



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 11th November 2009 7.30pm at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, R Bevan, D Bolter, W David, W Griffiths, Mrs J A Pritchard and G B Shannon

In Attendance: Ms Nicola Quarry

Clerk: Ceri Mortimer

124 Presentation on the Suez Canal Veterans

Mr Granville Davies was unable to attend and sent his apologies

125 Nicola Quarry presents a Home Start Project

Background

Nicola had presented her project to the Members at a Full Council Meeting on July 22, 2009. At that meeting the costing presented to the Members lacked detail and Ms Quarry was therefore asked to return to a future meeting with a more detailed breakdown and to discuss further.

The Chairman, Cllr D Bolter welcomed back Nicola Quarry, Chairperson to the Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth Partnership to the meeting.

Ms Quarry explained the purpose of the project.

An audit that was undertaken revealed that that there were no play group provision for the under 5's in the Glan y Nant and Tir y Berth area and yet St Cattwgs is reportedly one of the most play deprived areas in the borough. The audit also revealed that there was a high level of illiteracy.

A member re-iterated that some children that start school are unable to perform rudimentary functions such as using the toilet or holding a knife and fork, which in turn placed an added burden on the teachers.

The Community First Partnership were looking to run a Home Start project in the area, but not exclusive to St Cattwg.

Home Start would be used in the first instance as a vehicle to drive the project due to their expertise, knowledge, trained staff and admin support.

The partnership would advertise the project. The scheme would work closely with referrals from Health Visitors, and Health Visitors would be accompanying some families.

Their target group would be 0-3 years, teaching children with their parents present, basic social skills prior to starting school.

The partnership is seeking further funding from other organisations. Costings were distributed which the Members examined thoroughly.

- Ms Quarry explained that trained professional staff would be running the project and would be providing specialist support and advice to parents to improve and build on their parenting skills. Helping parents to help their children.
- To make the project as accessible as possible transport would be provided to collect and drop off
- Held once a week at the Tir y Berth Primary School (rent free)
- New toys would need to be purchased

In the first instance this would be a 40-week pilot scheme. Its success would be evaluated at the end of the period.

The Chairman, Cllr Bolter, thanked Ms Quarry for attending the meeting and explained that the Members would discuss this project further, the Clerk would inform her of their decision.

Ms Nicola Quarry left the chamber

126 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M James due to attending sons graduation ceremony, Cllr T Parry due to having flu, Cllr B Shannon due to a family holiday and Cllr RC Thomas due to family commitments.

127 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Angel, Cllr D Bolter and Cllr W David declared an interest on Minute No.137

128 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Cllr Dennis Bolter, had recently attended a One Voice Wales AGM and Larger Community Council meetings. At which Charter Working between Community and County Councils was discussed. A presentation on Land Registry was also given and it would be in the interest of the Community Council to invite the speaker to address the Members, details will be given to the Clerk to arrange for a future meeting.

129 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 07/10/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

130 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 04/11/2009 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

131 Forecast of available funds for projects up until 31st March 2010

The Clerk presented her report, which detailed commitments and remaining spend for 2009/10

132 Financial Assistance – Holy Trinity Church

This item was deferred for a future meeting. Cllr A Angel would investigate whether funding was available from other sources

133 Financial Assistance – Glan y Nant and Tir y Berth Communities 1st Partnership Home Start Scheme Application No.34

The Members felt that this was a worthwhile scheme, and in supporting vulnerable families throughout Gelligaer with Home Start it was resolved that £1,000 be granted to the Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth Communities 1st Partnership to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

134 Financial Assistance – St David’s Foundation Hospice Care App No.35

In supporting palliative care services in the area it was resolved that £100 be granted to the St David’s Foundation Hospice Care to aid their function under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Section 36-38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

135 Financial Assistance – 1st Cascade Brownies App No.36

In supporting the senior residents with social activities it was resolved that £150 be granted to 1st Cascade Brownies to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

136 Projects Summary

Project No.198 Youth Shelter

Work to be undertaken: Removal of Youth Shelter due to anti social behaviour

Current situation: Quote received £480 + VAT - Gelligaer CC agreed to match fund

Cost: £100 (CCBC Parks Services to pay £380)

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**
- **Glyngae**
- **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 1st Team are organizing this annual race 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: £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**

Due to further delays with CCBC's Engineering Division, the Members requested that the Clerk write to Anthony O'Sullivan expressing their disappointment and concern at the lack of progress with this project that we are funding.

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: £2029 Paid

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 Paid

Issue 3 – January 2010

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: 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 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 – awaiting invoice

Additional Works: Footway

Cost: £6,000 (Gelligaer CC funding £2,600)

- **2009/10 Gelligaer CC £1,300**
- **2010/11 Gelligaer CC £1,300**
- Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Partnership Area Forum £3,400
- Marcus Lloyd of CCBC's Highways £1,500

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

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: 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.

Cllr J Pritchard chaired the remaining item of the meeting

137 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications:

- **09/0791/FULL**
- **09/0816/FULL**

There were no objections to application No. 09/0810/FULL on the proviso that there is adequate off road parking to the property.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman