



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 21 May 2008 7:30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel (Arrived late due to prior meeting), 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

11 APOLOGIES

No Apologies as all Members were present

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Interest was declared on Minute No's. 23,25 and 35

13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no announcements.

14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 06/05/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

15 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 21/05/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

16 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.8)

In supporting the more senior citizens within the community on various outings and events

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Tir-y-Berth OAP's to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

17 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.9)

In supporting and promoting high quality live professional music to the local community

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Rhymney Valley Music Club to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

18 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.10)

In supporting and promoting fellowship through music and singing with 55 members aged 15 - 80+

It was resolved that £500 be granted to the Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.11)

In supporting and promoting weekly discussion on various subjects

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Cefn Hengoed Ladies Friendship Club to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

20 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.12)

In supporting the more senior citizens within the community on various outings and events

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Hengoed OAP's to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

21 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.13)

In supporting and fostering relationships between parent's teachers and the wider community

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Friends of Bro Allta PTA under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

22 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.14)

In supporting citizens within the community with recreational, social and mentally stimulating activities
It was resolved that £50 be granted to the Cascade Scrabble Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the Chamber playing no further part in the discussions and ensuing decisions.

23 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.15)

In supporting quality after-school care to children aged 4 -11 within the community
It was resolved that £700 be granted to the Cefn Hengoed After-School Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.16)

In supporting and promoting Healthy Living through support, advice and regular exercise classes to cardiac sufferers within the community
It was resolved that £200 be granted to the New Start 4 Life to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr C Morgan declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the discussions and ensuing decisions.

25 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Application No.17)

In supporting and promoting physical and spiritual well being of the youth of the village and surrounding area
It was resolved that £1,250 be granted to the Cascade Youth Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

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.

Received further quote of £3,000.

Council resolved for the additional work to go ahead.

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 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

The 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

Derek Price advised that hanging baskets are costly due to being high maintenance. He suggested making flowerbeds out of council owned verges. Members to list suitable areas for Clerk to submit to Grounds Maintenance for quotes.

26 Quotation for a Potential Project

Quotation received from Aber Wrought Iron to supply and fit 27 meters of new hoop top fencing and motorbike inhibitor between Rhos Avenue and back lane of Pengam Street. Item deferred until Clerk has obtained 2 further quotes.

27 Clerks Report

The Clerk presented her report to the Council which contained the following items:

i. Diversion of footpath 7, 9 and 10 in the Community of Gelligaer

In respect of the site meeting held on 13 May 2008 the following comments were relayed back to Mr A Sanders CCBC

- A registered right of way footpath is required from the end of East Road to Pottery Road as discussed.
- Whilst earthworks are being undertaken the area will need to be temporarily closed for a period of no more than 6 months.

This item was noted.

ii. Dust

During the site meeting it was noted that there were high levels of dust blowing. This was reported immediately to the Environmental Health Department.

Maria Godfrey reported back stating that Heddwyn Evans will speak with the contractors on site week commencing 19/05/08, and insist that in the future they dampen down during hot dry spells.

This item was noted.

iii. Change to Office Opening Days

The Clerk would like to change the days of office opening to Wednesdays (which coincides with the 3 weekly council meeting) and Thursdays.

The Council agreed to the change.

iv. Resignation

For your information the Clerk has resigned from her post as Personnel Assistant with CCBC due to the volume of work required of her as Clerk to the Council.

The Clerk is contracted to work 15 hours but is regularly working in excess of this.

The Clerk will produce a business case to present to the Council at a further meeting.

The Clerk was requested to leave the Chamber whilst a discussion relating to the Clerk's hours and volume of work took place.

v. CCBC Intranet Access

For your information the Gelligaer office has now been networked with CCBC, and the Clerk has CCBC internal intranet access.

For CCBC Officers and County Councillors the Clerk can be found in the "Office Outlook" address section under Ceri Mortimer.

For all external users her new email address is:

mortic1@caerphilly.gov.uk

vi. Office Furniture

The Clerk requires additional storage and would like the Council to consider purchasing a shelving unit, please see attached. Due to

lack of space in the office it would be preferable to purchase a slide-opening unit as opposed to a hinged.

The Council agreed to the purchase of a unit.

vii. Photographs

The Clerk had booked the photographer, Mr Brian Jarrett, to attend on Wednesday 11th June at 7.00pm, this however was not convenient to all members and a date was agreed and re-scheduled for 2 July 2008 at 7.00pm prior to our meeting at 7.30pm.

28 New CCBC Cabinet Announcement

Details of the new CCBC Cabinet having previously been received were noted

29 Community Notice Board for the New Cwm Calon Estate

Correspondence received from Jeff Cuthbert AM for Caerphilly requesting assistance in providing a notice board for the new estate was deferred until the Clerk has received confirmation as to whom has agreed to update and maintain it.

30 Community Cleansing Week Commencing 9th June 2008

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.

The Clerk received schedules of work from 2 Community Councillors and 1 County Councillor

It was noted that generally County Councillors report their cleansing schedules through to CCBC.

31 Mid Glamorgan Area Scout Annual General Meeting

The Chairman would try to attend meeting on 18th June 2008

32 One Voice Wales Conference and AGM held on Saturday 11th October 2008

It was agreed that Cllr Dennis Bolter would attend

33 One Voice Wales

To receive, discuss and nominate a Councillor(s) as representatives for quarterly Area Committee Meetings

It was agreed that Cllr Dennis Bolter would attend

34 Shelter Cymru – New telephone Line

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted in

Cllr T Matthews requested that he be excused from the remaining part of the meeting due to a prior engagement. He also wanted it noted that it was not convenient for him to attend the Wednesday meetings, and had in fact mentioned this to a Member at the time when the meetings for 2008/09 were being scheduled. He also stated that he was very rarely absent from the Tuesday meetings.

Cllr D Bolter, Cllr A Angel 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.

35 Planning Applications

There were **no objections** to the following Planning Applications:

- **08/0525/FULL**
- **08/0521/FULL**
- **08/0497/FULL**

There were **no objections** to planning application **08/0498/FULL on the proviso** that the storage container is the same size as that outside the coop, and no bigger as that would be unsightly and would not fit in with the surroundings, it would also reduce car parking spaces resulting in more cars having to park on the highway.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Signed: _____

Chairperson