

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. A Gray (Chairman)

Cllr. P Baldwin

Cllr. A Blackman

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. K Jones

Cllr. L Lewis MBE

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. B Miles

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk and Proper Officer)

Apologies for Absence: None

*Before the start of the meeting the Chairman expressed condolences on behalf of the members to the Clerk on the recent loss of the parents of his wife Janet who had died within two weeks of each other. The Clerk thanked the members for their kind thoughts.*

**1. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were Approved.

### **3. Election of Chairperson:**

Cllr. P Baldwin was nominated. Cllr. A Gray was also nominated. Voting by secret ballot was requested. Cllr. Baldwin received five votes and Cllr. Gray received four votes. Cllr. Baldwin was therefore duly elected to the office of Chairman.

The outgoing Chairman thanked members for their help and support during her year in office and commented that it had been a memorable one. Both new and old faces sat around the table following the Local Government elections. The Council Chamber and Community room were redecorated along with the common areas, another successful Annual Community Show was held and valuable lessons were learned in connection with the Christmas Santa event. Also an agreement was signed that will enable a local Boxing Club to open in the former Snooker Hall. It was however sad to see the tables dismantled and removed. As a lasting legacy of the historic facility, the Chairman would use funds from her annual allowance to commission local wood sculptors to produce a carving from the wood reclaimed from the wood reclaimed from one of the tables – which dated back to 1914 – for display in the Council Chamber. She then passed the Chain of Office to the new Chairman who took the chair.

The elected Chairman thanked the members for their support and paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman for what had been achieved during her term of office.

### **4. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:**

The Chairman made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council's Proper Officer.

### **5. Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Cllr. K Jones was nominated. Other nominations were made but all who were nominated declined. Cllr. Jones was then unanimously supported by members and duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

**7. Setting of Allowances and Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees:**

- a. Resolved that the Chairman's Allowance be set at £300.
  
- b. Resolved that the sum of up to £1,000 be set aside for use by the Chairman for the purpose of courtesy visits and the like.
  
- c. Appointments to Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees:
  - i. Caerphilly County Borough Council and Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee - Resolved Chairman or Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Davies to represent.
  
  - ii. Community and Town Councils Liaison Committee – Resolved Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Davies to represent.
  
  - iii. Activities Sub-Committee – all Members to participate as appropriate.
  
  - iv. Appointments Sub-Committee – Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Davies.
  
  - v. Area Forum – Cllr. Davies.
  
  - vi. Nelson Village Partnership – Cllr. Davies and Cllr. Morgan.
  
  - vii. Nelson Development Trust – Cllrs. Baldwin, Blackman, Davies and Gray.
  
  - viii. One Voice Wales Area Committee – Cllrs. Jones and Mahoney
  
  - ix. Friends of Wern Park – Cllrs. Davies, Miles and Morgan.

x. Nelson Community Centre Management Committee – Cllr. Baldwin.

*Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.*

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