



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 15 April 2008, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillors D Bolter, R Bevan, Mrs V J Cook, G J Hughes, T H Matthews, Mrs J A Pritchard, D Roberts and G B Shannon

Clerk Mrs C Mortimer

300 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr W Matthews in the form of a letter, which the Clerk duly read out to the members.

The letter explained that the reason in which Cllr W Matthews has been absent from meetings is due to the fact that **he was requested to attend the Youth Offending Team meetings by the councillors.** The YOT meetings are held every Tuesday, consequently resulting in Cllr W Matthews being unable to attend the Gelligaer Community Council meetings.

According to procedure, if a member fails throughout 6 consecutive months to attend any meetings of the council or of its committees or sub-committees of which he is a member, or a joint committee, joint body or other body by which any of the council's powers have been transferred or delegated, **he ceases automatically to be a member of the council unless either he has a statutory excuse or his failure is due to a reason approved by the council or he attended as a representative of the council at a meeting of any body or persons.**

301 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Interest was declared on Minute No's 307, 308,309 and 319

302 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman informed the members that the Clerk is now forwarding all cheques to him to enable him to personally present them on to the respective organisations.

303 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18/03/2008 were Received Confirmed and signed as a correct record.

304 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 31/03//2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

The Clerk suggested that on a quarterly basis she would present to the council a detailed expenditure statement to monitor the various projects and spending.

305 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.1)

In encouraging and supporting women and sport in the community it was RESOLVED that **£720** be paid for 16 tracksuits with the Gelligaer Community Council logo, to the **Tir y Berth Ladies Football** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

306 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In was RESOLVED that the Clerk would get in contact with the PTA's of local schools and send Financial Assistance application forms to those that were participating at the Llangollen Eisteddfod as opposed to financially assisting the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

Cllr R Bevan declared an Interest in the following 2 items and subsequently left the chamber playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

307 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A letter from the Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn Communities partnership, received in January but deferred to April, requesting financial assistance to display festive lighting in both Gelligaer and Pen y Bryn for Christmas 2008 was discussed and it was RESOLVED that this item be considered as a project.

308 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.2)

The Clerk read out the contents of the letter received from the Management Committee Neuadd St Catwgs Community Hall. The letter requested financial help in renewing a dysfunctional heating system to make it more comfortable to the community members who use the facilities.

In encouraging and supporting activities held at the community hall it was RESOLVED that **£5000** be pledged to the **Neuadd St Catwgs Community Hall** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr R Bevan returned to the chamber

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

309 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.3)

In encouraging, supporting and providing a place for the young people of the community to meet and socialise with their peers, it was RESOLVED that **£1250** be granted to the Youth Centre Cefn Hengoed to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr J Pritchard returned to the chamber

310 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.4)

In supporting the senior citizens in the community with social events and activities it was RESOLVED that **£200** be granted to the **Waun Rhyd O.A.P's** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

311 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.5)

In supporting and promoting the healthy lifestyle that tending allotments can offer to members of the community it was RESOLVED that **£200** be granted to the **Cascade Allotment Association** to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

312 PROJECT SUMMARY

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 PAID

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 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 & Landscaping

Current Situation: Demolition Work Complete. CCBC, Grounds Maintenance Department have almost completed planting.

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.

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.

Current Situation: New play area has been installed

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 from funding (not Gelligaer Community Council funding)

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

New Project: Gelligaer and Pen y Bryn

Work to be undertaken: To display festive lighting in Gelligaer and Pen y Bryn for Christmas 2008

Current Situation:

Cost: £675 for each village

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Don Elsbury and request a price list and brochure to discuss the Christmas lighting projects in greater detail for all areas.

- 313 RHYMNEY VALLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**
The Rhymney Valley District Scout Council were holding its Annual St Georges Day parade & service at 1.45pm on Sunday 20th April 2008.
The Chairman would try to attend.
- 314 ENERGY FROM WASTE IN WALES 2008
THE ROUTE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY**
Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.
- 315 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBER
CODE OF CONDUCT**
Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. Cllr V J Cooke signed a fresh undertaking in relation to the existing code in the presence of the Clerk
- 316 GELLIGAER & PEN Y BRYN COMMUNITIES FIRST PARTNERSHIP**
Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. It was also agreed that the Clerk would keep copies of local partnership minutes for reference only and would not be required to include them on future community council agendas.

- 317 GLAN Y NANT & TIR Y BERTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**
Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

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

- 318 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING GENERAL REGULATIONS, 1992**
Permission for Development Application No.08/0185/LA having previously been circulated was noted

- 319 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990**
Approval of Reserved Matters Application No 08/0118/RM having previously been circulated was noted

- 320 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990 – SECTION 78**
There were no additional comments to make to the Planning Inspectorate, following our previous comments made on the 16/10/07 Min No.146 in relation to Application **07/1196/FULL**

- 321 PLANNING – Construction of 20 No. dwellings**
In relation to Application No.**07/1211/FULL** there were no objections on the proviso that there is adequate screening between the road to the north setting of the development and the houses at Cheriton Avenue, Carn Gethin Estate.

322 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications

- **08/0274/FULL**
- **08/0324/TPO**
- **08/0366/FULL**
- **08/0367/FULL**
- **08/0308/FULL**
- **08/0319/FULL**
- **08/0348/FULL**

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications on the proviso that there is sufficient off street parking

- **08/0389/FULL**
- **08/0339/FULL**
- **08/0341/FULL**

The Members were unable to comment on Planning Application No.**08/0294/OUT** as they required more information. The Clerk is to request further information from the Planning Department.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: _____

Chairperson