

## CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.00pm at Gelligaer Community Council Office in a MULTI-LOCATIONAL format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

### PRESENT

**Councillors:** A Angel, R Bevan, M James, W Matthews, A McCarthy, C Moss, T Parry (Chair), H Pritchard and J Pritchard.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

**In Attendance:** PCBSO Coel Wilkins and PCSO Anna Sadzik of Gwent Police

*Chair Cllr T Parry welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

**219. Apologies** – were received from Cllr Gaynor Bruford, Cllr Rhianwen Callison and Cllr Donna Cushing due to family commitments.

### 220. Declarations of Interest

Councillors and Officers were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in minute no. 238 Planning

### 221. Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards

The following police updates were received and noted. It was unfortunate that the Ystrad Mynach statistics contained data from the custody suite in Ystrad Mynach, and therefore the data was inflated and not truly reflective of crime in Ystrad Mynach.

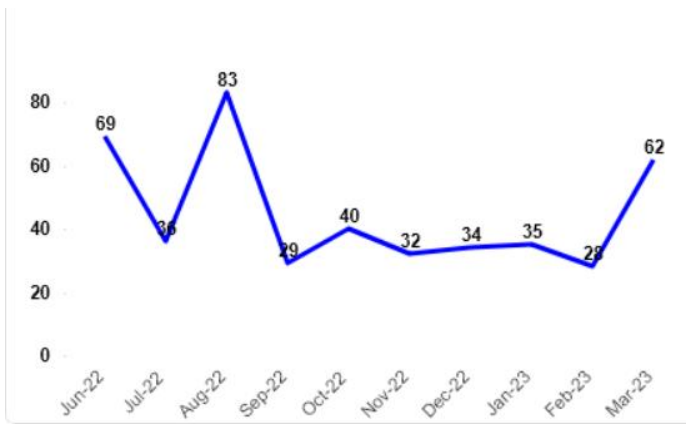
#### St Cattwg's Ward 01/03/2024 – 31/03/2024

#### Overview of Reported Crimes

46 Crimes (Compared to 49 Crimes recorded in February 2024)

Ward	March 2024	March 2023
St Cattwgs	46	62

Violence Without Injury	18	39%
Violence With Injury	7	15%
Public Order Offences	6	13%
All Other Theft	3	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	7%
Commercial Burglary	2	4%
Vehicle Crime	2	4%
Bicycle Theft	1	2%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Other Sexual Offences	1	2%
Residential Burglary	1	2%



**Overview of ASB**

3 Incidents (Compared to 5 recorded in February)

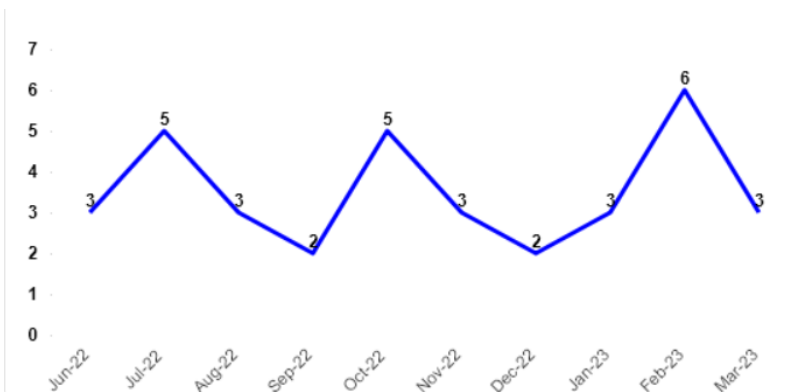
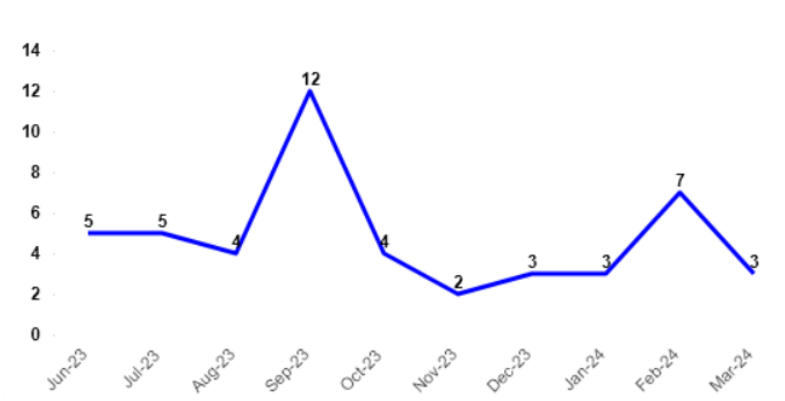
Ward	March 2024	February 2023
St Cattwgs	3	5

**Incidents included:**

- Parking issue - Heol Cattwg
- Neighbour issues – Gaer Place
- Dog out of control – Churchfield Close

**ASB Trends**

This year:



## Engagement

The neighbourhood team spent Easter Sunday in Gelligaer, engaging with local children and their parents, giving out Easter eggs to the children, to build stronger and more positive relationships between local communities and the police.

## Council Report for Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed Wards Numbers from 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Crime & ASB Overview

Crimes recorded for all Ystrad Mynach Wards

<b>Ystrad Mynach</b>	48
<b>Hengoed</b>	35

### Ystrad Mynach incidents include –

Violence Without Injury	17	35%
Criminal Damage & Arson	8	17%
Violence With Injury	5	10%
Public Order Offences	4	8%
Other Sexual Offences	3	6%
Shoplifting	3	6%
All Other Theft	2	4%
Possession Of Weapons	2	4%
Bicycle Theft	1	2%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	2%
Residential Burglary	1	2%

### **Criminal Damage –**

Damage caused to door – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
Cat has been kicked – Buttercups Close  
Damage caused to window – Trem yr Olwyn  
Window smashed – North Rd

### **Possession of Weapons –**

Possession of a bladed article – Pengam Rd  
Possession of a firearm – Wooded area, near Nant Twyn Harris

### **Public Order -**

Verbal threats made – Caerphilly Rd  
Harassment – Cedar Way  
Verbal abuse – Caerphilly Rd

### **Concern for Safety -**

Concerns for family member – Edwards St

### **Vehicle Crime –**

Attempt damage to vehicle – Brynview Avenue  
Front & rear number plates stolen – Ystrad train station

### **All other Thefts -**

Shoplifter – Lidl  
Shoplifter – Pengam Rd  
Theft of donations – Tesco, New Rd  
Theft of push bike – Commercial St  
Financial Fraud – Cylla Sidlings  
Shoplifter – Pengam Rd

### **Misc Crimes against Society –**

Financial abuse – Davies Street

**Residential Burglary -**

Penallta Rd

**Violence with Injury-**

Female assaulted – Oakfield St  
 Female assaulted – Pengam Rd  
 Female assaulted – Trem yr Olwyn  
 Female assaulted – Pantycelyn St  
 Female assaulted – Oakfield St

**Violence without Injury -**

Female assaulted – Lewis St  
 Female assaulted – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
 Female assaulted – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Hospital  
 Female assaulted – Pengam Rd  
 Female assaulted - North Lane  
 Threats to petrol bomb house – North Rd  
 Female assaulted – Penallta Rd  
 Verbal threats made – Central St  
 Female assaulted – Penallta Rd  
 Female assaulted – Brynmynach Ave  
 Male assaulted – Dragon Way

**Other Sexual Offences –**

Sexual assault – North Rd  
 Historical sexual abuse

**Hengoes incidents include –**

Violence Without Injury	15	43%
Violence With Injury	7	20%
Public Order Offences	4	11%
All Other Theft	2	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	2	6%
Other Sexual Offences	2	6%
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	3%
Residential Burglary	1	3%
Vehicle Crime	1	3%

**Criminal Damage –**

Refuge Fire – Penalta Industrial Estate  
 Neighbour shouting in the street – Lansbury Ave

**Violence with Injury -**

Female assaulted – Rhos-y-Bettws  
 Dog bite – Acacia Ave  
 Female assaulted – Pottery Lane  
 Female assaulted – Hengoes Hall Gardens  
 Assault Police – Lansbury Ave  
 Female assaulted – Hengoes Ave  
 Female assaulted – Parc Derwen  
 Male assaulted – Hengoes Ave  
 Male verbally abused – Gelligaer Rd

**Violence without Injury -**

Verbal threats made – Hengoes Rd  
 Verbal threats made – Ael-y-Bryn  
 Verbal threats made – Gelligaer Rd  
 Female assaulted – Crosskey Inn  
 Male assaulted – Cross Keys Inn

Male inciting violence – Forest Ave  
 Threats from neighbour – Forest Ave  
 Female upset on the phone – Lansbury Ave  
 Male threatened by family member – Three Elms Close  
 Threatening phone calls – Lansbury Ave  
 Stalking/Harassment - Heol Celyn  
 Verbal threats made – Hengoed Rd  
 Verbal threats made – Hengoed Ave

**Mental Health Incident -**

Family member kicking off – Lansbury Ave

**Vehicle Crime -**

Vehicle damaged – Derwendeg Avenue  
 Theft from vehicle – Cefn Rd  
 Electric scooter stolen – Derwendeg Ave  
 Caravan stolen – Tyla-Gwyn

**All other Thefts -**

Shed Break – Derwendeg Avenue  
 Theft of drain covers – Hoel Rees

**Commercial Burglary -**

New Rd, Tir-y-birth

**Misc Crime -**

Quad bikes on field - Chapel Terrace  
 Nuisance phone calls – Hengoed Hall Close  
 Drunk persons refusing to leave – Hengoed Ave  
 Hoax calls – Lansbury Ave

**Other Sexual Offences -**

Adult male contacting children – Birch Cres  
 Sending explicit pictures – Goshawk Rise

**Anti-Social Behaviour Nuisance calls received in March for all Ystrad Mynach Wards**

<b>Ystrad Mynach</b>	3
<b>Hengoed</b>	1

**Ystrad Mynach incidents include –**

Nuisance – Bryncelyn  
 Male Harassing customers – Lidl  
 Male refusing to pay taxi fare – Bedwlwyn Street  
 Off road bikes – Between Ystrad/Nelson  
 Group of youths climbing over the wall – The Rectory  
 Group of youths banging & kicking doors – Dynevor Terrace

**Engagement**

Ystrad Officers will be attending the Hengoed Rocks Event on the 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Team initiatives and Operations**

The LEAD (Local Environmental Awareness on Dogs) initiative launched across Caerphilly County Borough. It is in partnership with the Blue Cross and works similarly to the ASB strike process whereby if a dog is brought to our attention by persistent dog fouling, getting out of the premises, persistent barking, low level livestock attack, we will deliver an

information pack to promote and educate responsible dog ownership. They will also receive a strike letter and details/information of the dog's bill.

### **POLICE SURGERIES**

Friday April 19<sup>TH</sup> 2024

10:00 – 10:30 @ Ystrad Mynach Library

12.30 – 1.00 @Hengoed Train Station

*Chair Cllr Teresa Parry thanked the Police Officers for their attendance and they subsequently left the meeting.*

**222. Public Participation** – there were no public participation.

### **223. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Teresa Parry announced the following:

- a verbal invitation from Judith Climer had been extended to members to attend Trinity Fields on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 1pm whereby Judith Climer would be awarded a British Empire Medal in recognition of her sustained and selfless service in helping to improve the lives of others through her work with the Food Cooperative.
- Chair of the Caerphilly Woodland Trust Mrs Jayne Garland had invited the Chair and Clerk to a Faith in Nature event in the old burial grounds of St Michael's All Angels Church, Lower Machen.

### **224. Minutes**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 27/03/2024** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**225. Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising

### **226. Finance to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

#### **(i) Balance of Funds**

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

#### **(ii) Bank Statements**

Bank statement no. 103 & 104 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**227. RESOLVED: Council agreed to exclude the press and public for the next item due to its confidential nature**

### **228. Floral Displays and Watering Contracts for Ystrad Mynach and Gelligaer 2024/25**

(i) Members received and noted quotations from two contractors

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to award the contract to contractor no. 2 on the proviso a satisfactory reference is obtained.

**229. RESOLVED: Council agreed to re-open the meeting to the press and public**

### **230. Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) Contract 2024/25**

Members received and discussed further correspondence in relation to price increases.

**RESOLVED:** Council were very disappointed not only in the level of increase but also in the timing of informing us of the increase. The members had assumed that KWT's initial email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 would have included any increases at that time.

As our budget has limited ability to absorb any significant price increases members agreed to reduce the contracted hours from 10 to 7 hours per week, which is to take effect from June 2024.

**231. Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25** – (late applications may be tabled)

**(i) Ty Hafan** – deferred to next month

**(ii) Vicarage Allotment Association** Financial Assistance Application no.1

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Vicarage Allotment Association

**(iii) Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod** Financial Assistance Application no. 2  
**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £250 to Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod

**232. Projects 2024/25**

- (i) Project Summary 2024/25 was received and discussed.
  - (ii) Newsletter – deferred until after the PCC election
  - (iii) Llancaiach Fawr Presentation – final preparations were discussed and agreed.
  - (iv) Wales in Bloom 2024
- It was agreed that we advertise for volunteers. WIBBERS would meet on Sundays from 9.30am

- (iii) New project proposals:
  - (a) Vicarage Allotment Association

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to fund the sum of £265 for skip hire from Oliver Skips.  
 (b) Glanynant Garden – Council agreed to enquire with Grounds Maintenance regarding the specification and cost for the installation of a pathway to the picnic bench and to contact our Eco Officer to explore wildflower planting.

**233. Eco Officer Update**

**Council received and noted report and project proposal no.7**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to the purchase and install wildflower turf and wildflower seed with the children at Glyn Gaer primary school so they can undertake monitoring of both areas. Background Cost (Correct at time of research) 5m2 wildflower turf £225.00 5m2 wildflower seeds £20.00 Books £45.00 Bat Boxes £130.00 Total £420.00

**234. Dust Monitor Update – deferred. No further update received.**

**235. Decarbonisation/Green Projects –** awaiting to hear from P Rossiter. However the clerk has made enquiries regarding the installation of solar panels to the office and public toilets.

**236. Training for 2023/24**

- (i) OVW training for 2024/25 was received and noted.
- (ii) Updated training plan was received and noted.

**237. Independent Remuneration Report 2024/25 (pages 19-21 for C&TC's)**

Members received and noted that there are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members and therefore members may want all Determinations from 2023/24 be applied in 2024/25, including those covering:

- Payments for undertaking senior roles
- Contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance
- Reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs
- Compensation for financial loss
- Attendance allowance and
- Co-opted member

Please see table for ease of reference:

<b>Type of payment</b>	<b>Requirement 2024/25</b>	<b>Agreed for 2024/25</b>
<b>Group 2</b> Extra Costs/Basic Payment	<b>GCC electorate: 13,767</b> <b>(Electorate 10,000 -13,999)</b> Mandatory for all Members	£156 plus one-off payment of £52 for consumables
Senior Role Payment	Mandatory £500 for 1 member; optional for up to 7	<i>£500 mandatory payment to Chair</i>
Mayor or Chair	Optional up to £1,500	<i>Implement the above instead</i>
	Optional up to £500	<i>£100 to Vice Chair</i>

Deputy Mayor or Vice Chair		Must produce receipts
Care (children/elderly)	Mandatory	Disapproved
Attendance Allowance		Disapproved
Financial Loss	Optional	Agreed
Travel, Overnight	Optional	
Subsistence	Optional	

**In summary members RESOLVED to adopt the same as last year for 2024/25:**

**(i) Extra Costs/ Basic Payment**

A one off payment of £156 plus £52

Additional consumables costs over £52 can be claimed with receipts throughout the year.

**(ii) Mandatory Senior Role Payment of £500**

Chair to be paid £500 with no other members to be in receipt of it.

It does appear that the Mandatory Senior Role Payment of £500 plus the Basic Mandatory payment of £156 exceeds the threshold of £6 per week and is therefore taxable – the clerk will establish the appropriate procedure to pay the tax.

**(iii) Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair**

Vice Chair to be paid the sum of £100 to the Vice Chair for 2024/25.

**(iv) Other Costs – as per the table above**

Care Attendance Allowance – Mandatory with receipts.

Financial Loss - to disapprove.

Travel Overnight – to disapprove.

Subsistence – to approve.

*Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting this playing no part in the ensuing discussions.*

**238. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were received and discussed. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to [planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk) within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Email: 10/04/2024

Case Ref. 24/0263/FULL Site Area: 576m<sup>2</sup> Location: Land at Grid Ref 315122 195464 Bryn Awel Cefn Hengoed Hengoed CF82 7LA (UPRN 000043179511) Proposal: Erect 2 No. 3 bedroom two storey semi-detached dwellings

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ( 01443 864427 : [burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk))

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315121 (E) 195467 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 24/0264/FULL Site Area: 214 m<sup>2</sup> Location: Land At Grid Ref 315231 195450 Bryn Teg Cefn Hengoed (UPRN 000043179507) Proposal: Erect 2 bedroom two storey detached dwelling

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ( 01443 864427 : [burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk))

Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315232 (E) 195450 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections

Case Ref. 24/0272/HH Site Area: 265m<sup>2</sup> Location: 45 Brynheulog Street Penybryn Hengoed CF82 7GB (UPRN 000043011587) Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension including demolition of existing outbuilding.

Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ( 01443 866221 : [stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk))

Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313556 (E) 196231 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections



**239. Next meeting Date:** As previously proposed and agreed by members in 2023, the May AGM and Ordinary Meeting will be held on two separate dates:

- **AGM Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, 7.00pm**
- **Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7.00pm**

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHAIR**

**DATE: 29th May 2024**