

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 2006, at 7.30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor D Bolter
Councillors K M Derrick, G J Hughes, T H Matthews, Mrs J A Pritchard and R C Thomas.

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

In Attendance

PC 1290 Hill-Jones, Gwent Police
PC 2073 Potter, Gwent Police
PS 36 Jones, Gwent Police

81 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Angel, due to illness, Councillor Mrs J V Cook, due to family commitment, Councillor W Matthews, due to YOT Meeting, Councillors Mrs M R Richards and D Roberts, due to prior meetings.

82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute No 100.

83 GWENT POLICE LIAISON

Matters discussed were :-

Parking on Pavement at Costcutters Stores, Hengoed Crescent and at Hengoed Avenue: Police to investigate.

Illegal use of Motorcycles: It was noted that if Police have previously issued warnings to owners, they are empowered to confiscate the motorcycle on the second offence.

Ystrad Mynach Police Station: New large custody unit is proving of benefit to the area, although it must be noted that there is no additional policing at Ystrad Mynach.

Youth Disorder/Anti-Social Behaviour at Gelligaer and Penpedairheol: Police reported that following an initiative in the area a number of persons were arrested and anti-social behaviour orders issued. Police stated that there had been a slight decline in reported public disorder offences since the initiative.

Speed Limits: It was noted that speed limits are currently being reviewed by the Government.

84 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Correspondence received from the Gwent Police on the Neighbourhood Policing Team, having previously been circulated was discussed. It was noted that pedal cycles were required to improve the service offered by Police Community Support Officers in promoting crime prevention in the community.

RESOLVED to sponsor one pedal cycle and accessories at a total cost of £502.08, under Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997.

85 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had presented Council Grants to the Tir-y-berth and Gelligaer Branches of the OAP Association and to the Casc-Aid Community Action Group.

86 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04:07:06 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record.

87 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 17:08:06, having previously been circulated, were approved.

88 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Annual Internal Audit Report, having previously been circulated, was discussed. It was noted that the Audit Commission had set the date of 23:10:06 for the Annual Audit.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and that the contract to Mrs D Williams, Internal Auditor, be extended for the next financial year.

89 CASUAL CAR USER MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Details of a proposed increase in Casual Car User Mileage Allowance, effective from 1 April, 2006, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

RESOLVED to approve the increase in respect of the Clerk's Allowance.

**90 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 21)
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 its function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**91 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 22)
CASCADE CRAFTERS**

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

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

**92 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 23)
GELLIGAER AMATEUR BOXING CLUB**

In promoting the sport of boxing within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £500.00 be granted to the Gelligaer Amateur Boxing Club, to aid its function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**93 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 24)
WAUN RHYDD OAP COMPLEX**

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

RESOLVED that £140.00 be granted to the Waun Rhydd OAP Complex, to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

94 PROJECTS

The Project Summary was circulated and reviewed.

Project No 142: The Clerk reported that under the Cydcoed Funding criteria it was stated that the Public Liability insurance of the bidding organisation should be £5 million pounds, the current Public Liability insurance of the Council being the minimum £2 million pounds. On checking with the Council's Insurance Company it was noted that an increase in Public Liability cover to £5 million pounds would incur an additional £49.59 in annual premium, being pro rata for this year at £34.66. The Clerk also stated that £46,300.00 had now been transferred from Cydcoed to the Project Bank Account and that a meeting with an administrator of Cydcoed was scheduled for 19:09:06.

RESOLVED that the Public Liability insurance cover for the Council be increased to £5 million pounds and that the additional premium for this year be paid accordingly.

Project No 138: Ward Members confirmed that this project was now satisfactorily completed.

RESOLVED to pay the invoice of £2661.85 contribution and close the project accordingly.

Project No 104: Ward Members reported that this project had now been satisfactorily completed and that it could be closed accordingly.

Project No 100: Following a meeting with the Head of Leisure (CCBC) in July it had been indicated by him that this project could proceed. However, no further communication had been received.

RESOLVED that County Ward Members contact the Head of Leisure to ascertain current situation.

Project No 99: It was reported that the Parks Officer of CCBC was currently redesigning this play area.

Project No 69: The Clerk to contact the Heritage Officer to ascertain the current situation of this project.

Projects at Llancaiach Fawr: Clerk to again attempt to contact Management and Friends.

New Project - Safety Net at rear of Kickwall, Claerwen Fields, Gelligaer: Clerk to contact the Parks Officer of CCBC to ascertain his professional views and costings on this suggestion.

95 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

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

05:06:06 Gelligaer & Penybryn
23:05:06 Ystrad Mynach
20:06:06 Glan-Y-Nant & Tir-Y-Berth

It was noted that anti-social problems had been encountered at the Youth Shelter sited at Claerwen Fields, with complaints being received from residents. The Police had subsequently approached the youth and as a result the Youth Shelter had been given a further trial period for six months.

96 STATUTORY INSTRUMENT FOR THE COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN WALES

The Statutory Instrument for the Commissioner for Older People in Wales, having previously been circulated, was received and noted.

97 CAERHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT LICENSING POLICY (GAMBLING ACT 2005)

The CCBC Consultation Document on a Draft Licensing Policy in respect of the Gambling Act 2005, having previously been circulated, was discussed and the contents noted.

98 BEECHAM REVIEW OF LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY - BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Details of a question and answer session on the Beecham Review of Local Service Delivery – Beyond Boundaries, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J Pritchard represents the Council at the session at Cardiff City Hall on 21 September, 2006, and that all expenses be borne by the Council.

99 LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Details of Licence Applications in respect of weeks ending 28 July, 4 August, 11 August, 18 August and 1 September, 2006, having previously been circulated, were noted.

100 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 Mrs J A Pritchard, took the Chair for this matter only.

RESOLVED that there be **no objection** to Planning Application Nos **P/06/0809, 06/0075/FULL, 06/0104/LA, 06/0253/FULL and 06/0257/FULL.**

Planning Application Nos **06/0108/FULL, 06/0111/FULL, 06/0144/FULL, 06/0259/FULL, 06/0263/FULL and 06/0301/FULL** were **not objected to** as long as there will be no loss of off-street parking and no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties.

Planning Application Nos **06/0116/FULL** and **06/0122/FULL** were not objected to as long as there will be no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties.

There was **no objection** to Planning Application No **P/06/0788** as long as

- there is no loss of off-street parking.
- the proposed front elevation extension is not over the current building line.
- the proposals are not detrimental to visual and residential amenity by virtue of the scale.

There was **no objection** to Planning Application No **06/0125/RM** as long as there is suitable provision for off-street parking and that the highway access gives clear and safe visibility for users.

There was **no objection** to Planning Application No **06/0290/FULL** as long as there is sufficient off-street parking provision.

Planning Application No **P/06/0804** was **objected to** on the following grounds:-

- the highway network and entrance serving the area is unsuitable to serve as the principal means of access. Its increased use by traffic associated with the proposed development would be detrimental to highway safety, bearing in mind that this same junction will have an increase in traffic flow due to new businesses and council offices being erected at Tredomen.

100 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (*continued...*)

No P/06/0804 (continued...)

- as the proposed development is in a conservation area this would result in the well being of trees and hedgerows protected under Tree Preservation Orders being adversely affected, resulting in the possible loss of trees and being totally detrimental to the environment.

- overall the development would lead to a loss of visual and residential amenity to the open landscape as it currently acts as a buffer zone between Hillside Terrace and A472.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed _____
Chairman