



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 15 October 2008, 7:30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: W David, T H Matthews, Mrs J Pritchard, Mrs T Parry, M James, G B Shannon and R C Thomas.

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

In Attendance:

Mr Derek Price, Principal Parks and Open Spaces Officer

137 CCBC Grounds Maintenance – Flowerbeds and Daffodil Planting

The Chairman welcomed Derek Price to the meeting who subsequently presented his report.

It was explained to the members that 12 locations having previously been submitted had been researched and found to be suitable for spring bulb planting at a cost of £970.

This also includes 2 no. Parks Personnel who would be available to instruct and advise school children, preparing the ground prior to the planting exercise and clearing up at the end of the session. The Parks Officers also identified 3 sites that were suitable for the creation of shrub beds. These locations are

- Penpedairheol, Christmas tree site
- Cefn Hengoed, Hengoed Avenue
- Tir y Berth, Village green

Each shrub bed would measure 12m.sq fully constructed and planted with a mixture of ornamental shrubs to provide colour all year round. An estimated cost of £1,000 per site with maintenance costs of £134 per site for 19 visits per year.

The Council Resolved that CCBC Ground Maintenance are to undertake the work.

The Chairman thanked Derek Price for attending the meeting and stated that the Clerk would be in touch to discuss the planting schedules.

138 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bolter who was unwell, Cllr A Angel due to a holiday, Cllr R Bevan and Cllr W Griffiths who were attending a Communities First Network meeting. The Members requested that the Clerk send a card to Cllr Bolter wishing him a speedy recovery.

139 Declarations of Interest.

Interest was declared on Minute No.149

140 Chairman's Announcements.

Cllr RC Thomas announced that he had attended a Choir Evening held at Lewis Girls School in aid of Cancer Research Wales. It was a most enjoyable evening and Cllr R Thomas contributed £100 from the Chairman's allowance to the charity. The total sum raised from the evening was £1,700
Vice - Chair Cllr J Pritchard announced that on the 1st October 2008 she officially opened the Pen y Bryn Woodland and was honoured to do so.

141 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24/09/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

142 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 08/10/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

143 Financial Assistance (Application No.45)

In supporting and encouraging the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of the young people aged 6 – 18
It was resolved that £200 be granted to the 1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Due to their outstanding work the Chairman also contributed a further £50 from the Chairman's Allowance

144 Local Elections 1st May 2008 – Re-charge

Correspondence having previously been circulated in relation to cost and method of payment was discussed. It was agreed that the cost be paid in one installment upon receipt of a sundry debtor invoice from CCBC for £6,573.27

145 Caerphilly County Borough Council Winter Service Plan 2008/09

The Clerk has received a CD of the CCBC Winter Gritting Plan and has emailed electronic versions to all members that have an email address. Members who do not have access to email are able to view the plan at the Gelligaer Office.

146 Consumer Focus Wales

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted. The new organization has been created through the merger of the Welsh Consumer Council, Postwatch Wales and Energy Wales. The Consumer Focus Wales will be a stronger champion for consumers.

As well as improved service from companies and new ombudsman schemes, Consumer Direct will also be an important advisory service for consumers – assisting them with information on their rights, how to complain, and how to get complaints resolved.

**147 Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November 2008
Collection of wreaths**

The Clerk received names of members for the Wreaths that are to be collected from the Council Office at our next meeting on the 5th November.

- Cefn Hengoed – Cllr D Bolter/Cllr R Thomas
- St Cattwgs – Cllr T Matthews
- Tir y Berth - Cllr B Shannon
- Ystrad Mynach – Cllr M James/Cllr G Roberts

148 Project Summary

Project No.183: Shrub beds at 3 Sites

1. Hengoed Ave at Cefn Hengoed,

2. Village green at Tir y Berth

3. Where the Christmas tree is situated at Penpedairheol

Work to be undertaken: Construct shrub beds

Current Situation: Sites agreed, work to commence

Cost: £3000 + Maintenance £150 Nov08- March09

Annual Maintenance cost (19 visits) £134 x 3 =£402

Project No.182: 12 Sites on Main Routes through all villages within the Community of Gelligaer

Work to be undertaken: Spring bulb planting along with school children

Current Situation: Sites agreed, work commences 3rd Nov

Cost: £970

Project No.181: Ystrad Mynach Park Watch Scheme

Work to be undertaken: Purchase 5 no signs @ £44.70

Current Situation: Awaiting invoice

Cost:£223.50

Festive Lighting at:

Project No.180: Cefn Hengoed

Project No.179: Hengoed

Project No.178: Cascade

Project No.177: Greenhill

Project No.176: Tir y Berth

Project No.175: Pengam

Project No.174: Ystrad Mynach

Work to be undertaken: To display 3 festive motifs

Current Situation: Clerk to obtain Members choices of motifs

Cost: £6050 (pledged from previous years)

£5920 2008/09

Project No.173: Cwm Calon Estate

Work to be undertaken: Supply & Fit Notice Board

Current Situation: Members to arrange site visit with residents to establish a suitable position for installation

Cost: £659

Project No172: 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

Project No.171: 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 receive a shield. Clerk has contacted all Head Teachers

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

Project No.170: 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.

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: Hire of toilet facilities £588 +VAT - PAID

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 PAID

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 increased to £3,220 as per email 1/09/08

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

WORK COMPLETED – AWAITING INVOICE

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.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. 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: 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.

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

149 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:

- **08/0590/RET**
- **08/1055/COU**
- **08/1099/FULL**

There were no objections to application no. **08/1093/FULL on the proviso that it does not affect the light of neighbouring properties.**

The Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman