



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 24th June 2009 at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A P Angel, R Bevan, W David, W Griffiths, M James, T Matthews, Mrs J A Pritchard and G Roberts, B Shannon and R Thomas

Clerk: Mrs C Mortimer

In Attendance: Mr Edgar Gibbs Principal Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Councils Traffic Management

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr D Bolter, Vice Chair Cllr M James, chaired the meeting.

Cllr M James welcomed Mr Edgar Gibbs to the meeting.

35 Edgar Gibbs, Principal Traffic Management Officer

Mr Gibbs explained that they had finally gathered data from 22 separate sites, sites that the Members had submitted last year. He apologized for the delay and explained that it was due to a large increase in requests for VAS signs throughout the borough. Unfortunately there was no data available for Claerwen due to the box being vandalized.

From the data gathered there were four sites where VAS signs could be erected, these were:

- Pengam Road, Ystrad Mynach
- Hengoed Road N/r Derwen Deg
- Hengoed Road N/r Brynsiriol and Rolls Ave
- Church Road to Pengam Road

It was explained that the signs are only effective for three monthly intervals before being moved on to a further site. Also VAS signs have been proved to reduce speed by 4 mph on average.

A member stated that VAS signs should be either placed on both sides of the road or if possible turned, as cars speed in both directions.

It was also suggested that traffic was naturally slower on Pengam Road, Cascade, due to Welsh Water working on that section of road and therefore the data gathered would not be a true reflection of the speed on that road. It was therefore agreed that Traffic Management would return and undertake a further survey.

It was Resolved at this stage to acquire 8 posts, funding would be provided for a few of these posts, and to purchase 2 VAS signs at a cost of between £2,000 -£2,500 each.

CCBC's Traffic Management would maintain and rotate the signs at no further cost to the Community Council. Data collected from each sign would be fed back to the Members.

Mr Gibbs would identify and determine suitable signs at the agreed locations and would liaise and order with Procurement.

The Members were keen that this project should now proceed without any further delay.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr M James, thanked Mr Gibbs for attending our meeting.

Mr Edgar Gibbs left the chamber

36 Nicola Quarry, Chairperson to the Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth Partnership

Project proposal: Supporting vulnerable families with a home start playgroup

Unfortunately Nicola Quarry was absent and therefore this item was not discussed. The Clerk will contact Nicola and re-schedule.

37 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bolter and Cllr T Parry due to family holidays

38 Declarations of Interest

Interest was declared on Minute No.57

39 Chairman's Announcements

In the Chairmans absence the Vice-Chairman Cllr M James reminded the Members of the following events that they may wish to support:

- Charity Concert at the Salem Chapel, Nelson on the 10th July
- Casc-aid Carnival on the 11th July. The Vice Chair has been invited along to judge the floats
- Ystrad Mynach Fun Day on the 18th July organized by the partnership.

40 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27/05/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

41 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.

42 Financial Assistance – Cascade Scrabble Club App No.15

In supporting the residents with various activities it was resolved that £50 be granted to the Cascade Scrabble Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

43 Financial Assistance – New Start 4 Life App No.16

In supporting residents who have suffered physical and cardiac illnesses and in promoting healthy living it was resolved that £200 be granted to the New Start 4 Life to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

44 Financial Assistance – Ystrad Mynach Arthritis Care App No.17

In supporting residents who suffer from arthritis with social events it was resolved that £400 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Arthritis Care to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

45 Financial Assistance – Gelligaer Ladies Bowling Club App No.18

In supporting residents in promoting lawn bowls and attracting newcomers to the club it was resolved that £200 be granted to the Gelligaer Ladies Bowling Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

46 Financial Assistance – Casc-aid Community Action Group App No.19

In supporting the community and promoting community spirit with a Carnival it was resolved that £1,100 be granted to the Casc-aid Community Action Group to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

47 Financial Assistance – Pengam Pigeon Football Club App No.20

In supporting and promoting healthy and active past times it was resolved that £200 + VAT be pledged to the Pengam Pigeon Football Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

48 Financial Assistance – Greenhill Primary School App No.21

In supporting resources to assist in the educational development of children it was resolved that £300 be granted to the Greenhill Primary School to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

49 Financial Assistance – ABBA Latin Formation Team

In line with our Financial Regulations, this application did not meet the following criteria:

- The Minutes of the Annual Meeting forming the organisation be provided
- A copy of your constitution be provided
- Names and Addresses of Officers and Members be provided
- Proof of Membership of Professional Body – where appropriate

Therefore we were unable to provide financial assistance on this occasion. The Clerk was requested to write and explain to the team and also to wish them much success in the championships.

50 Notice of One Voice Wales 2009 Conference and AGM

The Clerk is to contact Cllr Bolter on his availability to attend on the 10/10/2009

51 One Voice Wales – Global Research Project

One Voice Wales are participating in a global research project to support community understanding of the importance of sustainable development and global issues. Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted

52 Risk Management

The Clerk presented her Risk Management Document. The Members accepted the document with an addition under “Physical Assets” – Hire of Building – An agreement to be signed by those who hire the building.

It was also resolved that the document will be reviewed annually.

53 Timetable for the Final Stages of the Local Development Plan

Correspondence having previously been circulated was noted - copies of the addendum to the Delivery Agreement can be viewed on the councils website www.caerphilly.gov.uk and at the various council offices and libraries throughout the borough

54 Proposals on the Future of the Community Health Councils in Wales Consultation Report

The Community Councils response along with other respondents were considered and contained within the report, and noted.

55 Black Spots and Speeding Workshops

Deferred Item -The Members requested that the Clerk obtain further information.

56 **Projects Summary**

Project No.194 Sultans Challenge

Work to be undertaken: Payment towards the cost of transport, refreshment & trophies

Current situation: CCBC's Communities 1st Team are organizing this annual races event for 17th September 2009. 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Cost: £500

Project No.193 Vehicle Activated Signs at various locations

Work to be undertaken: Installation of VAS signs

Cost: £2,500 x 2

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. 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 24th June, Edgar Gibbs will attend meeting to discuss possibilities. Edgar Gibbs attended meeting on the 24/07/09 to discuss.

Members agreed to finance 2 VAS signs at a cost of between £2,000-£2,500 and 8 posts at the following locations in the first instance:

- Pengam Road, Ystrad Mynach
- Hengoed Road N/r Derwen Deg
- Hengoed Road N/r Brynsiriol and Rolls Ave
- Church Road to Pengam Road

Project No.192 Ystrad Mynach Partnership Fun Day

Work to be undertaken: Fun Day

Current situation: Members agreed to finance marquee

Cost: £850 + VAT

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 Completed

Project No.187: Maes yr Adar

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

Current Situation: 3 suitable locations have been established

Cost: £1639.88

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.

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: 2nd 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 Completed

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: 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. Vice Chair to speak with Steve Mason.

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 A Angel And Cllr W David declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber.

57 Planning Applications

There were no objections to Planning Application No. 09/0120/FULL received

Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman