



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 March 2009 at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

In Attendance: Mrs Judith Voyle and Mrs Jill Richards of the Casc-aid Carnival

245 Casc-aid Carnival

The Chairman, Cllr Rob Thomas, welcomed Mrs Judith Voyle and Mrs Jill Richards of the Casc-aid Carnival to the meeting. Mrs Judith Voyle explained that if the Casc-aid Carnival goes ahead this year then it would be the 16th year to run and probably the last. Morale amongst the organizers was at an all time low due to the lack of support. They are looking for extra manpower to help at the beginning of the event and at the end. The organizers have met with Inspector Ritchley who has promised more officers on patrol on the day. There were problems last year, during and following the event, due to under age drinking and it was suggested by several members whether this year's event could be alcohol free. Mrs Voyle stated that this was a possibility but their income from the sale of alcohol helped enormously with the costs. It was suggested that the organizers contact Caerphilly County Borough Councils YOT who could provide additional help and also Keep Wales Tidy who may be able to provide them with further funding to manage the litter. It was decided that the Members would discuss the subject further under "Projects". The Chairman thanked them both for attending our meeting.

246 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Bevan due to his father being taken into hospital, Cllr T Parry due to family commitments and Cllr G Roberts due to work commitments.

247 Declarations of Interest

Interest was declared on Minute No.258

248 Chairman's Announcements

- Chairmans Event, March 28th 2009

The Chairman hoped that Members were able to attend the event on Saturday.

The Clerk has arranged a suitable license, entertainment, beverages and caterers and would welcome assistance on the day to arrange seating and tables etc. Cllr James and Cllr Angel offered their services and Cllr Pritchard agreed to open the building at 11.00am

- The Chairman delivered flowers to Mr and Mrs Davies of The Walk, Ystrad Mynach, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 7th March 2009. They were very pleased and touched to receive a bouquet from the Community Council

249 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25/02/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

250 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 13/03/2009 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

251 Financial Assistance – Rhymney Valley Music Club

The Clerk informed the Members that this club had already been paid in 2008/09. This application therefore would be deferred until the new financial year and discussed at our next meeting on the 8th April 2009.

252 Financial Assistance- Cefn Hengoed OAP's -Application No.59

In supporting the residents to keep active with outings and for the importance of companionship. It was resolved that £200 be granted to the Cefn Hengoed OAP's to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

253 Projects Summary

Project No.189: The Rest Porthcawl (2009/10)

Work to be undertaken: Convalescence Holiday 11/05-18/05/09

Current Situation: Clerk has reserved accommodation and transport, Posters have been distributed and applications sent out

Cost: £5,000 + VAT Transport Agreed at £260 = £5,260

Project No.188: Neuadd St Catwgs Community Hall

Work to be undertaken: Suspended Ceiling and Insulation

Current Situation: Quotes received

Cost: £2584.40 + VAT

Project No.187: Create “Treowen Field” throughout Gelligaer

Work to be undertaken: Environmental project – 4 suitable sites have been found

Current Situation: 4 suitable locations have been established

Cost: £1440

Project No.186: Develop the Website

Work to be undertaken: Links to other groups/organisations

Current Situation: Clerk has met with CCBC Web Master Nick Rutter to discuss development - underway

Cost: £750 - £1,000

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.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 completed

Cost: £3000 + Maintenance £150 Nov08- March09

Works completed awaiting invoice

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 commenced 3rd Nov.

Now completed awaiting invoice

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.

Cost: £223.50 PAID

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 has erected motifs. Works completed awaiting invoice

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: Board has been installed

Cost: £659 (Materials £400 PAID) Awaiting Invoice for labour

Project No.172: 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. Cheques sent out in December.

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

Mr Derek Price, Principal Parks Manager has accepted the invitation to judge the competition.

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 in January 2009.

Cost: £2505 + VAT.

Project No.167: Gelligaer Community Newsletter

Current Situation: Newsletter has been distributed.

Cost: £825 PAID

This project will be a bi-annual project June and October. Next issue to be released in June 2009, Clerk requests suitable material

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 Awaiting further funding.

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. Further £720 funding agreed for higher fence

Cost: £5,000 (2007/08) + £720 (2008/09) =£5,720

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 i.e. goal posts

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 -Member to enquire

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.

Members have received the results to some of the surveys that have been carried out, but remaining results will not be available until after Christmas due to backlog of work within the department. It was agreed that the Members would await all results prior to making any decisions.

New Project: Part Time Sessional Outreach Youth Workers

Work to be undertaken: To share 2 youth workers amongst the wards to work with disaffected youths concentrating on the anti-social hot spots

Paul O'Neill, Community Education Manager attended our meeting to discuss further, will now provide costings.

New Project: Heritage Project

Work to be undertaken: Project to engage youths with elders by researching their history and creating picture story books, filming etc to help bridge the gap between the generations and attempting to create in the youths an interest in people, history and film making etc Member to contact Debbie Whitty for further information.

New Project: Bottle Banks

Work to be undertaken: To place bottle banks o/s commercial premises for them and residents alike to use.

Some licensed premises are hiring skips to dispose of their bottles, which are then taken to landfill.

New Project: Glan y Nant Play Area near Hanbury Street and Pengam Street

Work to be undertaken: To tarmac to the side of the play area by the gate.

Cost: Member to obtain quotes

254 Casc- Aid Carnival

The Members requested that the Clerk send a Financial Assistance Application form to the committee to determine the income generated from the sale of alcohol at the carnival. To be discussed further at our next meeting.

255 One Voice Wales Membership

Due to the advice and support service that One Voice Wales provides, it was resolved that the Community Council would continue with their membership for 2009/10 at a cost of £1777

256 Consultation: Proposals on the future of Community Health Councils in Wales

A consultation event was taking place on Friday 20th March 2009. This item will be deferred until the next meeting, in the meantime the Clerk will request hard copies of the proposals, however it was noted that members are able to view proposals on the website –

www.patienthelp.wales.nhs.uk/gwent

The Community Council has until the 24th April 2009 to respond.

257 Gelligaer & Penybryn Communities Partnership

The Clerk is to write a letter on behalf of the Community Council in support of the Penybryn Playground

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

258 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications:

- **09/0120/FULL**
- **09/0118/FULL**
- **09/0117/LA**

Application No.08/0046/REF – contents of the letter were noted

The Meeting Closed at 9-00 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman