



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 7.30pm at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Angel, D Bolter, W David, M James, Mrs T Parry, Mrs J A Pritchard and G B Shannon

**Clerk:** Mrs C Mortimer

### **103 Presentation**

#### **Sian Sealey Caerphilly County Borough Councils Holiday Scheme Coordinator**

The presentation did not go ahead as Sian Sealey was unwell  
The Clerk will re-schedule for a future meeting.

### **104 Nicola Quarry Chairperson to the Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth Partnership**

Nicola Quarry was absent.

The Clerk will re-schedule for a future meeting

### **105 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr R Bevan due to delivering aid to Romania, Cllr G Roberts attending college and Cllr RC Thomas due to his Father in Law being unwell.

### **106 Declarations of Interest**

Interest was declared on Minute No's 110 & 123

### **107 Chairman's Announcements**

- The Mayor of Caerphilly has thanked the Members for their generous contribution of £500 towards the Mayors Charity, Cancer Research Wales.
- The Bargoed and District Art Society are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010 and have sent us a complimentary calendar. Additional Copies are priced at £5.00 should Councillors or members of the public wish to purchase. The Chairman had also received a letter to thank the Members for the support that they have shown to the society over the years. They had a successful exhibition again this year at Llancaiach Fawr with over 1,400 visitors viewing their work.

- On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Members are welcome to attend a service held in memory of all those who lost their lives, 100 years to the day, in the 1909 coal mine disaster at Groesfaen, Deri. Cllr Martyn James will make further enquiries.

**108 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09/09/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**109 Current Financial Situation**

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 01/10/2009 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**110 Financial Assistance – Croeso Club App No.29**

In supporting social activities it was resolved that £150 be granted to the Croeso Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**111 Financial Assistance – Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili App No.30**

In supporting the promotion of the Welsh Language throughout the borough it was resolved that £150 be granted to Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**112 Financial Assistance – Ystrad Mynach OAP App No.31**

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

**113 Financial Assistance – Cascade Crafters App No.32**

In supporting the local residents to meet and learn various crafts it was resolved that £60 be granted to the Cascade Crafters to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**114 Financial Assistance – Cascade Luncheon Club App No.33**

In supporting and bringing the community together to socialise it was resolved that £60 be granted to the Cascade Luncheon Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**115 Financial Assistance/Project - Holy Trinity Church**

This item was deferred until our next meeting.

The Clerk will provide further details on remaining expenditure for projects for 2009/10.

**116 Financial Assistance Tir y Berth Boys & Girls**

This item was deferred until a future meeting, following further enquiries.

**117 Clerks Report - Community Council Office Building/Grounds Maintenance**

The Clerk presented her report explaining to the Members that: The parking area to the front of the Gelligaer Community Council building, the path by the front door and the perimeter walls of the building are all in need of weeding. The shrub area to the front also needs pruning/ tidying.

**CCBC's Parks Services can undertake the work at a cost of £118.05**

The work entails spraying the area with weed killer. This will be done on a Friday afternoon when the children of the Cylch Meithrin have vacated the Cascade Community Centre.

Cones will be placed in the parking area to prevent cars from parking, early Friday morning.

2 weeks later the team will return to grub out the affected areas.

To gain access the Clerk will need to provide Colin Humphries, the Supervisor, with a key for the padlock to the gate.

**The Members agreed that the work could proceed.**

**118 Trinity Fields and Resource Centre – Representative on the Governing Body**

The Members thanked the Governing Body of Trinity Fields and Resource Centre, however there were no nominations.

**119 Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales – Annual Report & Workshops 2009**

Correspondence having previously been received was noted

**120 Caerphilly County Borough Councils Development Plan 2006-2021 Focused Changes Consultation**

Correspondence having previously been received was noted

**121 Wildlife & Countryside Act Claimed Right of Way Duffryn Street to Penallta Road Ystrad**

Correspondence having previously been received was noted

## 122 Projects Summary

### **Project No. 197 Cascade Methodist Church**

Work to be undertaken: Redecorate the Hall

Current Situation: Quotes provided. Members agreed to fund £500

Cost: £500 + VAT

### **Project No.196 Christmas Lighting**

Work to be undertaken: One festive light at the following locations:

- **Penybryn**
- **Gelligaer**
- **Glyngaer**
- **Cascade**
- **Glan y Nant**
- **Tir y Berth**
- **Cefn Hengoed**
- **Hengoed**
- **Ystrad Mynach (Tree)**

Current Situation: Members to provide the Clerk with column no.'s

Cost: £570 x 9= £5,130

### **Project No.195 Casc-aid Carnival**

Work to be undertaken: Hire of toilets

Current Situation: PAID

Cost: £500

### **Project No.194 Sultans Challenge**

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

Current situation: CCBC's Communities 1<sup>st</sup> Team are organizing this annual race event for 17<sup>th</sup> 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: £5,000

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 has instructed 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 completed.

Cost: £1120 PAID

**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 – completed

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: As before, from January 2010, each school in the community to undertake an environmental project

To be judged in July 2010 by Mr Derek Price,

Cost: £8,000 & cost for shields and certificates

**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. Issue no. 2 has been distributed by Members and the CCBC's Youth Offending Team. Thank you YOT for your support.

**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 from RDF

Gelligaer CC Clerk to manage Admin & Finance from HLF

Clerk has set up HLF Application and Account

Gavo have submitted application

Covenant signed by Land Owner

**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 Completed Awaiting Invoice

**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.

**New Project: Bowls Club Ystrad Mynach**

Work to be undertaken: toilets in poor state and in need of repair & canopy required over the door.

Member to make further enquiries in relation to cost

*Cllr D Bolter, Cllr W David and Cllr A Angel declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber.*

*Vice Chairman Cllr M James chaired the remaining item of the meeting*

### **123 Planning Applications**

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications:

- **09/0762/RET**
- **09/0736/FULL**

**Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm**

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