



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillors A Angel, C Morgan, Mrs JA Pritchard and GB Shannon
Clerk Mrs C Mortimer

262 APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the Chairman Cllr D Roberts due to his wife recovering from a second operation, Cllr D Bolter and Cllr G J Hughes due family holidays, Cllr R Bevan due to prior meeting, Cllr VJ Cooke due to chest infection, Vice Chairman Cllr R Thomas due to trapped nerve.

Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr A Angel Chaired the Meeting.

263 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Interest was declared on Minute No.270

264 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Due to the Chairmans Absence this item did not apply

265 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05/02/2008 were Received Confirmed and signed as a correct record.

266 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 17/02/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

267 CLERKS REPORT ON UPGRADING IT SYSTEM

Action

The Clerks Report having previously been circulated was discussed. The Clerk explained the benefits of updating the system and equipment

- There is currently only one BT line and the Clerk cannot access the Internet and telephone simultaneously. When the internet is in use, no incoming calls are received nor outgoing calls made. There is no broadband facility and therefore tasks that should be quick to complete can become laborious and take several minutes.
- It would make sense, as we work alongside Caerphilly County Borough Council, to have access to the same Intranet facilities. The system is user friendly, efficient and reliable. Gelligaer Community Council would become more accessible to Caerphilly County Borough Council Officers and Councillors, and likewise.
- Having the Caerphilly County Borough Council Intranet would automatically save all data onto a server.
- Caerphilly County Borough Council would also provide Technical IT support via their Help Desk service
- IT are currently looking at home working and the security issues relating to that. The Clerk undertakes a large amount of work from home, and it may be a possibility in the future of accessing her work from home.

The cost was discussed and although in the 1st year there would be an initial cost of approximately £1600, thereafter ongoing costs would be of a similar order to those of the existing costs, and with a much-improved system.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the system and equipment be upgraded.

268 THE PRICED SCHEDULE OF WORKS

Action

To Receive and Discuss the Priced Schedules of Works from three Contractors recommended by Caerphilly County Borough Council, having previously been circulated, it was **RESOLVED** that Millennium Building Contractors LLP would undertake the scheduled works to the Council Office.

269 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

Action

The Correspondence relating to the Local Government Member Code of Conduct Section 183, Local Government and Public Involvement in health Act 2007 having previously been circulated was discussed. It was noted that all elected members and co-opted members with voting rights who are in office before the coming into force of section 183 on 31 January 2008, and who are not prevented from any provision of section 52 of the 2000 Act from acting as such, must give fresh undertaking to observe the Gelligaer Community Council Code of Conduct for the time being, **by 1 May 2008**. By virtue of section 183(6) (b) of the 2007 Act, **any member that fails to give such an undertaking will cease to be a member from the end of that day**.

It was agreed that all Members present sign a Declaration in the presence of the Clerk/Proper Officer of the Council. The Clerk would contact those Members who were absent, and arrange a suitable time for them to sign a fresh Declaration.

270 CASCADE YOUTH CLUB REPORT

Action

It was explained that the Youth Club has been recently undergoing extensive refurbishment work internally because of a successful bid to the Welsh Assembly Government. However, plans to extend the building, in order to provide a mountain bike service and extended changing room facilities are currently on hold due to a shortfall of £3,500. This cost was incurred because of an Environmental Land Survey that had not been envisaged.

Efforts have been made to recover the shortfall by applying to the County Council Technical Assistance Grant Scheme but to no avail.

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There are very little funds left in the Cascade Youth Club due to a project over run in respect of a roof replacement. The WAG have extended the project to 31 March 2008 to allow time for seeking further funding and to account for delays in obtaining planning permissions.

Cllr C Morgan, having declared an interest in this item, remained in the Chamber, but played no further part in the ensuing discussions and decisions..

It was agreed that this item be introduced in the next meeting on the 18th March 2008, as a New Project.

271 PROJECT SUMMARY

158	Cascade Christmas Tree Festival	Provisions of Christmas Trees and Safety Harness. Ongoing	£300.00 granted
157	Rebound Fencing Provision at Glanynant Welfare Kick Wall.	Quotation of £6585 received for the provision of 2m high fencing. On stop - require further £2000 to proceed.	£3000.00 pledged
156	Goal Posts at Griffiths Street Play Area	£700 quotation received. Work commissioned. Delay due to feasibility study by Groundwork, liaison to determine future plans Ongoing	£700.00 Pledged
154	Festive Lighting at Penybryn – Dec 2007	Annual Project (b/f from 126) Lights On	£600.00 pledged
153	Festive Lighting at Gelligaer – Dec 2007	Annual Project (B/f from 145) Lights On.	£600.00 pledged
148	Safety Net at rear of Kickwall, Claerwen Fields, Gelligaer	£1500.00 pledged by GCC and £500 by CCBC. Work complete.	£1500 Invoice Paid

147	Festive Lighting in Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed (2006/7)	Annual Project plus £375.00 CCBC Festive Grant Dec 2006 Awaiting lamp post no. has not taken place	£600.00 + £375.00 = £975.00
146	Festive Lighting in Penpedairheol (2006/7)	Annual Project Lights going on	£600.00
142	Cyddcoed Project at Trosnant Farm, Penybryn	Contract for site demolition and clearance amounting to £27,364.50 by Barry Cosslett Ltd approved.. Demolition Complete £26,282.48 + Vat paid Retention to be paid in Feb08	1 st Stage Funding Received £46,300.00
141	Festive Lighting at Glyn-Gaer 2006/2007	Project on course and 4 motifs have been erected. Awaiting Invoice	£1100.00 c/f plus £600 (2007/8) = £1700.00
117	Festive Lighting at Hengoed and Cefn Hengoed (2005)	Project money to be carried forward to 2006/2007	£600.00 pledged to be C/F
99	Provision of Kick-wall, basketball hoop and stand at Cefn Road kick-about area.	Leisure Dept of CCBC confirmed that Persimmon had contributed £30,000 to new play area. Play area/kick-about area to be re-designed. Area cleared for new design & Fence in place. Play area near completion	Circa £2,500.00 pledged.
New Project	St Anne's Church, Cefn Hengoed, refurbishment	Held, to be checked out.	

New Project	Lay-by provision at The Bungalows, Hengoed.	Ward Member to obtain quotation.	
New Project	Provision of bench adjacent to Allotments at New Road, Tiryberth.	Ward Member to obtain quotation.	
New Project	Security fencing provision at Hengoed Welsh Baptist Chapel, Hengoed.	Ward Member to obtain quotation and possibility of path	
New Project	2 nd Phase Gelligaer Fort Interpretation Project	Bid made for funding. £2000 to be 'ring-fenced' for Clerk/Accountants services.	£2000.00

272 MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2008/09

Action

The correspondence relating to continued membership with ONE VOICE WALES having previously been circulated was discussed. Members agreed that due to the support and advice regularly received from One Voice Wales, that it was in our best interest to continue with membership for 2008/09

273 YSTRAD MYNACH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Agenda for the 12/02/08 and the Minutes of the meeting held on the 08/01/08 having previously been circulated were noted.

274 CEFN HENGOED & HENGOED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Action

The Clerk will issue a Financial Assistance application form in relation to the correspondence received from the Partnership, requesting sponsorship for a Fun and Sports Day to be held on 24 May 2008.

**275 EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK
AND FINISH REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CENTRES 29/01/08**

Action

The Questionnaire having previously been circulated was discussed and

Section 5 was completed in relation to the role of the Community Council and the support we give to voluntary organisations, local projects and charities by providing Financial Assistance. Other duties and responsibilities involve vetting planning applications and bringing to the meetings any issues that Residents have risen.

Section 7 was also completed and comments noted from members in relation to many centres in a poor state of repair, and that some centres are not catering for younger children despite having good facilities like football halls.

**276 COMMUNITY CLEANSING WEEK COMMENCING
14 APRIL 2008**

Action

Correspondence from the Caerphilly County Borough Cleansing Department 19/02/08 having previously been circulated was discussed.

The Clerk issued those members present, with a Form to list areas that require attention in order of priority. Absent members will be receiving a Cleansing Form through the post. It was noted that responses would need to be received by the Clerk no later than 20/03/2008.

The information will then be forwarded to the Cleansing Department for their Work Schedule.

277 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

Permissions/Refusals of Planning Applications having previously been circulated were noted.

This item for Reference only.

There were no objections to the listed Planning Applications

- 08/0185/LA
- 08/0160/LA
- 08/0140/FULL
- 08/0088/FULL
- 08/0130/FULL
- 08/0118/RM

The Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Signed _____
Chairperson