



GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 10th February 2010 7.30pm at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.

PRESENT

Councillors: A P Angel, D Bolter, W David, W Griffiths, M James, T H Matthews, Mrs T Parry, Mrs J A Pritchard and R C Thomas.

Clerk: Ceri Mortimer

Photographs of the Members were taken prior to the meeting (Cllr G Roberts was present for the photographs)

150 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Bevan due to work commitments, Cllr G Roberts and Cllr G B Shannon due to family commitments.

151 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Bolter, Cllr W David and Cllr A Angel declared an interest on Minute No.170

Cllr M James and Cllr A Angel declared an interest on Minute No.156

152 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Cllr Dennis Bolter announced the following:

- The Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership has set up a new Physical Activity Club for the youth.
The Club is the first of its kind in the borough in order to raise levels of physical activity amongst local young people.

The Club will initially run for 20 weeks every Tuesday - starting on Tuesday 23 February, at the Ystrad Mynach Boys and Girls Club.

The official launch of the Club - by the Leader of the Council is on 16th February 2010 between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. Members are welcome. Refreshments and pancakes will be served.

- To raise money for the people of Haiti, Wayne David, MP for Caerphilly is doing a sponsored walk on 21st February along the River Rhymney from Bargoed to Machen.
To sponsor him online: www.justgiving.com/waynedavid-caerphilly
alternatively you can use the sponsored form, cheques to be made payable to the Disasters Emergency Committee, please see the Clerk for further details.

153 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09/12/2009 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

NB Due to inclement weather the meeting scheduled for the 13th January 2010 was cancelled.

154 Current Financial Situation

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 13/01/2010 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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156 Financial Assistance

An application received from The Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership requesting funds for the Park Lane Playground at Tredomen was to be considered as Project Work

157 Clerks Report on the Precept for 2010/11

The Clerk presented her report.

The Council resolved that the Precept for 2010/11 be increased by 2.4%. All were in favour.

158 Clerks Report on the Council Premises Hire Charges for 2010/11

The Clerk presented her report. The Council resolved that there would be no increase in hall rental for 2010/11

159 Governing Body of Derwendeg Primary School

There were no nominations received for the vacancy of Minor Authority Representative due to all Members having many other commitments. It was suggested that the Clerk advertise the position in the Spring Newsletter.

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161 One Voice Wales – Translation Facilities

The Members have had no use for the instantaneous translation facilities at Larger Local Council Committees and therefore had no objections to One Voice Wales removing the facility.

162 Area Steering Group Meetings

Nominations were received and accepted: As representatives of the Community Council Cllr T Matthews and Cllr W Griffiths are to attend Area Steering Groups as part of the ongoing community planning process.

Due to family commitments Cllr Rob Thomas left the meeting

163 Area Steering Group Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were noted

164 CCBC Cabinet Report Re: Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Highway Improvements Compulsory Purchase Order 2010

Contents of the report were noted. The Members expressed their concern at the woodland being cut back off the A469 and A472 to widen the road. They suggested that trees are planted to replace the trees removed, if not near the site, then somewhere suitable within Ystrad Mynach. The Clerk will relay their comments to the Project Development Team for response.

165 CCBC Cabinet Report Re: Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Highway Improvement Side Roads Order 2010

Contents of the report were noted.

166 CCBC Deposit Local Development Plan: Public Consultation in respect of Additional Focused Changes

Contents of the letter were noted. Documents containing the reasons for withdrawal are available for public inspection on www.caerphilly.gov.uk under LDP and at Council Offices

167 The Rest, Porthcawl

The Clerk presented her report in relation to holiday and transport availability and costs.

After much debate, it was resolved that the Council would accept the services of the cheapest transport company.

168 Christmas Lighting

This item will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Members that have columns in their areas that are unsuitable for Christmas lighting may want to consider erecting a tree.

The Clerk will agenda this item again in March.

169 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 Clerk has written to Anthony O'Sullivan expressing the Members' disappointment and concern at the lack of progress with this project that we are funding. Clive Campbell will now take this project forward. Signs will be purchased in March and installed asap thereafter

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: £9,000 & 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

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 – Invoice Paid

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: 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

New Project: Village Green, Penpedairheol

Work to be undertaken: Knee rails either side of footpath to put a stop to vehicles driving on footpath and cutting up the grass and mud

Cost: Member to make enquiries and obtain quotes

New Project: Park Lane Playground, Tredomen

Work to be undertaken: Install playground

Cost: Community Council pledge the shortfall of £2,366 to complete the project

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

170 Planning Applications

There were objections to Planning Application 09/0968/FULL for the following reasons:

- The proposed development would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the open countryside.
- The draft LDP designates the area as an SLA, Special Landscaped Area, and therefore this industrial operation of this scale does not fit within this designation.
- With a Roman Fort, Gelligaer is a Heritage Site and therefore it would be completely unacceptable to have such a facility close to a Heritage and Conservation Area.
- The proposed development is too close to the local school.

There were no objections to Planning Application 10/0024/FULL on the proviso that contractors working on the development, do not access Oakfield Street, as this would inconvenience local residents with road congestion.

There were **no objections** to Planning Application:

- **10/0039/FULL**

Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman