her services to date.

**92 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 30)
GELLIGAER AMATEUR BOXING CLUB**

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

RESOLVED that £600.00 be granted to the Gelligaer Amateur Boxing Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**93 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 31)
CYLCH MEITHRIN PENPEDAIRHEOL**

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

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

**94 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 32)
BRITISH RED CROSS**

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

RESOLVED that £200.00 be granted to the British Red Cross, to aid their function, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

**95 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 33)
CASCADE SCRABBLE CLUB**

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

RESOLVED that £50.00 be granted to the Cascade Scrabble Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**96 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 34)
CASCADE CRAFTERS**

In supporting social and recreational activities within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £50.00 be granted to the Cascade Crafters, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**97 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 35)
CASCADE LUNCHEON CLUB**

In supporting social and recreational activities within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £150.00 be granted to the Cascade Luncheon Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**98 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 36)
CONCORD CLUB**

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

RESOLVED that £150.00 be granted to the Concord Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**99 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 37)
OVER 40S CLUB**

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

RESOLVED that £150.00 be granted to the Over 40s Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**100 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 38)
SHELTER CYMRU**

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

RESOLVED that £250.00 be granted to the Shelter Cymru, to aid their function,
under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

**101 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 39)
YSTRAD MYNACH BOWLING CLUB**

In supporting sporting opportunities within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £150.00 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Bowling Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**102 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 40)
CASCADE YOUTH CLUB**

In supporting sporting opportunities for the youth within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £1000.00 be granted to the Cascade Youth Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**103 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 41)
CROESO CLUB**

Councillors D Bolter and Mrs J A Pritchard declared an interest in this matter and left the Chamber taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision. Councillor A P Angel took the Chair, for this item only.

In supporting social activities within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £150.00 be granted to the Croeso Club, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

104 PROJECTS

Project No 156: The Clerk reported that there would be a delay on this project as Groundwork Caerphilly were undertaking a feasibility study of the site and the Council needed to liaise with Groundwork as to the future plans for the area.

Project No 142: Tenders for the clearance and demolition of the site were received and discussed.

RESOLVED to accept the tender for the work from Barry Cosslett Ltd for a total of £27,364.50.

New Project: Provision of a bench outside of allotments at New Road, Tiryberth. Costings to be obtained.

104 PROJECTS (continued...)

New Project: Security Fencing provision at Hengoed Welsh Baptist Grounds, adjacent to Hengoed Hall Close. Ward Member to obtain quotation.

Councillor R Bevan declared an interest in the following matter and left the Council Chamber taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision.

New Project: Neuadd St Catwg Community Hall, financial support for video equipment for community use.

RESOLVED to support the project to £400.00.

New Project: Rebound Fencing Provision at Glanynant Welfare Kick-Wall.

RESOLVED to defer a decision pending Members visiting the site.

Councillor G J Hughes gave his apologies and left the meeting.

105 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

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

22:05:07	Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership
05:06:07	Glan-Y-Nant and Tir-Y-Berth
02:07:07	Gelligaer and Penybryn

106 ONE VOICE WALES - LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS

The Representative gave a verbal report on the Larger Local Councils Committee Meeting held on 10/07/07. It was reported that a Training Programme would soon be available, a new Constitution had been agreed, Community Councils would have a role on Local Service Boards and partnerships with other bodies would be encouraged.

107 ONE VOICE WALES – ANNUAL & AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Reports by One Voice Wales and the Clerk, having previously been circulated, were received and the contents noted.

108 GELLIGAER FORT PROJECT

The Clerk's Report on the Gelligaer Fort Project, having previously been circulated, was received and the contents noted, especially that there would be an Open Day between 10.30am and 2.00pm at St Catwg's Church Hall on Saturday, 15 September, 2007, to promote the project. All Members were invited to attend.

109 CCBC WINTER MAINTENANCE PLAN REVIEW

Correspondence from CCBC on the Winter Maintenance Plan Review, having previously been circulated, was received and discussed with no amendments.

110 CCBC LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY

The CCBC Consultation Document on the Local Housing Strategy – “People, Property and Places” having been distributed during the recess, was discussed. There was no response to the document.

111 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 A P Angel took the Chair.

RESOLVED that there be **no objection** to **Planning Application Nos 07/0848/FULL, 07/0850/FULL, 07/0892/LA, 07/0993/LA, 07/1069/RET and 07/1091/ADV.**

Planning Application Nos 07/0870/FULL, 07/0865/FULL, 07/0923/FULL, 07/0942/FULL, 07/0969/FULL, 07/0999/FULL, 07/0935/OUT and 07/0945/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 No 07/0614/FULL was **not objected to** as long as there is sufficient off-street parking available to accommodate the extra habitable provision.

Planning Application No 07/0984/FULL was **not objected to** as long as there is no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties.

Planning Application No 07/1003/FULL was **not objected to** as long as there is no loss of off-street parking and no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties, and the extension does not exceed the current building line.

Planning Application No 07/0959/FULL was **objected to** on the following grounds :-

The proposal, by virtue of design and size, is out of keeping with the mainly residential character of the area and as such is contrary to Policy DC1 of the Council Approved Unitary Development Plan. It will create an overbearing overshadowing impact on adjacent dwellings at Beech Drive, and would be incongruous to the visual amenity of the area.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed _____
Chairman