



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3 September 2008, 7:30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, D Bolter, R Bevan, G Roberts, W David, C Morgan, Mrs. J A Pritchard, Mrs T Parry, M James.

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

103 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr T H Matthews and Cllr W Griffiths due to other commitments and Cllr R C Thomas due to family holiday. Apologies also received from PC Brent Isaac of the Gwent Constabulary due to work commitments.

104 Declarations of Interest.

Interest was declared on Minute No's 108 & 123

105 Chairman's Announcements.

The Clerk announced, in the Chairman's absence, that Cllr R Thomas had delivered flowers to Mrs. Olwen Woods and Mr Eddie Woods of Penpedairheol who were celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

The Clerk had also received a telephone call from the ex-chairman Don Roberts, who wanted to thank the Members of the Community Council for their contribution last year towards the Rhymney Valley Women's Aid. The women and children recently went on a day trip to Western, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

106 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23/07/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

107 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 29/08/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

108 Financial Assistance (Application No.42)

In supporting running costs such as fuel for transport, postage and refreshments for the volunteers
It was resolved that £300 be granted to C.H.A.D, Centre for Help and Advice for the Disabled, to aid their function under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

Cllr J Pritchard returned to the chamber.

109 Financial Assistance (Application No.43)

In supporting housing needs and the prevention of homelessness
It was resolved that £200 be granted to Shelter Cymru, to aid their function under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

110 Park Watch Scheme Signage for Ystrad Mynach

Correspondence having previously been circulated was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite Mr Gareth Coombes the Police Community Support Officer to our next meeting to discuss the signage and the scheme.

111 Cwm Calon Notice Board

The quotations having previously been circulated were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk is to order a board from Notice Board Company and CCBC to install. The Clerk would also need to liaise with the residents to arrange a site visit for Cllr Angel, Cllr Roberts and Cllr James to determine where the board is to be positioned to minimise the risks of vandalism

112 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 further material and photos, received and entered details of clubs will enter details of school competition (see New Project)

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: Due to lack of progress, it has been agreed to change contractor and original quote for 2008/09 of £3000 is to be increase to £3,220 as per email 1/09/08

Cost: Pledged £3000.00 2007/08 + £3,220 2008/09

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: Approx guide price £4,000

Cost: Member to submit actual quote.

New Project: Pen y Bryn Playground

Work to be undertaken: Installation of playground

Current Situation: Member submitted drawings and quote of £60,000 and is seeking funding from other sources

Cost: Pledged 2008/09 £5,000

New Project: School Environmental Project

Work to be undertaken: From January 2009, each school in the community to undertake an environmental project of their choosing to be judged in July 2009. Winner will received a shield. Clerk to contact all Head Teachers

Cost: £8,000 & cost of shield & runner up prizes

113 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

Correspondence having previously been circulated was discussed. In relation to the consultation questions the Members requested that the Clerk respond with the following comments:

- The Commission should be requested to consider the appropriateness of multi-member divisions
- If multi-member divisions are to continue then they should stay as they are, in the same areas as they are now
- The maximum number of 75 members is still appropriate
- The ratio of councilors to electors should remain at 1:1,1750

114 Value Wales, Welsh Assembly

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. The Clerk is mindful of best value, and obtains quotes via CCBC Procurement on all materials.

115 Copyright Issues

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.

116 Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth Community Partnership Newsletter

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. Members should forward any material to Rhian Evans

117 Cross Roads South East Wales Care Services for Carers

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted, all Cross Roads schemes having merged into one.

118 Gavo's Annual General Meeting Friday 24th October 2008

There were no nominations. However Cllr Judith Pritchard will be attending

119 Tidy Wales Award

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.

120 Sewta – Draft Regional Transport Plan Consultation

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. Members requested that the Clerk contact Sewta in relation to the station car park at Pengam. Priority should be given to extending the existing Park & Ride as there is heavy congestion on the near by streets due to there not being enough parking spaces at the station. There is sufficient land to extend the existing car park.

The Members also requested that Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach be included, but not as a priority.

121 Care and Repair Caerphilly – Home Improvement for 60+

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.

122 Introduction of 1APP by CCBC – Planning Applications

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. All current applications have been streamlined into one form and as a result a new scheme for the validation of applications is being introduced.

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

123 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:

- 08/0987/COU
- 08/0911/FULL
- 08/0967/FULL

There were **objections** to application no.08/0941/FULL on the grounds that the height of the new houses would be overbearing for the houses opposite.

The Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman