

County Borough of Caerphilly  
**Nelson Community Council**

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Ordinary Meeting held on 12th December 2019 beginning at 7-00 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. G Davies (Chair)  
Cllr. A. Gray  
Cllr. R Powell  
Cllr. B. Miles  
Cllr. A Blackman  
Cllr. E Dafydd  
Cllr S Morgan

Mr T White (Clerk)

1 x Member of Public

Apologies for absence

Cllr. L. Dufty (Vice Chair)

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**2471 Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr L Dufty

**2472 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative**

No Police attendance

**2473 To receive any questions/comments from members of the public who are present**

No comments

**2474 To Receive and Approve Minutes:**

- **To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 14th November - approved**

Cllr Ap Dafydd confirmed there should only be one p in Ap but was happy for the Ap not to be used.

- **To receive and approve the minutes of the Activities Meeting 28th November 2019- approved**

2467 - Cllr Davies confirmed the route maps were used and delivery undertaken by 'paper boys/girls'

Members asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Glyn Staples for his assistance at the cenotaph and that Wellington Stores be thanked for the provision of sand to fill the new troughs. It was also agreed to purchase an additional trough.

**2475 To Receive a Report from the Chair**

Cllr Davies had asked the Clerk to enquire regarding Code of Conduct Training for all Councillors - confirmed **5.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Chamber at Penallta House** and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours (All Councillors booked on course).

**2476 Report from Clerk**

**Report from Clerk**

a PLANNING

**Planning Weekly List 27/11/19**

No Applications

**Planning Weekly List 19/11/19**

Case Ref. 19/0841/CON Site Area: 342m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 9 High Street Nelson Treharris CF46 6EU (UPRN 000043007444)  
Proposal: Remove existing wall on lane Ashcroft Terrace/Commercial Street, to allow free access to courtyard and garage  
pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk: 01443 864523 Case Officer: Mr A Pyne  
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311269 (E) 195588 (N)  
Community Council: Nelson Expected Decision Level: Delegated

***Cllr Miles declared an interest as she sits on the Planning Committee.***

***Members noted concerns raised by various members of the public and that they would be making personal representations to CCBC***

**Planning Weekly List 13/11/19**

No Applications

**Planning Weekly List 02/11/19**

Case Ref. 19/0753/RET Site Area: 164m<sup>2</sup>  
Location: 77 High Street Nelson Treharris CF46 6HA (UPRN 000043007454)  
Proposal: Retain the change of use of a shed for dog grooming business  
powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk: 01443 864424 Case Officer: Mr C Powell  
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311038 (E) 195503 (N)  
Community Council: Nelson Expected Decision Level: Delegated

**Planning Weekly List 30/10/19**

No Applications

***Cllr Morgan confirmed that United Welsh would be undertaking development in Nelson area***

***Ty Ddu developer announcement will not be made by Welsh Government until after election***

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st November to 30th November included below - all other transactions included on bank statement

D Gray Cleaner (Dec)	78.17
PlayWorks (Dec)	114.80
Viking	121.85
Simon Sparkle	230.00
A Gray (refund for Selection boxes)	180.00
IJT (printer ink)	167.11
Nelson and Llancaeath Civic and Historical Society	150.00
Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir	150.00
Heol Fawr Allotments	150.00
Hollybush Allotments	150.00
Llanfabon (maintenance of graveyard)	300.00
Friends of Llanfabon School	214.00
Newsletter Delivery	100.00
Newsletter Editing	100.00
Elise Evans (Bugler/expenses)	75.00
1st prize (Window competition)	50.00
2nd prize (Window competition)	30.00
3rd prize (Window competition)	20.00

c CORRESPONDANCE (correspondence not provided with the Minutes will be available in the Chamber for Members to view prior to the meeting plus copies will be available at the meeting)

Ty Ddu development

Copy available at meeting ***Cllr Miles was waiting dates for public consultation/exhibition***

Merry Christmas from Mayor CCBC

Copy available at meeting

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

Copy available at meeting

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation  
Copy of link previously provided

Code of Conduct Training 12th February  
Copy available at meeting

Nelson Public Toilets (Business Case)  
Copy available at meeting

Request to support local electricity bill  
Copy available at meeting ***agreed to send letter of support***

Pre-Election Guidance  
Copy of e mail

OVW News Bulletin  
Copy available at meeting

Meeting of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council  
Copy available

Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act  
1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020-21 (£8.32)  
Copy available

Caerphilly Public Service Board  
Copy available at meeting

Welsh Government consultation: A More Equal Wales - Commencing the  
Socio-economic Duty  
Copy available at meeting

Bus Pass Renewal Programme  
Copy of letter

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill  
Copy available at meeting

Nelson Community Council Website proposals  
Copy available at meeting

OVW meeting Bedwas 29th January  
Copy available at meeting

FOR ACTION Reporting on Section 6 - The Biodiversity and Resilience of  
Ecosystems Duty  
Copy available at meeting

Civil Enforcement Presentation

Copy available at meeting **Cllr Morgan confirmed the removal of Yellow lines would be subject to one TRO in the new year Phase 2 would include a Task and Finish Group looking at public car parks Phase 3 would be looking at specific areas and hopefully Nelson would be regarded as a priority**

**2477 To consider expenditure suggestions and budgetary considerations for 2020/21**

2019/20	6 MONTH EXPENDITURE/PROJECTION			
	BUDGET	6 MONTH		
<b>Proposed Budgets for 2019-2020</b>		EXPEND	EST EXP	
Clerical/Administration (including insure)	5000	£ 797.15	£ 7,600.00	INCLUDING ELECTION COST
Salaries (including PAYE)	7000	£ 4,880.08	£ 3,700.00	CHEQUE CANCELLED IN 2018/19
Grants and Grant Aid	2000	-	£ 2,000.00	
Building Maintenance	3000	-	£ 3,500.00	GUTTERS AND DECORATION
Summer Events	3500	£ 1,277.00	-	
Annual community Show	1500	£ 294.00	-	
Other Community Activities	4000	£ 602.98	£ 3,400.00	
Other Expenditure	3500	£ 800.00	£ 1,500.00	
Members expenses	2000	-	-	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 31,500.00</b>	<b>£ 8,651.21</b>	<b>£ 21,700.00</b>	<b>£ 30,351.21</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL INCOME</b>				
potential property income	£ 5,200.00			
boxing club income	£ 800.00			
VAT reclaim	£ 500.00	<b>Balance on Deposit</b>		
<b>total</b>	<b>£ 6,500.00</b>	<b>a/c</b>		<b>£ 50,000.00</b>
<b>Additional income (50%)</b>	<b>£ 3,250.00</b>	over budget		

Members considered the financial position reported at the last meeting and agreed:  
 Purchase of new computer/software and ancillary equipment up to the value of £750 (as Clerks old computer needed replacement)  
 Agreed Cllr Powell would draw up a schedule of works required at the Institute Building (including decoration) **Clerk to try and obtain Property Condition Survey from CCBC** so any relevant issues identified can be incorporated into the works schedule so all repair/refurbishment/redecorations can be commissioned.  
 Cllr Blackman suggested the provision of lights at the skate park (agreed Council would consider when more information was provided)

The Clerk sought some guidance from Members regarding setting the budget/precept for next year (especially in light of the uncertainty regarding the feasibility of opening the toilets and potential costs if a grant is not available. It was suggested (subject to report in January) that any increase in Precept be kept to about 2% with any budget deficit being accommodated from reserves (for this coming year) or until there is more certainty regarding ongoing costs.

**2478 Consider CCBC Budget Proposals**

Members reaffirmed the list previously provided and agreed the Clerk should write to CCBC with suggestions of how the removal of savings should be funded. (use of 50% of saving made in advance (using historical data) plus use of 50% of the difference in budgeted council tax collection and the actual collected in previous years

**2479 Innovative Drainage systems (requested by Cllr Blackman)**

The Clerk presented the recent article included in Newline and the document received from Welsh Government.

**2480 To receive update report on Public Toilets**

Still awaiting a report from the supplier of the APC option but an alternative quote for upgrading had been obtained.  
Agreed the Business Case would be submitted and any issues addressed if necessary.  
The Chair thanks Cllr Miles on behalf of the Council for the work she had done.

**2471 Report from Members serving on external organisation**

No reports provided

**2462 Grant Aid Applications (Section 137 LGA 1972 or as detailed below)**

Family Food and Hygiene project	approved £234 approved £214 Local Government Act Section 137
Llancaeath Junior School Cllr Gray and Cllr Miles declared an interest	approved £100 Local Government Act Section 137

Meeting... 12th December closed at 8-45 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN