



## GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 7.30pm at the COUNCIL OFFICE, LLWYN ONN, PENPEDAIRHEOL.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: A P Angel, R Bevan, W David, W Griffiths, M James, Mrs T Parry, Mrs J A Pritchard and B Shannon.

**Clerk:** Ceri Mortimer

**In Attendance:** Nicola Quarry, Chair of the Tir y Berth and Glan-y-Nant Partnership and Janine Reed of Groundwork Caerphilly

Due to the Chairmans absence, Vice Chairman, Cllr Martyn James chaired the meeting.

### **171 Potential Project: Tir-y-Berth Eco Park - Presentation**

Vice Chairman Cllr Martyn James welcomed Nicola Quarry and Janine Reed to the meeting.

Nicola and Janine gave a presentation to the Members explaining that following a survey:

- 30% of Glan y Nant and Tir y Berth residents felt that there was no green space in the vicinity for recreation
- 20% of residents in the St Cattwg Ward are classed as obese
- 33% of residents in Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth felt there was nowhere to exercise and fees for gym membership were too expensive
- There is limited outdoor learning facilities for children within Glan y Nant and Tir y Berth

The partnership using the expertise of Groundwork Caerphilly and Caerphilly County Borough Councils Parks Services want to develop the park opposite the school at Tir y Berth by creating

- 200m of designated path around wooded area and playing field
- Creation of 5 ponds
- Formation of a wildflower meadow
- Installation of habitat boxes/piles
- Coppiced woodland/wood area thinned out

Nicola and Janine highlighted the health, environmental and health benefits:

## **Health Benefits**

- Healthy Walks to improve fitness
- Mental health and Well being
- “Buggy Fit”: buggy workout with parents and baby

## **Environmental Benefits**

- Improve area and access from all sections of the community
- Turn eyesore into something positive
- Increase pride and ownership in local area
- Allow access to wood, plus linking up with other trails in the area
- Working with local volunteers to build capacity and ensure sustainability (school, windy ridge, residents)

## **Education Benefits**

- Outdoor class room for 3-7 year old local children
- Nature trails, mini beast hunt, pond dipping etc

## **Funding**

CCBC's Parks Services would fund £1,500 towards the project and have agreed to maintain the completed works

Linc-Cymru Housing Association have contributed £500

Keep Wales Tidy have been approached for a £500 grant

The Partnership is looking for a further £2750 from the Community Council to take this project forward.

The Members were very enthusiastic and agreed in principle that it was an exciting project however they did express their reservations on the health and safety aspect of the ponds. They suggested that Janine contact CCBC's Health and Safety Officer Donna Jones for further information and clarification on the depths of the ponds that they were proposing to create

Members suggested that to engage the youth and to deter anti social behaviour that they may want to consider installing a fire pit. A fire pit at Cefn Forest Eco Park had proved to be very successful.

A more detailed costing of the whole project was also required.

Nicola and Janine would return to a future meeting with the information that was requested of them

The Chairman thanked them both for their presentation.

## **172 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bolter due to family commitments, Cllr T H Matthews due to other commitments, Cllr C Morgan due to work commitments, Cllr G Roberts due to being unwell and Cllr R C Thomas due to family commitments.

## **173 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr W David, Cllr A Angel declared an interest on Minute No.187

## **174 Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements

## **175 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10/02/2010 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **176 Current Financial Situation**

Details of the Current Financial Situation of the Council as at 06/03/2010 was received confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **177 Annual return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

The Clerk presented her report. Mazars, the External Auditors on behalf of the Wales Audit Office have completed their work on the audit for the year ended 31 March 2009 and have returned a certified Annual Return. On the basis of their review, in their opinion, the information contained in annual return is in accordance with the Auditor General for Wales' requirements and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The Clerk will advertise the Notice of Conclusion of audit and right to inspect the Annual Return on the notice boards at the Council Office, Llwyn Onn, the Post Office at Gelligaer and the Library at Ystrad Mynach for a period of at least 14 days.

## **178 Financial Assistance - Application No. 39**

To assist with the overhaul of the pipe organ it was resolved that £2,880 be granted to the Holy Trinity Church to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**179 Financial Assistance – Application No. 40**

To assist in developing and promoting the painting skills of local artists and exhibit their work it was resolved that £200 be granted to the Bargoed and District Art Society to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976

**180 Financial Assistance – Application No. 41**

To assist in the day to day running costs of the club for the youth it was resolved that £1,000 be granted to the Ystrad Mynach Boys and Girls Club to aid their function under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

**181 Financial Assistance**

The Llanfabon Ladies Choir is not a Gelligaer Community choir and therefore due to financial regulations the Members were not in a position to grant financial assistance.

The Members requested that the Clerk write to the Choir and suggest that they apply for funding from their local Nelson Community Council.

**182 Buckingham Palace Garden Party**

It was noted that the Members moved not to accept the invitation to attend a garden party on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**183 Appointment to Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council**

Due to the Members' many other commitments there were no nominations for the appointment of volunteer member to the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council.

**184 One Voice Wales Membership for 2010-11**

The Members agreed to continue with the Membership of One voice Wales for 2010-11

**185 Post Office, Gelligaer Branch**

The branch at Castle Hill will not be relocating to 10 Cattwgs Avenue as previously proposed.

**186 Projects Summary**

**Project No. 198 Park Lane Playground Tredomen**

Work to be undertaken: Installation of playground

Current Situation: £2366 shortfall pledged by Community Council

Cost: £2366

**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.

Cost: £570 x 9= £5,130

PAID £3,623

### **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 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

Work has now been completed. The Chairman and Clerk have been invited to the official opening on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**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

PAID £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: 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

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

Cllr Wynne David, Chair of the Working Group has written to Ron Davies

To ensure that project continues without further delays

**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 with CCBC in the new financial year April 2010/11

**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

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

**187 Planning Applications**

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

- 10/0033/ADV
- 10/0062/FULL
- 10/0067/FULL
- 10/088/FULL
- 10/0131/FULL

**Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm**

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