



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 April 2009 at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.**

### **PRESENT**

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

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

### **In Attendance: Mrs Linda Wade and Mrs Christine Nicholas of The Rest Porthcawl**

The Presentation on The Rest was the first item on the Agenda however due to the their late arrival the Chairman Cllr Rob Thomas decided that the meeting should start with item 2

### **259 Apologies**

All Members were present and therefore no apologies

### **260 Declarations of Interest**

Interest was declared on Minute No.'s 268,277 and 278

### **261 Chairman's Announcements**

- Chairmans Event, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2009  
The Chairman stated that the event went well and was enjoyed by all that attended. He thanked the Clerk for organizing the whole event. The Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir performed very well and the young lady who collapsed during the performance had thankfully made a full recovery. Cllr Pritchard also thanked the Clerk for putting together a display board that was placed at the event for all to see. It contained photographs and information of the projects and other works that had been undertaken by the Community Council during the year 2008/09
- The Chairman delivered flowers and our best wishes to Mr and Mrs Whiteman of Penpedairheol, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary  
They were surprised and very grateful to receive a bouquet from the Community Council.
- The Citizens Advice Bureau are holding, appointments only, monthly surgeries at the Community Council Office, Llwyn Onn

**262 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18/03/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**263 Current Financial Situation**

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 31/03/2009 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**264 Financial Assistance – Rhymney Valley Music Club App No.1**

This application had been deferred from the last meeting as they had already received financial assistance in 2008/09. This is a new financial year 2009/10 and therefore in supporting live classical music concerts it was resolved that £200 be granted to the Rhymney Valley Music Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**265 Financial Assistance- Ystrad Mynach Karate App No.2**

In supporting people of all ages to improve their health, self awareness, self confidence and self esteem it was resolved that £400 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Karate to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**266 Financial Assistance- Hengoed OAP App No.3**

In supporting the more senior residents by providing social and recreational activities it was resolved that £150 be granted to the Hengoed OAP's to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**267 Financial Assistance- Tir y Berth OAP App No.4**

In supporting the more senior residents by providing social and recreational activities it was resolved that £150 be granted to the Tir y Berth OAP's to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

*Cllr Chris Morgan declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions.*

**268 Financial Assistance- Cascade Football Club App No.5**

In supporting the physical and spiritual development of the youth in the area it was resolved that £1,500 be granted to the Cascade Football Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

*Cllr Chris Morgan returned to the chamber*

**269 Presentation: The Rest, Porthcawl**

The Chairman welcomed Christine Nicholas and Linda Wade to the meeting. They spoke about the history of the Rest and how it has changed over the years.

The Members received an insight into what our residents who are in need of convalescence can expect when they holiday there – clean and comfortable rooms, many with sea views, excellent cuisine and entertainment each night.

The Chairman thanked them both for an interesting presentation.

*Cllr T Matthews left the meeting due to other commitments*

**270 Hire Charges for Council Premises for 2009/10**

The Clerk presented her report.

It was resolved that the non-commercial hire rate would remain at £3.80 per hour and that the commercial hire rate increases to £5.00 per hour.

**271 Procedures**

The procedure for actioning any urgent decision, should the need arise prior to a Full Council Meeting, is that the Clerk is to email all members that have email access, as she has done in the past, allowing them 24 hours in which to respond.

**272 Project No.187 Sunflower Field**

It was agreed that the project was to continue as per agreed email dated 23 March 2009, despite there being a costing error made by CCBC of £855.

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

Proposals can be viewed on the website –

[www.patienthelp.wales.nhs.uk/gwent](http://www.patienthelp.wales.nhs.uk/gwent) or a hard copy is available at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn.

Members made the following comments, which the Clerk will submit, to CHC by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009

- We believe that the organisation should be given appropriate financial and staffing resources to carry out their important tasks effectively.
- We support the continuation of the existing structure – a central Gwent wide organisation with area committees coterminous with Local Authorities and all members having voting rights.
- We feel that any decrease in the number of members of CHC would undermine the organisation.

**274 St Cattwgs Church Easter Flowers**

It was resolved that we increase the Easter Flower donation to £60 due to the increase in cost of flowers

**275 Mayors Charity Event Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Members were made aware of the event, tickets were priced at £10 and all money raised would go to the Mayors Charity-Save the Children.

**276 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 and received

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: Work completed and Invoice Paid

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: £2186.50

**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 completed awaiting invoice

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 and Invoice paid

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 and Invoice Paid

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 Invoice paid

Cost: £5177.88

**Project No.173: Cwm Calon Estate**

Work to be undertaken: Supply & Fit Notice Board

Current Situation: Board has been installed

Cost: £530 Invoice paid

**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 Letter from Council sent in support

**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. Criterion accepted.

**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. Completed and paid

**Project No.167: Bi-Annual Gelligaer Community Newsletter**

Current Situation: Newsletter has been distributed.

Cost: £825 PAID for issue 1. Issue 2 Cost: £825

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 Invoice Paid

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Gelligaer Fort**

Work to be undertaken: Interpretation Project

Current Situation: Bid has been submitted.

Cost: £1000 pledged towards match funding

WAG funding available

CCBC to manage Admin & Finance

Clerk has set up HLF Application

Gavo working on application

Covenant being drawn up for Land Owner

Need to ascertain who will be responsible

**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. Clerk and Members are frequently chasing.

**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

*Cllr D Bolter declared an interest in the next 2 items and left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions.*

*Cllr James also declared an interest in the next item and left the Chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions*

**277 The Rest Porthcawl**

20 local residents were selected for the convalescence holiday.

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

## 278 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:

- 09/0209/FULL
- 09/0216/FULL
- 09/0196/NOTT
- 09/0184/NOTT
- 09/0234/FULL – on the proviso that there is no loss to off street parking

There were objections to: 09/0180/COU due to

- Increase in litter
- Road safety
- Environmental
- Increase in noise

There were objections to: 09/0228/NCC due to

- Extension of hours is likely to generate noise
- Not clear as to the different types of waste

The Members also requested that the Clerk contact CCBC's Planning Department again to request that they provide more information on the Planning Applications that we receive. It can be frustrating and difficult for the Members to make informed decisions when there is very little detail.

**The Meeting Closed at 9-30 pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman