



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 23 July 2008, 7:00pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

In Attendance: Richard Murphy, Janice Moore and Derek Price

79 Presentation: The Gelligaer Roman Fort Interpretation

The Chairman welcomed Richard Murphy and Janice Moore who gave an excellent presentation explaining the history of the Roman Fort, the current situation in relation to funding and future proposals.

The project has generated a great deal of interest and is an important part of our heritage to be enjoyed by all that will visit.

Currently the bid to the Welsh Assembly Government has been successful, granting £92,400, leaving a shortfall of £23,100. Richard Murphy thanked Gelligaer Community Council who have granted a further £1,000

Gelligaer Community Council will be the lead organisation and have submitted an application to the Heritage Lottery fund. We are all now awaiting the outcome.

The members were clearly very enthusiastic and supportive of the project.

The presentation was well received by the members and the Chairman thanked them both for the update.

80 Grounds Maintenance Project

The Chairman welcomed Derek Price who subsequently spoke about the suitability of the sites previously submitted. The areas include:

Cefn Hengoed

- Hengoed Avenue, on verge of triangle
- On slip road in front of pensioners bungalows

Penpedairheol

- Brynsiriol on the R/A,
- The centre of the square
- The Duffryn where the Christmas tree is situated

Hengoed

- Hawthorne Avenue on the corner of
- Acacia Avenue on the corner of
- Derwen Deg School on the corner of

Tir y Berth

- Village green opposite fish shop

Ystrad Mynach

- Church View on the entrance of

Gelligaer

- Next to the Roman Fort site, where the former Lewis School used to be, by the lay-by.
- Community Centre Pen y Bryn to the front and side
- Opposite the Fox and Hounds public house Pen y Bryn, not directly o/s but on the corners of the entrance to Gelliargwellt road.

Derek Price discussed with the members the cost of daffodil bulb planting and the members expressed an interest in having colour throughout the year. To achieve this Derek explained that the members would need to decide on what they wanted ie shrubs etc a price would then be calculated. There can be problems with shrubs when allowed to bolt and members must consider maintenance costs.

It may be that any further flowers could be incorporated in with the planting of the daffodil bulbs in the autumn. Derek also explained that they do involve the youth by inviting local school

children to participate with the planting to educate and create interest and pride in the community.

The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting and stated that the Clerk would be in touch when decisions have been made.

81 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr C Morgan due to family holiday

82 Declarations of Interest.

Interest was declared on Minute No's 96 and 102

83 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman attended the Casc-Aid carnival which was officially opened by Cllr Lindsay Whittle. He was also invited to judge the floats .First prize being awarded to Brynsiriol for an Egyptian themed float which was excellent. It was a successful day enjoyed by all. Mrs Judith Voyle asked for the Chairman to thank the community council once again for the additional funding.

84 Matters Arising

Cllr A Angel stated that he had presented a cheque to the BAGA tournament which turned out to be a great success despite atrocious weather.

85 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 02/07/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

86 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 17/07/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

87 Clerks Report on the Annual Return for the 31st March 2008

The Clerk presented a Report, The Statement of Accounts and an Explanatory Note to the members in relation to the Annual Return 2006/07.

The Clerk explained that arrangements have been made for the accounts to be audited internally by Mr Mike Fisher who is CIPFA qualified, which is the public sector accounting body.

The Clerk explained that there are some major variations compared to 2006/07 mainly due to the Cydcoed project which had barely begun in 2006/07

The accounts will be advertised to the public at local post offices and Ystrad Mynach library, being available to view by appointment from 1st September – 26th September 2008

The external auditor, Mazars can be contacted by the public from the 29th September 2008.

The Council approved the accounts.

88 Financial Assistance (Application No.33)

In supporting to create an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in a community activity and in encouraging the participation of welsh speakers, learners and non welsh speakers

It was resolved that £250 be granted to the Eisteddfod y Cymoedd 2008 to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

89 Financial Assistance (Application No.34)

In supporting mothers, fathers and toddlers and encouraging friendship in a safe environment and introducing welsh through play and songs

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Cylch Ti a Fi to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

90 Financial Assistance (Application No.35)

In supporting mothers, fathers and toddlers in providing pre-school education through play activities in a safe environment

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Cylch Ti a Fi at the Cascade Methodist church to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

91 Financial Assistance (Application No.36)

In supporting the children with their education and to assist with the schools 80th birthday celebrations and in line with our policy

It was resolved that £300 be granted to the Helping Hands of Tir y Berth School to aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

92 Financial Assistance (Application No.37)

In supporting families within the community who are faced with difficulties

It was resolved that £400 be granted to the Home Start Cwm Rhymni to aid their function under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

93 Financial Assistance (Application No.38)

In supporting members of the community to participate with lawn bowls and to encourage others to join and enjoy the health benefits and make new friends

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

94 Financial Assistance (Application No.39)

In supporting the community by providing a Sunday league football team

It was resolved that £200 be pledged to the Pengam Pigeon FC aid their function, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

95 Financial Assistance (Application No.40)

In supporting residents who are interested in tracing their family tree and to support and welcome the society who have relocated from Bargoed Library to the Village Hall at Tir y Berth It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Caerphilly County Borough Family History Society to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

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

96 Financial Assistance (Application No.41)

In supporting and encouraging residents who enjoy the healthy past time of growing their own produce and tending to their allotment It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Gelligaer Allotment Association to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

97 New Code of Conduct for Members

The correspondence in relation to the New Code of Conduct having previously been circulated was discussed. Training sessions being held at the Council Chamber, Penallta House starting at 5.00 pm and lasting approximately 2 hours have been arranged for the 16th September 2008. The Clerk will submit names of members who have agreed to attend on that date which are: Cllr T Parry, Cllr R Thomas, Cllr J Pritchard, Cllr G Robert, Cllr R Bevan, Cllr W Griffiths and the Clerk. Cllr B Shannon is unavailable on that date but will attend an alternative date of 24th September.

98 Project Summary

Project No.169: Claerwen Kick Wall

Work to be undertaken: Extend the fencing

Current Situation: Members agreed to the quote therefore

Contractor to commence work

Cost: £2505 + VAT.

Project No.168: The Rest Porthcawl

Current Situation: Annual Project Awaiting price for 2009

Cost: £4044 + VAT 2008 (paid)

Project No.167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Current Situation: Clerk awaiting members to submit material and awaiting responses from clubs

Cost: £825

Project No.166: Casc-Aid Carnival 12th July, 2008

Current Situation: Members agreed to assist further with the carnival following Judith Voyles' explanation. Minute No.58

Cost: Clerk to pay invoice for the hire of toilet facilities
£730+VAT

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: Aber Wrought Iron instructed 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: 2nd Phase Gelligaer Fort

Work to be undertaken: Interpretation Project
Current Situation: Bid has been submitted.
Cost: £1000 pledged towards match funding
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: Consultations taking place Re: Benches
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.

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: The Bungalows, Hengoed.

Work to be undertaken: Lay-by provision
Current Situation: Ward Member to obtain quotation.
Cost:

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

Work to be undertaken: To display festive lighting
Current Situation: on hold – discussing finance and suitability
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: Main Routes through all villages within the Community of Gelligaer

Work to be undertaken: Flowerbeds in verges
Current Situation: Sites to be agreed
Cost: £24.00 per bag of daffodil bulbs 2 bags per site
possible 13 sites

New Project: Vehicle Activated Signs at various locations

Work to be undertaken: Installation of signs
Cost:

The Report was discussed and Members have forwarded areas of excessive speed to the Clerk. The Clerk has submitted to Clive Campbell who has arranged speed surveys in the first instance .Discussions to take place in October 2008, when results of surveys will be available. A Member, who had received expert advice from Julie Gambold of CCBC, stated that we should avoid considering VAS signs which displays actual speed, they were less effective as they enticed boy racers to put their foot down to test them.

New Project: William Street, Tir y Berth

Work to be undertaken: High fence from o/s No.17 - ? Balls going into property
Current Situation: Member to obtain further details, Clerk to arrange meeting between Cllr Shannon and Simon Beecham
Cost:

99 Ombudsman: How to complain that a local authority member has broken the code of conduct

Members reiterated the importance of attending the New Code of Conduct training session and that it is advisable that all attend.

100 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

This items was to be deferred until the next meeting on the 3 September 2008

101 Community Cleansing Week Commencing: 18th August 2008

Members submitted areas that require additional cleansing. The members requested that the Clerk contact Tony White of the CCBC Cleansing Department in relation to the glass being cleared from the redgra at the Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre and to contact Grounds Maintenance for a price on digging it up and turfing.

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

102 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:

- 08/0829/FULL
- 08/0824/COU
- 08/0817/FULL
- 08/0724/TPO

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

- 08/0766/FULL – No Objections

Cllr B Shannon returned to the chamber

- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section53 To add a path from the rear lane of Duffryn Street Ystrad Mynach to Penalltau Road – No Objection
- 08/0006/COU EN/03/039B – Contents noted
- 08/0015/REF- Contents noted

The Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman