



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 9th December 2009 7.30pm at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: R Bevan, D Bolter, W David, W Griffiths, T H Matthews, Mrs T Parry and G Roberts.

Clerk: Ceri Mortimer

138 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Pritchard due to an invitation to the Cefn Hengoed OAP's Christmas dinner, Cllr A Angel and Cllr M James due to attending the Ystrad Mynach Community Partnerships Christmas dinner and Cllr R Thomas due to being unwell.

139 Declarations of Interest

Cllr T Matthews declared an interest on Minute No.144 and Cllr D Bolter and Cllr W David declared an interest on Minute No.149

140 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Cllr Dennis Bolter thanked the Clerk for organizing a Christmas dinner, which was held at The Riverside Restaurant at Blackwood. It was an enjoyable evening with delicious food. All present paid for their own meal.

141 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11/11/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

142 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 09/12/2009 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

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

Cllr T Matthews declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the chamber.

144 Financial Assistance – Gelligaer Allotment App no.37

In supporting local residents with a healthy outdoor and enjoyable past time it was resolved that £150 be granted to the Gelligaer Allotment Association to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

Cllr T Matthews returned to the chamber

145 Financial Assistance – Tir y Berth Dynamos App No.38

In supporting the development of junior and youth football it was resolved that £300 be pledged to the Tir y Berth Dynamos to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

146 Proposed Guidance for the Wales Programme For Improvement For the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales

Correspondence having previously circulated was noted

147 New Opportunities for Funding Rural Areas in Caerphilly

Potential projects to be considered would need to be submitted to the CCBC's European Unit by the 21st December 2009.
The Clerk would make further enquiries.

148 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 provided the Clerk with column no.'s

Cost: £570 x 9= £5,130

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 Amount Paid: £144

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 £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.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.

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

Disappointing as this project does not seem to be taking off, Project Manager should have been appointed in August 2009.

The Clerk to write to CCBC's Chief Executive Stuart Rosser

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

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

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

New Project: Bus Shelter at Church Road

Work to be undertaken: Cantilever type bus shelter

Cost: £3,000 County Member to make further enquiries

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

Cllr T Parry chaired the remaining item of the meeting

149 Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following Planning Applications:

- **09/0893/FULL**
- **09/0912/FULL**

Meeting Closed at 8.25 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman