

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2008, AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL, AT 7.30PM

Present

Vice Chairman – Councillor R C Thomas
Councillors A P Angel, D Bolter G J Hughes, Mrs J A Pritchard.

Clerk – Mrs C Mortimer

In Attendance – The Mayor of Caerphilly, Cllr Allen Williams

213 WELCOME THE MAYOR OF CAERPHILLY

The Vice Chairman welcomed the Mayor, Cllr Allen Williams, to the meeting and presented him with a cheque to the value of £500.00 made payable to Cancer Careline. The charity supports the sufferers and their families and the donation will aid their function, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

214 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Roberts due to his wife's illness, R Bevan due to his daughters hospitalisation, Mrs V J Cook due to family commitments and Mr G Shannon due to a bout of flu.

215 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute No.238

216 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was absent therefore this item did not apply

217 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18/12/2007 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a Correct Record.

218 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council, as at 10/01/2007, having previously been circulated, were approved.

219 PRECEPT CALCULATIONS FOR 2008/09

The Clerks Report having previously been circulated was discussed and the Council **RESOLVED** that

The Precept for 2008/09 will remain the same at £11.57 D-Band equivalent per household.

The following calculation applies

$$\pounds 5,615.72 \times \pounds 11.57 = \underline{\pounds 64,973.99}$$

220 COUNCIL OFFICE HIRE RATES

The Clerks report having previously been circulated was discussed and the Council **RESOLVED** that

1. Non Commercial Rate would remain the same at £3.80 per hour

2. Commercial Rate increases by 2.5% from £4.30 per hour to £4.40

221 PAYMENT TO HELOISE GODFREY

It was agreed that the Final Invoice from Heloise Godfrey be paid for the Workshops and Christmas Lantern Parade at Gelligaer & Penybryn.

222 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.58) DERWENDEG P.T.A

In supporting the Schools Carol Service it was **RESOLVED** that £200.00 be granted to the PTA to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

223 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.59) MENCAP

In supporting the good work of this charity and assisting them with their heavy transport costs it was **RESOLVED** that £600.00 be granted to aid their function, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

224 Project Summary as at 05/01/2008

Project No 158: Cascade Christmas Tree Festival

Work to be undertaken: Provision of Christmas Trees and Safety Harness.

Current Situation: Ongoing

Cost: £300.00 granted

Project No. 157: Glan y Nant Welfare Kick Wall

Work to be undertaken: Provision of 2m high Rebound Fencing.

Current Situation: On Stop (require further £2000.00 to proceed)

Cost: £3000.00 pledged (quotation of £6585)

Project No.156: Griffiths Street Play Area

Work to be undertaken: Erect Goal Posts

Current Situation: Ongoing

Cost: £700.00 Pledged

Project No.155: Lantern Parade at Gelligaer / Penybryn

Work to be undertaken: Lantern Workshops and Parade

Current Situation: Workshops took place 15 & 16/12/07 Parade on 22/12/2007

Cost: £1500.00 Pledged

Invoice Received – Awaiting to be paid.

Project No.154: Pen y Bryn Festive Lighting

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting/ Annual Project (b/f from 126)

Current Situation: Lights On.

Cost: £600.00 Pledged

Project No.153: Gelligaer Festive lighting

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting/ Annual Project (b/f from 145)

Current Situation: Lights on

Cost: £600.00 Pledged

Project No.148: R/O Kickball, Claerwen Fields, Gelligaer.

Work to be undertaken: Safety Net

Current Situation: Work Complete

Cost: £1500.00 Pledged

Project No.147: Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting (2006/7)

Current Situation: Annual Project plus £375.00 CCBC Festive Grant

Dec.2006 – Awaiting lamppost no. – Has not taken place

Cost: £600.00 + £375.00 = £975.00

Project No.146: Penpedairheol

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting/ Annual Project

Current Situation: Lights on
Cost: £600.00

Project No.144: Ystrad Mynach

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting
Current Situation: Lights switched on 3/12/07
Cost: £2000.00 support paid - Account Settled

Project No.142: Cydcoed Project

Work to be undertaken: Site Demolition & Clearance by Barry Cosslett Ltd approved. Amounting to £27364.50
Current Situation: Demolition Work Complete. CCBC, Grounds Maintenance Department have started to landscape.
Dispute over the seating area has been resolved and will go ahead but any signs of disturbance or anti-social behaviour will be closely monitored and resulting in the bench being removed. Invoice from Barry Cosslett received and paid for the Demolition.

Project No.141: Glyn-Gaer 2006/2007

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting
Current Situation: Project on course, 4 Motifs have been put up.
Cost: £1100.00 C/F & £600.00(2007/8) = £1700.00

Project No.119: Penpedairheol

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting (2005)
Current Situation: Lighting went up
Cost: £2000.00 pledged £1361.30 paid

Project No.117: Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: Festive Lighting (2005)
Current Situation: Project to be carried forward to 2008/09
Cost: £600.00 Pledged Project money to be C/F to 2006/07.

Project No. 99: Cefn Road kick-about area

Work to be undertaken: Provision of kick-wall, basketball hoop and stand.
Current Situation: Work to be undertaken: Leisure Department of CCBC confirmed that Persimmon had contributed £30,000.00 to new play area. Play area/kick-about area to be redesigned. Area cleared for new design & fence in place.
Cost: Circa £2500.00 Pledged

New project: St Anne's Church, Cefn Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: Refurbishment
Current Situation: to be checked out.

Cost:

New project: The Bungalows, Hengoed.

Work to be undertaken: Lay-by provision

Current Situation: Ward Member to obtain quotation.

Cost:

New project: Allotments at New Road, Tir y berth

Work to be undertaken: Provision of bench adjacent to allotments.

Current Situation: Ward Member to obtain quotation.

Cost:

New project: Welsh Baptist Chapel, Hengoed.

Work to be undertaken: Provision of Security Fencing

Current Situation: Ward Member to obtain quotation & possibility of a path.

Cost:

New project: 2nd Phase Gelligaer Fort

Work to be undertaken: Interpretation Project

Current Situation: Bid has been submitted.

Cost: Bid made for funding. An additional £2000.00 to be ring fenced for Clerk/Accountants services.

225 COMMUNITY CLEANSING PROGRAMME

The Clerk commented on the poor response to her letter dated 21 December 2007, relating to a schedule of work that was requested from all Members. It was explained to her that the County Councillors normally deal with the Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Departments directly, but agreed that in future they will forward any issues to the Clerk.

The Cleansing work commenced Monday 21 January 2008.

226 POLICING ISSUES

The Clerk stated that on several occasions she had phoned Inspector Julie Walsh and likewise the Inspector has returned her calls, but kept missing one another. It was suggested that if the Clerk was unable to contact her that she should write a letter. It was noted that Anne Davies her predecessor had written hence the letter received from the Chief Superintendent Alun Thomas dated 20/11/07 Re: Pact Meetings.

227 CAIS DOTCYM

The dotCYM are preparing an application to the worldwide Internet regulator to bid for the registration of .cym to become an Internet domain for welsh identity. The Members are in favour of this and the Clerk will email dotcym@dotcym.org expressing their support.

228 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL TECHNICAL STATEMENT

The contents of which having previously been received were noted.

229 PLANNING TRAINING SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY & TOWN COUNCILS

Clerk informed the Council that she had reserved a place and it was agreed that Cllr R Thomas would try to attend but if he were unable to make then he would contact Cllr A Angel.

230 ONE VOICE WALES MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24/10/2007 AND THE AGENDA FOR THE 23/01/2008

The Minutes having previously been received were noted

231 ONE VOICE WALES YOUTH SEMINAR

The correspondence having previously been received were noted

232 ROYAL MAIL FORUM ON THE 16/01/2008

The Councillors discussed the closure of several P.O's in the area.

233 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the following community 1st partnership meeting having previously been circulated were noted.

04/12/07 Glan y Nant & T-y-B

234 DATES OF PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS FOR 2008

The dates having previously been received were noted for Gelligaer & Penybryn

235 KEY HOLDERS

It was established that Cllr G J Hughes would require a Key for the Office and a key for the Fire Door.

Cllr J Pritchard had all 4 (padlock, front door, office door & fire door)

236 SOCIETY OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL CLERK MEMBERSHIP

The Clerks requested that she become a member of the SLCC.

The members agreed that it would be beneficial and resolved to pay her annual fee.

Cllr GJ Hughes left the Chamber at 8.15pm prior to the Planning item.

237 PERMISSION & REFUSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

Town & County Planning (General Development Procedure) Order, 1995

Processed Applications from the CCBC Planning Department having previously been circulated were noted.

238 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

We were unable to proceed with this item as there were insufficient Members for the Quorum.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed _____
Chairman