



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 6 May 2008, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, D Bolter, R Bevan, G Roberts, W David, W Griffiths, C Morgan, Mrs J A Pritchard, Mrs T Parry, M James, G B Shannon and R C Thomas

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T H Matthews

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Interest was declared on Minute No's. 6, 8 and 10.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The newly appointed Chairman Cllr R C Thomas had no announcements to make on this occasion.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15/04/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 01/05/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

New Members expressed their concern at the large sum of money in the account at the beginning of a new financial year, which does not include the precept for 2008/09 or the Cydcoed project funding.

The existing Members were fully aware of this and as a result in the last meeting the Members agreed to the clerk's suggestion of presenting a detailed expenditure statement to the council on a quarterly basis.

The balance at the beginning of the financial year is an accumulation from previous years.

6 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.6)

In supporting male choral singing within the community, It was resolved that £500 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Male Choir to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

7 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.7)

In supporting and encouraging a healthy past time for members within the community in growing their own produce it was resolved that £200 be granted to the Glan y Nant Allotment Association to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

8 Project Summary

Project No.163: St Anne's Church, Cefn Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: Refurbishment

Current Situation: to be checked out, £25,000- £30,000 to repair.

Cost: £5000 pledged

Project No.162: 2nd Phase Gelligaer Fort

Work to be undertaken: Interpretation Project

Current Situation: Bid has been submitted.

Cost: £1000 pledged

Bid made for WAG funding. An additional £2000.00 to be ring fenced for Clerk/Accountants services from WAG funding (not Gelligaer Community Council funding)

Project No.161: 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

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)

Clerk to liaise with Richard Murphy and obtain quote for further fencing on the other side of kick wall. Provision of a further side fence would complete the job.

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 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 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 paid & further invoices to Grounds Maintenance to be paid upon receipt of VAT refund.

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, basketball 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

Awaiting for Nigel Powell with kick about area

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

Clerk has contacted Don Elsbury Plant Ltd and requested Christmas lighting brochure and prices so that Christmas lighting can be discussed and if further money is pledged then it is distributed fairly between the villages. The Clerk has a meeting arranged with the company on Thursday 22nd May 2008.

New Project: The Bungalows, Hengoed.

Work to be undertaken: Lay-by provision

Current Situation: Ward Member to obtain quotation.

Cost:

New Project: Main Routes through all villages within the Community of Gelligaer

Work to be undertaken: Hanging baskets/ floral displays

Current Situation:

Cost: Clerk to contact Derek Price, Grounds Maintenance and obtain quote

9 Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 – Section 257

Correspondence and plans having previously been circulated were discussed in relation to an application for a diversion of footpath No.7, 9 and 10 in the Community of Gelligaer from Redrow Homes (South Wales) Ltd. The members felt that the Clerk should arrange an urgent site meeting with Mr Adrian Sanders from the CCBC Countryside and Landscape Services to view the site and to discuss the proposals further and the implications this would have on the local residents.

Cllr D Bolter and Cllr W David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting playing no further part in the discussions and ensuing decisions.

10 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications:

- 08/0425/FULL
- 08/0429/FULL
- 08/0442/FULL
- 08/0443/FULL
- 08/0444/FULL
- 08/0449/FULL

There was an Objection in respect of Application No.08/0294/OUT due to the highway access being unsafe; access onto Hengoed Road would be unsafe as it is a very busy road.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Signed: _____

Chairperson