



## **GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 11 June 2008 7:30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Angel, 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

In Attendance: PC Brent Isaac

### **36 Police Liaison**

The Chairman welcomed PC Brent to the meeting.

PC Brent Isaac stated that residents were hostile to officers at the last PACT meeting held at Ystrad Mynach. Officers felt humiliated and threatened and that the purpose of the PACT meetings is to report discuss and work through the issues together.

Members that were present at the meeting were not aware of any hostility but did comment that residents are becoming frustrated at the PACT meetings as the same issues are arising meeting after meeting and that the Police do not appear to be resolving them.

The Members present at the PACT meeting also stated that they answered many questions that residents had asked. A member who was not present at the PACT meeting asked whether the Officer who chaired the meeting was adequately trained or experienced, as a poorly chaired meeting will impact on the effectiveness of that meeting.

Members expressed their disappointment that the youth are not attending contrary to the Hengoed PACT meetings

where Youth Workers regularly accompanied their youths, which is very encouraging.

PC Brent stated that they have recently conducted a PACT style survey at Lewis Girls School aimed at 10-12 year olds to try to establish what the youths want. PC Brent will forward the findings to the Clerk.

The Police have set up the Ystrad Mynach Park Watch, which is a new scheme similar to the Neighbourhood Watch programme where issues relating to anti-social behavior are addressed.

Members stated that moving drunken youths from the park does not solve the problem but merely moves the problem on to other areas. Members have received many phone calls from angry residents at Church View reporting that drunken youths walking back from the park late at night repeatedly knock over bins.

PC Brent Isaac stated that the Police are trying to do their very best to resolve the problems.

It was also reported that over the next month every ward would be monitored for speeding. Stationed at various locations for a 2-hour period, an officer with a hand held device would record motorist's speed. When the information has been collated details will be forwarded to the Clerk.

On average there were 3 crimes committed a day and at this time of year are mainly shed break ins.

Detection rates for crime committed between the 18<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008 in the following wards were:

- St Cattwgs  
76 crimes  
25% detection
- Ystrad Mynach  
76 crimes  
31% detection
- Hengoed  
52 Crimes  
30%

The Officer stated that figures are encouraging and that the section came top in the force.

PC Brent Isaac also reported back to the members on the issues raised at the Community Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

- 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.

***No calls received***

- Speeding outside Church field Close, Tir y Berth, was commonplace.

***Only received one call on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April where 4 vehicles were reported to be racing***

- 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 Lang was going to target offenders of the above with fixed penalties.***

New issues that the members raised that require further investigation are:

- Chapel terrace  
Wheelie bins stolen
- At the top of Griffiths Street, Ystrad Mynach  
Rowdy behaviour, hanging baskets pulled down and potted plants smashed
- A member expressed concern regarding the police response time contained on the Gwent Police web site relating to non-emergency enquiries. PC Isaac stated that the information had created controversy and it would be addressed along with all of the other issues raised.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for his report.

*PC Brent Isaac left the Chamber*

### **37 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bolter and Cllr T H Matthews due to holidays.

### **38 Declarations Of Interest.**

Interest was declared on Minute No's 44,49,50 & 57.

### **39 Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman has been invited to attend the Mayors Charity Appeal.

### **40 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21/05/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record, but the Clerk omitted to record details of a potential project – Vehicle Activated Signs. It was discussed that excessive speed was a problem on specific roads and action was required to deter this to create a safer environment. The Clerk was requested to liaise with Clive Campbell and Procurement for further information and to obtain quotes.

### **41 Current Financial Situation**

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 05/06/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **42 CLERKS REPORT ON BUDGET 2008/09**

The Clerks report was to draw Members attention to the level of funding available and suggested how the balance may be reduced in 2008/09

### **43 Financial Assistance (Application No.18)**

In supporting welsh playgroups in the community  
It was resolved that £300 be granted to the Cylch Meithrin, Penpedairheol 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.*

**44 Financial Assistance (Application No.19)**

With reference to the letter received requesting the remaining 2007/08 pledged money of £42.50, to help towards the cost of shirts purchased for the club  
It was resolved that the £42.50 be granted to the Croeso Club to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**45 Financial Assistance (Application No.20)**

In supporting and promoting the Cascade Carnival again this year, which do, many throughout the community enjoy  
It was resolved that £1,100 be granted to the Cascaid Community Action Group to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**46 Financial Assistance (Application No.21)**

In supporting the more senior citizens within the community on various outings and events  
It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Cascade OAP's to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**47 Financial Assistance (Application No.22)**

In supporting citizens within the community to socialise and meet for lunch  
It was resolved that £60 be granted to the Cascade Luncheon Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**48 Financial Assistance (Application No.23)**

In supporting the residents to meet and to participate in craft activities  
It was resolved that £60 be granted to the Cascade Crafters to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

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

**49 Financial Assistance (Application No.24)**

In supporting and promoting a fun day for the whole of the community to enjoy  
It was resolved that £1,100 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

*Cllr A Angel and Cllr M James declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the discussions and ensuing decisions.*

**50 Financial Assistance**

A Financial Application received from BAGA, British Amputee Golf Association, was deferred until the next meeting, allowing sufficient time for the Clerk to make further enquiries.

**51 Financial Assistance**

A letter from the Cwm Calon Neighbourhood Watch listed 3 volunteers that would maintain the notice board. The Clerk is to make further enquiries and to obtain quotes relating to the cost and installation.

**52 Project Summary**

**Project No.165: Annual Project Ystrad Mynach Christmas Lighting**

Work to be undertaken: Install, Remove and Store  
Current Situation: Annual project  
Cost: £1,900

**Project No.164: Rhos Avenue and rear of Pengam Street**

Work to be undertaken: Supply and fit wrought iron fencing and Motorbike prohibitor

Current situation: Clerk to instruct successful bidder Aber Wrought Iron to undertake work

Cost: £2,745

**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: £5,000 pledged

**Project No.162: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: £5,000 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 Cllr M James to make enquiries

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 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 further details from Simon Beacham

**New Project: Gelligaer and Pen y Bryn and other locations**

Work to be undertaken: To display festive lighting

Current Situation: on hold – discussing finance

Cost: £675 for each village

Costs have been discussed Members are now to provide

Clerk with lamppost no.s to assess whether suitable for lighting displays.

**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. List of areas have been received from some but not all Members. Clerk awaiting all remaining Members to list suitable areas to submit to Grounds Maintenance for quotes.

**New Project: Vehicle Activated Signs at various locations**

Work to be undertaken: Electronic flashing speed signs

Cost: Clerk to obtain quotation and further info. from Clive Campbell and procurement and to liaise with Police following their speed monitoring project and assistance with funding.

Clerk awaiting quotes.

**New Project: Gelligaer Cemetery**

Work to be undertaken: Re-open existing WC

Current Situation: No toilet facilities

Cost: Clerk to contact Bereavement Officer for further info.

**53 Gelligaer Community Newsletter**

This item was not discussed

**54 Shelter Cymru**

Details of a new surgery venue at the Customer First Centre Blackwood, from Tuesday 3 June 2008 having previously been circulated were noted

**55 Western Power Stakeholder Consultation Document**

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

**56 Draft Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for Wales for Consultation 2008-2011**

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

*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.*

**57 Planning Applications**

There were no objections to the following application:

- 08/0553/FULL
- 08/0595/FULL
- 08/0602/TPO
- 08/0606/FULL
- 08/0624/FULL

*Cllr T Parry declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting playing no further part in the discussions and ensuing decisions.*

There were **objections to Application No.08/0608/TPO** on the grounds that taking down a tree is destroying a valuable part of our landscape, however there were no objections to the trimming of this tree

**The Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman