

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 2007, at 7.30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

Present

Chairman – Councillor D Bolter

Councillors A P Angel, Mrs J V Cook, T H Matthews, W Matthews, Mrs J A Pritchard and D Roberts.

Clerk – Mrs A Davies

In Attendance

Inspector J Walsh, Gwent Police

PC A Lang, Gwent Police

183 GWENT POLICE LIAISON

The New Inspector was welcomed to the area. Inspector Walsh stated that she wanted to address the un-social behaviour in the community. She was keen to adopt a balanced approach to the youth, with the view to deterring them before they broke the law.

Matters discussed were :-

Youth Throwing Stones in Cefn Hengoed: Concern was raised that youth were throwing stones at passing vehicles in the evening periods. Police to monitor situation.

Youth causing nuisance in Ystrad Mynach: The Ward Member reported that despite being called the Police had not attended to a youth disturbance in Ystrad Mynach, which involved as many as fifty young persons. Neither had there been any follow-up on the calls. The Inspector stated that she would look into the matter. The Ward Member was concerned that there had been no reason for lack of attendance by the Police and that they should have responded, even if it was to only report that they had been unable to come due to more important commitments.

Parking on pavement at Hengoed Crescent and Hengoed Avenue: Those Police present were unable to report on this matter as they were unaware of the situation, despite it being included in the summary since 05:09:06. The Ward Member reported that the parking at Hengoed Crescent was very serious, as it was obstructing view and was dangerous to highway safety. PC Lang to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

183 GWENT POLICE LIAISON (continued...)

Youth causing nuisance in Gelligaer, Glyn-gaer and Penpedairheol: Inspector to review and address the situation.

Fire at Co-Operative Stores, Gelligaer: There was no further information on this incident so the matter was withdrawn.

Vehicles going through the red lights at Penpedairheol Crossroads: The Ward Member raised concern at the number of vehicles going through the traffic lights while they were on 'red' at Penpedairheol Crossroads. He stated that there were a large number of vehicles abusing the lights daily and that because of the speed of the vehicles it was hard to obtain vehicle license numbers. The Inspector confirmed that if an individual reported a speeding felony then that person would have to make a statement and, if prosecution of the vehicle owner ensued, would have to attend Court.

184 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M R Richards and R C Thomas, due to work commitments, and Councillor G B Shannon, on vacation.

185 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he and Councillor Mrs J A Pritchard had attended a meeting of One Voice Wales in Builth Wells on 11:01:07 and that he will be presenting cheques to Derwendeg Primary School PTA, The Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed, and 2353 (Ystrad Mynach) Squadron of the Air Training Corps.

186 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute Nos 194, 201 and 203.

187 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19:12:06 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record.

188 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 11:01:07, having previously been circulated, were approved. The ADT Fire & Security Maintenance Contract was queried and the Clerk gave full details of the service agreement.

189 PRECEPT AND BUDGET CALCULATIONS FOR 2007/2008

The Clerk's Report on the Precept Calculations and Estimates of Budgets for the next Financial Year was discussed.

RESOLVED to accept the suggested budget balances and to set a Precept for the 2007/2008 Financial Year of £64,973.88 (£5,615.72 D Band equivalent x £11.57) being a 2.5% increase on the previous year.

Also, to accept the recommended increase for the hire of the Council Building as follows :-

Commercial Rate	£4.30 per hour (2.4% increase)
Non-Commercial Rate	£3.80 per hour (2.7% increase)

190 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 42) MR LESLIE ROGERS

Correspondence giving details of Mr Leslie Rogers being offered a position in the Bass Section of the National Youth Training Choir of Great Britain and the associated training and travelling expenses, having previously been circulated, were discussed.

It being Council Policy that no individual person can receive a financial grant from the Council, the Chairman offered to make a £50.00 donation to Mr Rogers, to assist with his expenses. The Chairman was thanked for his thoughtfulness.

RESOLVED that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr Rogers, with the donation.

191 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 43) CAERPHILLY & GELLIGAER MENCAP SOCIETY

In providing social activities for physically and mentally handicapped persons with the Community, it was

RESOLVED that £600.00 be granted to the Caerphilly & Gelligaer MENCAP Society, to assist with its function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

192 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 44) RHYMNEY VALLEY MUSIC CLUB

In supporting the arts within the Community, it was

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

**193 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 45)
CAERPHILLY LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB**

In supporting sporting activities but taking into account the number of persons involved with this organisation that reside with the Gelligaer Community, it was

RESOLVED that £50.00 be granted to the Caerphilly Ladies Football Club, to assist with its function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**194 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No 46)
GELLIGAER ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

Councillor T H Matthews, declared an interest in this matter and left the Council Chamber, taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision.

It was noted that the Gelligaer Allotments Association were involved in providing facilities for school children in the Community. However, as the project had not yet commenced, it was

RESOLVED that an initial amount of £110.00 be granted to the Gelligaer Allotment Association and that once written confirmation of the school involvement had been received, the matter would be reviewed with the possibility of further grant aid being provided, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

195 PROJECTS

The Project Summary was circulated and reviewed.

Project No 150: The Ward Member reported that this project was now imminent.

Project No 143: Representation on the Management Committee of The Rest, Porthcawl, was discussed in view of the late Councillor K M Derrick being the Council's Representative.

RESOLVED that because of the importance of this representation, Members consider nominations for the position and that the matter be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting for further discussion.

Project No 141: As the provision of Festive Lighting in Glyn-gaer had not materialised due to a misunderstanding at the Street Lighting Department, it was

RESOLVED that the grant of £1100.00 be carried over to the next financial year and that any grant for the 2007/2008 Festive Lighting projects be added to this amount.

195 PROJECTS (continued...)

Project No 137: As there was no longer an issue with this matter the project was withdrawn.

Project No 100: The Ward Member reported that there had been no problems to date since the provision of a Basketball Hoop and Stand at the Cascade Football Field.

Project No 99: The Clerk to ascertain the current position on this project.

196 COMMUNITY 1ST PARTNERSHIPS

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

16:11:06 Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed

20:11:06 Gelligaer and Penybryn

197 ONE VOICE WALES – LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS

The Representative gave a verbal and written report on the meeting of One Voice Wales Larger Local Councils held on 11:01:07 at Builth Wells. The concensus of the meeting being that

- a a committee for Larger Councils should be established for Councils with 3000+ dwellings (this would include Gelligaer Community Council).
- b A Development Officer for Larger Councils be appointed.
- c One Voice Wales to organise appropriate training events eg Planning & Finance.
- d Special interest groups should be brought together.
- e A type of seminar should be held annually, but not to conflict with the Annual Conference.

It was questioned that since her attendance at the Meeting, would the Representative now support the Council remaining as Members of One Voice Wales for a further year. It was noted that the Membership Subscription would be £1,472.00 for 2007/2008. The Representative stated that she would support remaining in Membership of One Voice Wales, as the group was now making progress and they were the only organisation representing Town and Community Councils in Wales that was recognised by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Following further discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Gelligaer Community Council would remain in Membership of one Voice Wales for a further year, but that the matter would be reviewed for 2008/2009.

Councillor G J Hughes abstained from voting.

The Representative was thanked for her concise report.

198 CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

The Clerk's Report on the Caerphilly County Borough Town & Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee Meeting held on 20:12:07, having previously been circulated, was noted.

199 CONSULTATION ON THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE PROVISION IN THE CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA

As this matter had been consulted between Meetings due to the response period, and as only one Member had commented on the details, the Clerk read out a letter of response from the Council. The response questioned the usage of and financial contributions gained from the Ystrad Mynach Conveniences, arguing that the toilets were well used and greatly needed by the Community, especially elderly persons. The response also supported Planning Gain Policy for the provision and maintenance of in-house public conveniences.

RESOLVED to endorse the response to the consultation on the Public Convenience Provision in the Caerphilly County Borough Council Area as detailed in the letter.

200 BANNING OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER

Correspondence received from CCBC on a list of areas for a proposed DPPO 2006/7, having previously been circulated, was discussed.

Concern was expressed that Llwyn Onn was classed under Gelligaer not Penpedairheol, and that the list did not show the Cascade Welfare, which was one of the hottest spots in the community for alcohol abuse and which had been reported continually over the years as an identified area for such an Order.

RESOLVED to support the Order but to point out the error on Llwyn Onn and to request that a further Order is made, as soon as possible, to include the Cascade Welfare.

201 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO 18

Councillors D Bolter and G J Hughes, declared an interest in this matter and left the Meeting, taking no part in the discussion nor the ensuing decision.

Councillor D Roberts, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

201 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO 18 (continued ...)

Concern was raised as to why there had been a proposal to change a straight route to a curved route on this public right of way, as there were no obvious new obstructions.

RESOLVED to defer the matter pending further information.

202 LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Details of Licence Applications in respect of weeks ending 15/12/06, 22/12/06, 05/01/07 and 12/01/07, having previously been circulated, were noted.

203 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs A Davies, Clerk to the Council, declared an interest in Planning Application No 07/0005/RET, and left the Council Chamber when the matter was discussed, taking no part in the discussion. The Minute was taken by Councillor Mrs J A Pritchard.

RESOLVED that there be **no objection** to Planning Application Nos **06/0792/FULL, 06/0818/FULL, 06/0509/FULL and 07/0012/FULL.**

Planning Application No 06/0815/FULL was **objected to** on the following grounds :-

- a the proposals are a gross over-development of the land;**
- b the proposed access to the site is detrimental to highway safety.**

Planning Application No 06/0838/FULL was not objected to as long as there is sufficient off-street parking available for the habitable increase of the property.

Planning Applications Nos 07/003/FULL and 07/0005/RET were not objected to as long as there will be no loss of visual amenity to adjacent properties.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

