

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 2007, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor D Bolter

Councillors G J Hughes, T H Matthews, C Morgan, Mrs J A Pritchard, Mrs M R Richards and G B Shannon.

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

204 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A P Angel, due to a prior commitment, Councillors Mrs J V Cook and D Roberts, due to illness and Councillor R C Thomas, due to work commitment.

205 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had represented the Council at the Caerphilly & Gelligaer MENCAP Annual Party on Saturday, 27 January, 2007. Letters had been received from the Society thanking the Council for their support.

206 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute No 222.

207 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16:01:07 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record with the exception that Councillor G J Hughes was in attendance at the meeting and that he and Councillor D Bolter declared an interest in Minute No 203 Planning Applications, and by leaving the Council Chamber took no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decisions.

208 REPRESENTATION AT THE REST, PORTHCAWL (Reference Minute No 195)

Discussion took place on future representation on the Management Committee of The Rest, Porthcawl.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the next meeting and that all Members give careful consideration to the matter.

209 ONE VOICE WALES (Reference Minute No 197)

The Clerk explained that the Membership Subscription quoted in Minute No 197 was in respect of the 2006/2007 Financial Year, whereby correspondence recently received from One Voice Wales had indicated that the Membership Subscription for 2007/2008 had increased to £1572.00.

RESOLVED to accept the Subscription increase.

210 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 31:01:07, having previously been circulated, were approved.

The Clerk reported that the Webmaster at CCBC had offered a maintenance agreement for the Gelligaer Community Council's Web Site Pages based on 12 updates per year at £10 per update, totalling to an annual maintenance fee of £120.00.

RESOLVED to accept the annual maintenance charge for the Council's Web Site at £120.00 per annum.

211 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 47) BOBATH CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTRE WALES

Praise was given for the work this Charity undertakes for those children suffering with illness within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £250.00 be granted to Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales, to aid their function, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

212 PROJECTS

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

Project No 149: Correspondence received from the Manager of Llancaiach Fawr, having previously been circulated, requested financial support for an outside production of Robin Hood in June 2007.

RESOLVED that the previously pledged £500.00 be granted to support this open air theatre production.

Project No 142: The Clerk reported that the lease had now been signed and that the Solicitors concerned had finished the administration so that the Cydcoed Project at Troisant Farm, Penybryn, could now begin.

213 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

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

07:11:06 Ystrad Mynach
05:12:06 Tir-y-Berth & Glan-Y-Nant

214 MINOR AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION AT YSGOL GYMRAEG GILFACH FARGOED

Correspondence from CCBC, having previously been circulated, explained that due to a change in catchment areas Minor Authority Representation on the Governing Body of Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargoed had now passed from Bargoed Town Council to Gelligaer Community Council. It was also noted that the current Representative's Term of Officer would finish on 2 March, 2007.

RESOLVED that, as no Member was available to take on the position, each having two representations on Governing Bodies already, that the position be offered to the current representative in the interests of continuity.

215 NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Clerk reported that she was aware that an election had been called for the vacancy at the Greenhill Ward. However, the Council was still yet to be notified if the position would be contested.

216 PROVISION OF MAIL BOX

The Clerk's Report on the Provision of a Mail Box at the Council Building, having previously been circulated, was discussed. Members considered the provision to be essential but that the possibility of vandalism needed to be taken into consideration.

RESOLVED to purchase the Mailbox 70 litre and that it be secured directly into the ground behind the security fencing in an attempt to protect the item and the contents from vandalism, at a cost of £189.00 plus carriage.

217 PUBLIC FOOTPATH DIVERSIONS

Footpath No 18: Following further information from the Ward Member confirming that the footpath was being re-routed along a new paved right of way that had been constructed on the new development off Oaks End Close, it was

RESOLVED that there be no objection to the proposed diversion of Footpath No 18.

Footpath No 185: Correspondence having been received on a proposed diversion of Footpath No 185 was discussed. The Ward Member reported that the area was being adapted for use by a Model Aircraft Organisation and that the enhancement would be of benefit to both the organisation and the area.

RESOLVED that there be no objection to the proposed diversion of Footpath No 185, as long as the whole route was made passable.

218 STREET NAMING AT GLANRHYMNEY FARM, TIR-Y-BERTH

The Clerk reported that correspondence received from CCBC had offered Street Naming at the new housing development at Glanrhydney Farm, Tir-Y-Berth.

RESOLVED to accept the suggestion that the new street be named **Farm Close/Clos y Fferm.**

219 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

The Clerk's Report on the Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee Meeting held on 17:01:07, having previously been circulated, was noted.

220 VISIT TO THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

The Clerk and Representatives gave a verbal report of their visit to the Welsh Assembly Buildings in Cardiff, early in the day. The visit had proved to be most enlightening, with the Caerphilly AM Jeff Cuthbert guiding part of the tour. The debate at the Senedd had included 'Alley Gates' as a deterrent against anti-social behaviour that had been especially informative.

RESOLVED that the mini-bus charge of £80.00 be borne by the Council as no Members would be making a claim for expenses and/or attendance allowance. Also, the Clerk to contact the appropriate Officer at CCBC to query if any decision has been made on the allocation of Anti Social Behaviour Monies from the WAG.

221 LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Details of Licence Applications in respect of weeks ending 19/01/07, 26/01/07 and 02/02/07, having previously been circulated, were noted.

222 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor D Bolter, who vacated the Chair, and Councillor G J Hughes, declared an interest in this matter as being Members of the CCBC Planning Committee. They both left the Chamber taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision. Councillor Mrs J A Pritchard, Past Chairman, took the Chair.

RESOLVED that there be **no objection** to **Planning Application Nos 06/0804/FULL, 06/0831/FULL, 06/0832/LBC, 06/0833/FULL, 07/0015/FULL, 07/0062/NCC and 07/0086/FULL.**

Planning Application Nos 07/0029/LA, 07/0031/FULL and 07/0091/FULL were **not objected to** as long as there will be no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties.

Planning Application No 07/0045/FULL was **objected to** on the following grounds :-

The extension to the current buildings would create an over intensification of vehicle movement on the remaining forecourt area, as large vehicles already have problems negotiating access, sometimes due to parked vehicles on the main highway. This would be detrimental to highway safety.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed _____
Chairman