



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: A P Angel, R Bevan, D Bolter, W Griffiths, Mrs T Parry, Mrs J A Pritchard and G Roberts

**Clerk:** Mrs C Mortimer

**In Attendance:** Ms V Doyle and Mr P Doran of the Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership

The Chairman Cllr D Bolter welcomed Ms V Doyle and Mr P Doran to the meeting.

*Cllr A Angel declared an interest in the next item, he remained in the Chamber but played no part in the ensuing discussions.*

### **19 Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership Fun Day**

Ms V Doyle explained to the Members that the Partnerships second Fun Day was being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Last year had been very successful attracting approximately 500 people. This year they were hoping to better it by catering to a wider age range. Also this year the local college were having a stall to advise people of training opportunities. In addition there will be a stall with information in relation to the new Hospital and road development. Due to the current economic down turn raising funds from local businesses was proving to be more difficult this year. The Partnership were very grateful to the Council for its recent financial assistance but were looking for further funding towards the cost of the hire of a marquee. A balance sheet was distributed to all Members.

The Chairman thanked both for attending the meeting and kindly requested that they leave the chamber to enable the Members to discuss further.

*Cllr A Angel having previously declared an interest in this item subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions.*

The members resolved that the Council would pay for the marquee and the invoice would need to be addressed to the Council.

*Cllr A Angel returned to the chamber*

**20 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr W David due to a family holiday, Cllr M James and Cllr C Morgan due to work commitments and Cllr R Thomas due to family commitments.

**21 Declarations of Interest**

Interest was declared on Minute No.'s 19, 27, 29 & 32.

**22 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman requested that the Members noted in their diaries the 16<sup>th</sup> annual charity concert held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at the Salem, Nelson. Mr Cyril Thomas would be sending out invitations soon.

**23 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 06/05/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**24 Current Financial Situation**

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 18/06/2009 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**25 Financial Assistance – Gelligaer OAP App No.11**

In supporting the more senior residents with various activities it was resolved that £150 be granted to the Gelligaer OAP to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**26 Financial Assistance – Tua'r Goleuni App No.12**

In supporting a Welsh Community Newspaper it was resolved that £200 be granted to the Tua'r Goleuni to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

*Cllr J Pritchard having previously declared an interest in this next item subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions.*

**27 Financial Assistance – Cefn Hengoed After-School Club App No.13**

In supporting the provision of good quality child care for children aged 4 -11 years it was resolved that £700 be granted to the Cefn Hengoed After-School Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**28 Financial Assistance – Cascade Allotment association  
App No.14**

In supporting and encouraging local residents, that include women and children, in growing their own produce it was resolved that £150 be granted to the Cascade Allotment Association to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

*The Clerk declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber playing no further part in the ensuing discussions.*

**29 Clerks Report Re: National Final Salary award for Local Council Clerks 2008/09**

The National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services has issued the arbitration panel settlement for 2008-09, with an increase of 2.75%.

The casual car user allowance has increased to 0.587p per mile.

The Council resolved that the Clerk be entitled to the increase in salary and expenses.

*The Clerk returned to the chamber*

**30 Clerks Report Re: Internal Audit of Accounts for 2008/09**

It was Resolved that Mr Mike Fisher who is CIPFA qualified and undertook last years audit, be appointed as internal auditor for the Gelligaer Community Council accounts for 2008/09 at a cost of £150

**31 CCBC Sub Committee Representative and  
CCBC Community/Town Councils Joint Liaison Committee  
Representative**

It was agreed that we suggest that Cllr A Angel is to replace Cllr D Bolter on the sub committee as County Borough representative.

Cllr D Bolter will now sit on the Caerphilly County Borough & Community/Town Councils Joint Liaison Committee. The Clerk is to enquire whether two members are required to attend, and if so Cllr W Griffiths will accompany Cllr D Bolter and the Clerk.

**32 Projects Summary**

**Project No.191 Duffryn Field**

Work to be undertaken: Concrete driveway leading to football field

Current situation: three quotes received, Clerk to instruct Mark

Engwell to proceed

Cost: £4050 + VAT

**Project No.190: 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. Quote received of £2240, match funding of £1120 from CCBC's Park Services. Members agreed, project to proceed.

Cost: £1120

**Project No.187: Maes yr Adar**

Work to be undertaken: Environmental project – 4 suitable sites have been found 1.Ystrad Mynach Park 2. Coed Top Hill Landfill Site 3.Glyngaer Primary 4.Hengoed Primary

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: Maintenance to shrub beds

Current Situation: 19 visits

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

**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 & £ 72.50 cost of shield

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

Cllr T Parry has purchased shield. Order of school visits has been determined.

### **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

The Clerk also to contact John Roberts YOT regarding distribution.

### **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: £677.50 quote received and Clerk has instructed Simon Beacham/Jerry Ryan to proceed

**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 - Clerk 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. Will have remaining results through by 24<sup>th</sup> June, Edgar Gibbs will attend meeting to discuss possibilities

**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. Apologies received for the delay – will forward asap

### **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: Ladies Chapel at St Cattwgs**

Work to be undertaken: Bricked up window to be replaced with glass window. Rev.Tony Stevens to provide Members with costing.

*Cllr R Bevan and Cllr W Griffiths declared an interest in the next item, the Clerk was requested to obtain further information thus resulting in it being deferred to a future meeting.*

### **New Project: Greenhill Primary ICT Mark and the purchase of software**

#### **33 New street name at the Caerphilly Road, Ystrad Mynach Hospital Site**

The Members agreed to naming the new development:  
**Ffordd Ystrad Fawr / Ystrad Fawr Way**

#### **34 Planning Applications**

There were no Planning Applications received

**Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm**

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