

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 2005, at 7.30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor A P Angel
Councillors Mrs J V Cook, K M Derrick, G J Hughes, C Morgan, Mrs J A Pritchard and G B Shannon.

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

In Attendance

Inspector A Green, Gwent Police

88 GWENT POLICE LIAISON

Matters discussed were :-

Chicane at Hengoed Avenue, Cefn Hengoed: Police reported that there are no on-going problems at this site. Members to contact Police if there is any further evidence.

Pellet Guns: Police outlined new legislation. It was noted that the use of air guns in all public places is illegal. With regard to BB Guns, there is no legislation for spring operated types but those that fire metal balls are classed as an air weapon and are also illegal in a public place.

Car Parking on Hengoed Hill/Ash Grove Junction: The CPO had sent letters to all residents and some offenders had been booked.

Youth Loitering at Penpedairheol and Gelligaer: Police to address the matter.

Illegal Parking at Commercial Street: Police reported that tickets had been issued.

Youth causing damage to vehicles at Griffiths Street: Police had only one incident recorded but it was noted that mobile CCTV had curbed the practice.

Cars for Sale at Tiryberth Fish Shop forecourt: Police reported that it was not illegal if the permission of the owner of the land had been sort and the vehicles were not causing visual danger. However, it would be illegal if the car was not taxed and insured.

Fence Cut and use of Motorbikes at Penygraig, Penpedairheol: Police stated that no incidents have been reported.

Disturbance at Hengoed Avenue/St Anne's Allotments/Oxwich Close and Valley View, Cefn Hengoed: Police stated that there had been a one-off situation which had been dealt with. No other incidents had been reported.

Insitute Field at Lisburn Road, Ystrad Mynach: Report of youth loitering and one incident of a sofa set on fire. Mobile CCTV suggested.

Cwmyrallt: Police patrol requested as youth observed drinking alcohol on the rocks area and breaking-in of an empty property and subsequent theft reported.

Crime Detection Rates: Police reported that 43% of all crime reported in the Ystrad Mynach area had been detected.

89 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Roberts, due to a bereavement in his family.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute Nos 109 and 111 P/05/1019.

91 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had attended a Charity Concert at Salam Chapel, Nelson, to raise funds for Cancer Research. He had also attended the opening of the Caerphilly Cheese Festival and was hoping that members would take up the offer of tickets to an Alzheimer's Charity Concert given by Ystrad Male Choir and Garndiffaith Glee Men on Saturday, 10 September, 2005, at the Church Hall in Ystrad Mynach, for which he had donated raffle prizes.

92 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05:07:05 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record.

It was reported by the Council Representative (JAP) that no result had yet been received on Minute No 86 Planning Appeal on Application No P/04/1220.

93 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 26:07:05, having previously been circulated, were noted.

94 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 33) HOME START CWM RHYMNI

In supporting this much needed organisation within the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £400.00 be granted to Home Start Cwm Rhymni, to assist with 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 34) SILOH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, YSTRAD MYNACH

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

RESOLVED that £500.00 be pledged to the Siloh Christian Community Centre, to assist with its function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

96 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 35) CASCADE CRAFTERS

In promoting 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.

97 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 36) CASCADE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON CLUB

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

RESOLVED that between £250-£350 be pledged to the Cascade Community Luncheon Club, to enable them to purchase a dish washer and a microwave oven for their use, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

98 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 37) NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As the Church is much used within the Community of Glan-Y-Nant and in promoting social and recreational activities, it was

RESOLVED that £2,000.00 be pledged to the Nazareth Presbyterian Church, to enable urgent roof repairs, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

99 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 38)

CCBC MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL

It was noted that this year's Mayor's Appeal was for Cancer Research and the Rhymney Cancer Self-Help Group Helping Hands. It was noted that the Council was unable to support the Helping Hands as it was not of direct benefit to the community. However, Cancer Research does benefit the local community and under the Mayor's appeal it was

RESOLVED that £500.00 be granted to Cancer Research, as a donation from the Community of Gelligaer, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

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

100 PROJECTS

The Project Summary was circulated and reviewed.

Project No 135: It was noted that this project was now complete.

Project No 121: It was noted that this project had now been satisfactorily completed and it was

RESOLVED to settle the account.

Project No 113: It was noted that this project had now been satisfactorily completed and it was

RESOLVED to settle the account.

New Project: 200th Anniversary Celebrations of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Admiral Lord Nelson. Details were given on this event and the Council pledged support. The Clerk to ascertain the Council's required involvement.

New Project: Additional higher fencing at Cascade Welfare. CCBC had quoted a total cost of £1,500.00 to higher the fencing to prevent ball access to the adjacent property. It was

RESOLVED to match fund the project to a total of £500.00.

101 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

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

12:05:05 Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed
24:05:05 Glanynant and Tiryberth
27:06:05 Gelligaer and Penybryn

102 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE REST, PORTHCAWL

The Representative distributed a written report on recent Management Committee Meetings of The Rest, Porthcawl, the contents of which were noted.

103 BT PROPOSAL FOR REMOVAL OF GLAN-Y-NANT TELEPHONE KIOSK

Residents having been contacted regarding this proposal, it was

RESOLVED that BT be allowed to remove the telephone kiosk.

104 PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF DRIVING ORDER AT CHURCH ROAD, GELLIGAER

It was noted that a Public Consultation by Groundwork Caerphilly on the proposal had not received much community support. However, a 500 person signed petition had been given to the Highway Authority objecting to the proposed closure of the slip road. A result on the consultation was awaited.

105 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ANEURIN BEVAN AVENUE AND HEOL CATWG, GELLIGAER

Details received from CCBC on proposed Traffic Calming Measures at Aneurin Bevan Avenue and Heol Catwg, Gelligaer, were discussed.

RESOLVED that there be no objection to the proposals.

106 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ROLLS AVENUE AND GLYN-GAER ROAD, PENPEDAIRHEOL

Details received from CCBC on proposed Traffic Calming Measures at Rolls Avenue and Glyn-Gaer Road, were discussed.

RESOLVED that there be no objection to the proposals.

107 ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Clerk gave details of the One Voice Wales Annual Conference in Builth Wells scheduled for 22:10:05.

RESOLVED that the Council Representative (JAP) attends the Conference and that all fees and expenses be borne by the Council.

108 JUSTICES' LICENCE APPLICATION

Details of a Transfer of a Justices' Licence Application in respect of the Plough and Harrow, Hengoed Road, Penpedairheol, made on behalf of Stephen H Carter, and having been distributed during the recess was ratified as being

RESOLVED that there be no objection to the Transfer of a Justices' Licence as long as all Licensing laws are strictly adhered to.

109 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE APPLICATION

Details having been distributed during the recess, the following Public Entertainment Licence Application was ratified :-

Joan Siddle, The College, Twyn Road, Ystrad Mynach, occasional Public Entertainment Licence for 21 August, 2005, between 11.00am and 20.30pm for live music and attractions at Ystrad Mynach College.

RESOLVED that there be no objection to the application as detailed.

Councillor Mrs J A Pritchard declared an interest in Planning Applications as being a Member of the CCBC Planning Committee and left the meeting.

110 STREET NAMING – LAND OFF OAKS END CLOSE

Details of a suggested street name for the new development planned for the land off Oaks End Close was discussed.

RESOLVED that there be no objections to the proposed name of Acorn Lane/Lôn a Fesen.

111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that there be no objection to Planning Application Nos **P/05/0902, 0913, 0932, 0941, 0944, 0953, 0956, 0997, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1024, 1038, 1050, 1063, 1071, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1103, 1124, 1125, 1132 and 1141**

111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (continued...)

Planning Application No **P/05/0899** was not objected to but the following comments were made :-
The Council does not object to the proposal in principle but wishes the following comments to be taken into consideration :-

- 1 there is insufficient car parking facility when you take into account double occupancy of each flat plus visitors.
- 2 the entrance to the proposal is opposite to the local Primary School and on a busy highway. It is suggested that the developer installs traffic calming measures along this area and possibly the Highways Department considers a reduction in speed limit to 20 mph. The visual splay of the access should also be fully investigated.

There was no objection to Planning Application Nos **P/05/1027** and **P/05/1099** as long as there is sufficient off or on street parking to accommodate the vehicle.

There was no objection to Planning Application Nos **P/05/1060, 1105, 1112** and **1126** as long as there is no loss of off-street parking.

Planning Application No **P/05/1140** was not objected to but it was queried as to whether there was sufficient off street parking to allow for the additional accommodation.

Planning Application No **P/05/1008** was objected to on the following grounds :-

- 1 there is insufficient on and off street parking available to accommodate the proposal.
- 2 the proposal is an over-development of the site.

*Councillor C Morgan declared an interest on Planning Application No **P/05/1019** as being acquainted with the applicant and took no part in the discussion.*

No decision could then be made on Planning Application No **P/05/1019** as the meeting had become out of quorum.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed _____
Chairman