

Nelson Community News

The News Letter of Nelson Community Council

Christmas 2021

Chair's Letter

Dear Resident

I feel very privileged to be chair of your Community Council. It has been a strange time during the pandemic with people not being able to do the normal things in life. It was especially difficult not being able to visit family and friends as we once would. However, our village has shown tremendous community spirit during the pandemic with neighbours regularly checking in on each other and helping with various chores, even the simple things like picking up a bit of shopping.

I would like to say a big thank you to our local shops and businesses for going above and beyond and delivering goods, helping to make sure that elderly and vulnerable residents were kept safe and well. I feel I also must give a special mention to Cllr Laura Dufty for her tremendous work at St John's Church, providing food and essential items for those who need them and ensuring there are meals for everyone.

It has been a testing time for us as a Community Council too. We have had to get used to having virtual meetings using Zoom. Personally, I think there are good and bad points to this. Cutting down on time and travel has to be a bonus but sometimes there is nothing better than sitting around a table together to discuss the matters at hand.

The Community Council has continued to work hard during these unprecedented times. Please rest assured that whilst some decisions affecting the village are out of our hands, we strive to do our very best for our village and all of our residents. I think an example of this has been managing to get the public toilets re-opened, with the assistance of Lucy Davies from Interserve and George Edwards of Caerphilly Taxi Association, the latter having taken responsibility for the day to day operation of the toilets. I must take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their help and support in this and all of our endeavours this year, especially vice chair Brenda Miles who worked tirelessly to get the job done.

Happily, as you'll note from our newsletter, Christmas festivities this year will be back to somewhere near normality with Father Christmas and his elves joining us at Salem Chapel on December 17th at 4.30pm for the children's Christmas party. Following that, we also have the reintroduction of Christmas carols at the handball court at 6.30pm. Please join us for what I am sure will be a great evening. We will also be holding the Christmas Window Display competition for local shops and businesses again this year, but it will be open for public voting for the first time.

I'd like to conclude by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to continuing my work with the Community Council throughout 2022.

Rod Powell
Chair Nelson Community Council

Caerphilly Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)

Do you run a club, team or association that directly benefits the community of Nelson?

Do you and some friends have an idea that given some funding could directly benefit the community of Nelson?

If so, the CEF could be just the thing to kickstart or improve on, some of the great work that is undertaken by volunteers and already does so much for our village.

Caerphilly County Borough Council is committed to supporting communities to become strong and resilient, and recognise that one of our county borough's greatest assets is the thriving network of local community groups and organisation's.

This grant scheme has been created to enable communities to develop and deliver projects aimed at meeting the needs of their residents.

So if you're part of an established club (football, rugby, allotments, choir, etc;) or if you are part of an as yet not formally established group (litterpicking, environmental clean up, "friends of a park or area", luncheon club, knitting group, ladies running group, etc;) and need a financial boost to help you achieve more, or formally establish a group, then please contact myself:

Cllr Sean Morgan . 07973989721 .
seanmorgan@caerphilly.gov.uk
or Cllr Brenda Miles. 07875379965
milesb@caerphilly.gov.uk.

There is approximately £9,000 per year available to help fund projects in Nelson, so we would hope to support a number of initiatives each year, or even one single initiative that would have a large beneficial affect for the community.

Nelson's Church's Christmas Service Information

Bethel Church:

Sunday December 19th 6pm
Carols by candlelight

Saturday December 25th 10am
Christmas day Service

Calfaria Church:

Saturday December 25th 10am
Christmas Morning Service

All other services to be announced on Facebook

St John's Church:

Services to be announced on Facebook



Nelson Cavaliers AFC

Whilst the 2020-2021 failed to materialise the Cavaliers Management team have been busy preparing for the new season.

We have been fortunate to secure club merchandise sponsorship from former player and owner of Elite Plumbing, Daniel Sudale, along with kit sponsorship from ROMA Property Maintenance. The Cavaliers remained undefeated for the season with a record of:-

TERV Premier League

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
7	6	1	0

SWFA Senior Cup. Quarter Final.

Greyhound Cup. Semi Final

Bernard Martin Cup. Cup Final.

The suspension of the 2019/20 season probably prevented the Cavaliers from having perhaps their best season for many years.

We continue to field a second team in the TERV league on Saturdays along with three teams in Wales Veterans League on a Sunday and we are always open to new players both old and new.

The Cavaliers promotion takes us into the South Wales Alliance League Division Two which means they now play their football as far as Port Talbot, Bridgend and along with a number of teams from Cardiff and the Valleys.

Although a more competitive league we have had a mixture of results but once the key players return from injury we feel we can secure our position in this league. Whilst trying continuing to generate more interest in the village we are always looking to provide junior football but without parents support we are finding this difficult but if there are any parents out there that would like to organise or start a junior side to provide football for both boys and girls then please feel free to make contact our club Secretary Rod Powell on 07966 324060 for details.

We again rely on local businesses to support us and the players, management and committee are extremely grateful for their continued support also to our programme sponsors, who without their support the Cavaliers could not provide senior football.

Keith Downes.

Chair

Nelson Cavaliers AFC

Summer show

For the second year running, the Covid pandemic forced us to run the summer Horticultural Cookery and Craft show online. Classes were restricted to things we could judge on appearance rather than size, taste or technique. We received a fantastic 181 entries across 42 classes. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all entrants for supporting the show.



Polingators 1st:
Carol Nicholls



Painting 1st:
Rosalyn Bickham



Celebration Cake 1st:
Alison Bickham

Halloween Competition

Well done to the winners of the Children's Halloween Competition:

Pumpkin carving (under 9s): Ffion Palmer, Luke Martin and Mali Palmer

Pumpkin carving (9s and over): Alma Beya Pledger

Costumes: Isla Rae, Isabel Jones and Mali Palmer

Window decorations: Luke Martin, Isabel Jones, and Mali and Ffion Palmer.



Under 9s 1st: Ffion Palmer



9s and over 1st:
Alma Beya Pledger

Christmas Competitions

Watch out on Nelson Community Council's Facebook page and in the village notice board for details of our Christmas Competitions. We'll be asking for photographs of your Christmas trees, Christmas windows and whole house decorations (£20 first prize in each class).

Photo: last year's Christmas tree winner M Harris



Shop Window Competition

Our shop window competition for 2021 will once again be happening, with, hopefully all of our local businesses taking part. So much effort has been put in, in previous years, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to who all who have entered. As you were informed in the Summer Newsletter, this Christmas there will be a slight change. Previously, judging has been done by the 9 Community Councillors, but this year You the residents get the opportunity to vote for each entrant, so it's up to you to decide - remember please go and look at them all. Windows need to be dressed by 8th December. Public voting closes 15th December - look for details online! Please feel free to post your vote to Nelson Institute. Results will be announced on 17th December.

Taff Bargoed Foodbank | Banc Bwyd Taf Bargoed

Part of the Trussell Trust Network, Taff Bargoed Foodbank based in Nelson continues to support local people at a time of crisis.

Since July 2020 we have supported a further 1,730 local people with approximately 2 tonnes of emergency food and essentials. We are now seeing a significant increase in referrals to the foodbank by support agencies, charities and key community contacts as donations of items gradually reduce week-by-week.

We would like to thank all those who have supported the Foodbank, especially those who volunteer and arrange street-collections and local drop-off points. We also rely upon the kindness and generosity of regular donations and partners to enable us to support as many people as possible.

We continue to work with our friends at Family Food & Hygiene, FareShare Cymru, Tesco, Co-op, Greggs, Neighbourly, Aldi and Sainsburys redistributing surplus food as part of our community food larder project which is open to anyone Monday - Friday between 9.30am and 11.30am. We are also working together with our partners at Hey Girls tackling period-poverty, Vodafone tackling digital-poverty and the Fuel Bank Foundation to support those struggling with rising energy costs.

If you or someone you know is in need, contact us to find out how we can help. Taff Bargoed Foodbank, always here when you need us most; together we can make a difference.

Taff Bargoed Foodbank,
High Street, Nelson, CF46 6HA

@taffbargoed.foodbank.org.uk | 01443 450 832



Christmas Events

Being held on: Friday 17th December

Once again John Davies is giving the residence the use of the Chapel of Rest.

Children's Christmas Party
with Santa
Salem Chapel,
at 4:30pm

Carol singing with the
Salvation Army Band
Handball Court,
at 6:30pm



Your Councillors

Eifion ap Llwyd Dafydd	12 Pine Tree Way Nelson, CF46 6PA	01443 453342	Llanfabon	Plaid Cymru
Gill Davies	18 Mountain Way, Nelson, CF46 6NY	01443 450201	Llanfabon	Independent
Laura Dufty	27 Llwyn yr Eos, Nelson , CF46 6LG	07759 526316	Llwynycelyn	Labour
Rod Powell <i>Chair</i>	17 High Close, Nelson, CF46 6HJ	07966 324060	Llwynycelyn	Independent
Ann Gray	12 Tawel Fan, Nelson, CF46 6EH	01443 450069	Llwynycelyn	Labour
Brenda Miles* <i>Vice Chair</i>	113 Shingrig Road, Nelson, CF46 6DU	07875 379965	Llwynycelyn	Labour
Sean Morgan*	15 Llanfabon Rd, Nelson, CF46 6DF	01443 451191	Llanfabon	Labour
Brett Jenkins	32 Mountain Way, Nelson CF46 6NY	07852 744048		Independent

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