



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillors A Angel, D Bolter, R Bevan, G J Hughes,
T H Matthews, C Morgan, Mrs JA Pritchard
GB Shannon and R C Thomas

Clerk Mrs C Mortimer

In Attendance: PC Brent Isaac

279 POLICE LIAISON

PC Brent Isaac was welcomed by the Vice Chairman and reported on the St Cattwgs ward only, but he assured the Council that in future meetings the Police will report on all wards within the Gelligaer Community Council.

PC Isaac reported that there was generally a decrease in all calls and that the majority of crime was criminal damage to vehicles.

In respect of the PACT meetings, the Police have been working with members of the community more in targeting youth disorder and placing hard-core offenders on specific programmes. They have been trying to work more closely with the youth, trying to establish what they would like to see in their community, and relating it back to the council to address.

It was reported by the members that burning wheelie bins was occurring on a regular basis; PC Isaac admitted that this was a problem that they had thought of resolving by introducing metal bins but this would have a big cost implication.

Air gun attacks were mentioned by a member, but this apparently happened several months ago and there had been nothing reported in recent weeks.

It was also reported by the Members that

- People are parking their vehicles at bus stations outside Gelligaer Community Council and also outside The Plough public house, resulting in buses not stopping to pick up.
- Speeding outside Church field Close, Tir y Berth, was commonplace.
- Double parking was occurring on Pengam Road, and residents had made several complaints to Councillors.
- On the service road, Hengoed Avenue, people are parking on pavements making access impossible for those with pushchairs and wheelchairs, resulting in them having to use the road, which puts them in danger, and it being only a matter of time before there is an accident.

PC Isaac assured the Council that he would investigate all incidents and he or a colleague will report back.

PC Isaac left the meeting at 8.00 pm

280 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman Cllr D Roberts
Cllr Mrs J V Cooke, Cllr W Matthews and Cllr Mrs M R Richards

**Due to the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman,
Cllr R C Thomas Chaired the Meeting.**

281 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Interest was declared on Minute No's.288, 290 & 299

282 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Due to the Chairman's Absence this item did not apply

283 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26/02/2008 were Received Confirmed and signed as a correct record following amendment.

284 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 12/03/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record following an amendment of £50 to the entry of St Cattwgs Easter Flowers.

285 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.61)

In encouraging and supporting women in the community seeking solace against domestic abuse, and to assist in providing the children of the refuge with school uniforms it was RESOLVED that **£200** be granted to the **Caerphilly Women's Aid Outreach** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

286 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.62)

In encouraging and supporting creative activities for the community it was RESOLVED that **£50** be granted to the **Cascade Carvers** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

287 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.63)

In encouraging and supporting activities for the young of the community it was RESOLVED that **£150** be granted to the **1st cascade Brownie Unit** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr J Pritchard declared an Interest in this item and subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions

288 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.64)

In encouraging and supporting social and physical activities to bring local community members of Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed together in rekindling Community spirit, it was RESOLVED that **£200** be granted to the **Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed Community 1st Partnership** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr J Pritchard returned to the chamber

289 PROJECT SUMMARY AS AT 13/03/2008

Project No.160: Cascade Youth Club

Work to be undertaken: To complete work on the extension to provide mountain bike facilities and extend changing room facilities. Currently all work on hold due to shortfall in funds.

Extra costs incurred due to Environmental Land Survey.

Cost: £3500

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 2007/08 Budget (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.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.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 2006/07

Project No.142: Cydcoed/Penybryn 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 almost completed planting.

Invoice from Barry Cosslett received and paid for the Demolition. Retention to be paid & further invoices to Grounds Maintenance.

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.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, £25,000- £30,000 to repair.

Cost: £3500 pledged

New project: The Bungalows, Hengoed.

Work to be undertaken: Lay-by provision

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.

New project: Hill View Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: Turn a small part of a large grassed area amenity into a car park with fencing, separating car park from grassed area for safety reasons.

Cost: £3000 Pledged

Cllr D Bolter declared an Interest in this item and subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions

290 THE REST, PORTHCAWL

22 residents who have not previously been to The Rest were selected randomly to participate in this holiday.

Cllr D Bolter returned to the chamber

291 One Voice Wales: Election Timetable 2008

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

292 BEFRIENDING SCHEME

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

293 CEFN HENGOED & HENGOED COMMUNITIES FIRST PARTNERSHIP

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

294 GAVO – THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS AWARDS

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

295 GAVO – NEW ADDRESS

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

296 GLAN Y NANT & TIR Y BERTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

297 GELLIGAER TIMES

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

298 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – CONFIRMATION OF DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO.185 GELLIGAER

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

Cllr G J Hughes declared an Interest in this item and subsequently left the Meeting.

299 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the Planning Applications listed below

- 08/0203/FULL
- 08/0197/FULL
- 08/0266/FULL

There was no objection to the Planning Application No.08/0202/FULL on the condition that there is a provision for off road parking.

The Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

Signed: _____

Chairperson