

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2008, AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL, AT 7.30PM

Present

Councillors D Bolter, R Bevan, G J Hughes, Mrs J A Pritchard, T Matthews

Clerk – Mrs C Mortimer

239 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman Cllr D Roberts due to his wife recovering from a major operation, Cllr A Angel due to family commitments and Vice Chairman Cllr R Thomas due to work commitments and Cllr W Matthews due to prior meeting with YOT.

Due to the Absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr D Bolter Chaired the Meeting

Action

It was also agreed that the Clerk should send Cllr D Roberts' wife a card with our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interest was declared on Minute No.261

241 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the absence of the Chairman this item did not apply.

242 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15/01/2008 were Received, Confirmed and Signed as a correct record.

243 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 31/01/2008 having previously been circulated were approved

244 INVOICE

Action

It was agreed that payment be made to CCBC for the Installation of a Highball Fence at Claerwen, Gelligaer.

245 INVOICE

Action

It was agreed that payment be made to CCBC for the Re-Charge of Staff time OCT07- DEC07 Engineers & Landscape fees for the Cydcoed Project.

It was also noted that future project invoices, having undergone the normal checks, would not need to be presented as individual items at the meetings.

246 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.60)

Action

In encouraging and supporting healthy activities for the senior citizens of the community it was RESOLVED that £150.00 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Ladies Bowling Club to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

247 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Clerk to Re-Submit April2008

It was agreed that the letter received from the Gelligaer & Pen-y-Bryn Communities Partnership requesting Financial Assistance for Christmas 2008 be submitted again in the new Financial Year, April 2008.

248 Projects Summary as at 31/01/2008

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 lamp post 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, basket ball 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.

249 ACCESS TO THE TIR-Y-BERTH WAR MEMORIAL

The correspondence and quotation from Joe Williams, Senior Assistant Engineer at Network Contracting Services, to Cllr G Hughes RE: Access to the Tir-y-Berth War Memorial, having previously been circulated was discussed. Cllr G Hughes reported that W David MP was also involved. It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

250 GELLIGAER ROMAN FORT INTERPRETATION

The proposal for further funding was discussed. It was agreed and resolved that the Council would make a further £1000.00 contribution towards the project.

251 THE REST, PORTHCAWL

Cllr A Angel was absent and therefore unable to report on this item.

The Clerk issued the Councillors with the Posters, Application Forms and Notes of Guidance, for distribution.

It was also discussed and agreed amongst Members that priority would be given to citizens who had not been before.

252 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

It was agreed that this item would not need to be included at future meetings. However it was noted from the meeting that those who had access to the CCBC Intranet, would be able to access the Traffic News Item, which details proposed road works throughout the county.

253 COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKSHOPS HELD ON 24/01/08

Members who attended the workshop reported that it had been a positive and interesting meeting. However the underlying feeling was that the Council were looking to relinquish responsibility of the Community Centres.

254 CEFN HENGOED & HENGOED COMMUNITIES FIRST PARTNERSHIP

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13/12/07, the dates for the forthcoming meetings, having previously been circulated were noted.

255 GAVO – CAERPHILLY TRAINING BROCHURE

The brochures having previously been circulated were noted. It was also noted that Councillors would not require copies the brochure, but could access and view the original held by the Clerk.

256 OMBUDSMAN

The Complaints Handling Seminar held on 21/02/2008 having previously been circulated was noted.

257 SEWTA

The details of accessing SEWTA'S Annual Report for 2006/07 on their web site, having previously been circulated were noted.

258 CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY/POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 08/10/07 having previously been circulated were noted.

259 CANVASS REGISTER STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2008

The Register having previously been circulated was noted.

260 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Action

The members agreed that the name for the New Street at Penallta Road, land off Penallta (Cwm Calon – Phase 1) should be Lon yr Olwyn Godi.

261 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____
Chairman