



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5 November 2008, 7:30pm, at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A P Angel, D Bolter, R Bevan, W Griffiths, C Morgan, Mrs J Pritchard, M James, G B Shannon and R C Thomas.

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

150 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Roberts due to work commitments, Cllr W David due to holiday, Cllr T Matthews and Cllr T Parry due to family commitments.

151 Declarations of Interest.

Interest was declared on Minute No.169

152 Chairman's Announcements.

There were no announcements as there had been no engagements for the Chairman to attend.

A few of the Members had attended the Spring Bulb Planting with the Schools and Caerphilly County Borough Councils Grounds Maintenance Department on Monday 3rd Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November, which had been very successful, with the Children clearly enjoying the experience.

The Chairman and remaining Councillors were scheduled to attend on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th November.

153 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15/10/2008 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

154 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 30/10/2008 were received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

155 Financial Assistance – Action For Children

The Councils policy is to award financial contributions to groups or organisations and not individuals, therefore the Members requested that the Clerk defer this item until our next meeting. The Clerk is to contact the organisation to determine whether other families will have access and benefit from the neonatal heart monitor once it has been used by the family concerned.

156 Financial Assistance (Application No.46)

In supporting Urdd members in the community to compete in the Urdd National Eisteddfod by winning their way through the local and regional eisteddfodau

It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Urdd Gobaith 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.

157 Financial Assistance (Application No.47)

In supporting the promotion of the Welsh language within the community

It was resolved that £150 be granted to the Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili to aid their function under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

158 Financial Assistance (Application No.48)

In supporting the provision of a safe neutral and friendly environment where children of separated parents can meet with their non-resident parent for the purpose of rebuilding or forming relationships

It was resolved that £150 be pledged to The Crescent Child Contact Centre to aid their function under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

159 Review of Community Council Election Results

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.

**160 CCBC Local Development Plan up to 2021
Deposit Plan Consultation**

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted
An exhibition of the Deposit Local Development Plan was being held at the Ystrad Mynach Non political Club

**161 Governing Body of Derwendeg Primary School
Minor Authority representations**

Cllr A Angel was re-nominated as Representative

**162 Local Government act 1972 – Section 56(1)
Review of the Community Boundaries in the
County Borough of Caerphilly**

The Clerk is to write to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales to re-iterate that the Gelligaer Community Council boundaries should remain unchanged with the exception of a housing development at Glan-Rhymney Farm, which they considered should be transferred from the Cefn Hengoed Ward into the Tir y Berth Ward as the development had no link road with the Cefn Hengoed Ward.

The Clerk would also send a copy of the Councils response to Mr Stuart Rosser, Chief Executive of Caerphilly County Borough Council, so that he is aware of our views.

The Clerk gave all Members present Draft Proposal Notices which the members agreed to display at various locations to give the widest possible publicity to the Draft Proposals.

163 Withdrawal of Bus Service X38

Members expressed their concern regarding the intention of removing the X38 Bus Service from Bargoed to Cardiff and replace it with a service where passengers will be required to change buses at Pontypridd. Members stated that any cuts in services should not be tolerated as it is detrimental to our communities and will affect many people.

Cllr Dennis Bolter and Cllr Martyn James were nominated as Representatives of Gelligaer Community Council and will be required to meet and discuss options with Members from Nelson Community Council, Bargoed Town Council and Mr Huw Morgan, Head of Transport at Caerphilly County Borough Council.

164 Vandalism/ Theft at Llwyn Onn, Penpedairheol

Due to the recent vandalism and theft at Llwyn Onn, the Clerk made enquiries with the CCTV Monitoring Officer at Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding erecting mobile cameras as suggested by a Member. Unfortunately the area is not suitable for a mobile camera due to signaling and a fixed camera would be very costly.

The Clerk has spoken to a couple of local residents who stated that the incident must have been a "one off" as they do not normally suffer any anti-social behaviour.

However, the Clerk requested that the Community Safety Warden regularly patrols Llwyn Onn.

165 Project Summary

Project No.185:Knee Rail at the rear of Woodfield Terrace to stop cars and motorcycles going up the tunnel and also thus preventing antisocial behaviour

Work to be Undertaken: Supply & erect knee rail, forestry barriers and A frame

Current Situation: Work to proceed

Cost: £4,000 + CCBC to pay £3,165 = Total £7,165

Project No.184: Community Christmas Tree Festival

Work to be undertaken: Clerk to decorate tree on behalf of the Community Council at the Cascade Methodist Church and donation given to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice

Cost: Donation of £500

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: Signs have been erected. 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: St Lighting converting columns & C Elsbury are erecting 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.

DUE TO OPPOSITION FROM RESIDENTS THIS PROJECT IS NOT GOING AHEAD

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: Annual Project The Rest Porthcawl

Current Situation: Awaiting price for 2009

Cost: £4044 + VAT 2008 (paid) + Transport Costs (to be confirmed)

Project No.167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Current Situation: Clerk awaiting proof from the printers for Members

Newsletter to be printed and ready for Members to collect by the 26th November.

Cost: £825

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.163: St Anne's Church, Cefn Hengoed

Work to be undertaken: Refurbishment

Current Situation: £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 Members agreement (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

Some of the work has been undertaken

Cost: £700.00 Pledged

Project No. 99: Cefn Road kick-about area

Work to be undertaken: Provision of kick-wall, basketball hoop and stand.

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.

Due to a backlog of work the results of the surveys are still unknown. Cllr M James and the Clerk will chase up.

The Clerk was requested to leave the Chamber playing no part in the discussions and ensuing decisions of the next item.

166 Review of Clerks Hours

The report from One Voice Wales was discussed by the members.

The Clerk was requested to return to the chamber

The Chairman stated that as from the 1st November 2008 the Clerks weekly hours of work would be 20 hours. The Members explained that they would set up a sub-committee for further review.

The Clerk was asked to give her view on the proposal and will await their final decision.

167 Christmas Party

The Clerk is organising a Christmas meal for Friday 5th December.

Menus will be distributed and final numbers confirmed at the next meeting.

It is to be noted that the Clerk and all Members are paying for their own meals.

168 Notice of Public Footpath Order Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257 Paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 Diversion of footpaths 7, 9 & 10 in the Community of Gelligaer

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted.

The diverted footpath, which is necessary to enable development to be carried out, is a more direct route and temporary.

Cllr D Bolter and 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.

169 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:

- **08/1140/FULL**
- **08/1156/FULL**
- **08/1170/FULL**
- **08/1071/LA**
- **08/1072/FULL**

The Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman