

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 12th April 2018 beginning at 7-00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L. Dufty (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr R Powell
Cllr. B. Miles
Cllr. S..Morgan
Cllr. L. Lewis MBE
Cllr P Baldwin

Mr T White (Clerk)

PC Craig Ellis Gwent Police

Apologies for absence,

Cllr Z Barnett- Jones
Cllr. A. Gray (Chairman)

Declaration of Interest:

No declarations

2203 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr. A. Gray (Chairman)
Cllr Z Barnett- Jones

2204 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

PC Ellis reported very little activity in Nelson in the previous 4 weeks .

Speeding concerns were raised as the priority of the previous 'Your Voice Survey' although a new survey is being undertaken to determine if priorities have changed.... Copies provided at meeting
Police Surgery will be held in the Library on 23rd April at 2 pm

Cllr Davies enquired about the reported drug problems in Wern Park. PC Ellis reported they had been patrolling the area but had found no evidence.

Cllr Miles enquired about the Fun Fair – PC Ellis was not aware of any issues

2205 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 8th March 2018
- To receive and approve the minutes of the Activities Committee 8th March 2018
- To receive and approve the minutes of the Grant Aid committee 8th February 2018

Matters arising:

2198 – Cllr Morgan reported that the opening/closing of the top gate to Wern Park had ceased as a result of previous MTFP savings whereas the bottom gate was locked by Highways as part of their management of car parks.

2199 – Cllr Baldwin enquired how the Water rates issue would be resolved with the shop. The Clerk confirmed it was agreed at the previous meeting that we may need to undertake a year end credit.

2206 To Receive a Report from the Chair

No report

2207 To receive a report from the Clerk

a PLANNING

Up to 27th March

Case Ref. 18/0257 /FULL

Site Area: 412m²

Location: 25 Clos Cae Pwll Nelson Treharris CF46 6LA (UPRN 000043076969)

Proposal: Erect first floor extension over existing garage

Applicant: Mr M Thomson 25 Clos Cae Pwll Nelson Treharris CF46 6LA

Agent: Mr M Morgan 8 Commin Road Aberbargoed Bargoed CF81 9BL
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 310694 (E) 195764 (N)

Case Ref. 18/0261/FULL Site Area: 4129m²
Location: Mabon Filling Station Mafon Road Nelson Treharris CF46 6PE (UPRN
000043085953)
Proposal: Erect sales building extension for a new Subway store and relocate jet
wash facility to replace the existing
Applicant: Motor Fuel Group Building 2 Abbey View Everard Close St Albans AL1
2QU
Agent: Wyeth Projects Services The Cart Shed Amberley Court Old Elstead
Road Milford GU8 5EB
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 310747 (E)
195077 (N)

Cllr Morgan declared an interest in this matter as he owned a food outlet business

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

Agreed the Cllr Davies would contact CCBC to enquire about development notices,
letters, etc.

Agreed Clerk would write to CCBC asking for a site meeting raising issues
regarding: Parking and opening hours and asking for a site meeting and it be referred
to Planning Committee. It was also suggested that we request that a Member of the
Community council be allowed to speak at the site meeting as both local Members
had declared an interest.

Up to 13th March

No applications

Up to 28th February

No applications

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st February to 31st March 2018 included below) - all other transactions included on bank statement

D Gray Cleaner (March)

75.83

T White (January, March and April)	1238.05
PlayWorks (March)	106.00
EDF Electricity	104.77
Caerphilly CBC (Maintenance)	6047.60
Viking	117.48

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)

The following correspondence has been received

One Voice Wales Response to the Community and Town Council Review
Copy available (previously circulated)

Newsletter printing option
Copy of e mail

Walham to Cilfnydd Overhead Line Refurbishment
Copy of correspondence

One Voice Wales SLCC Joint Conference 16th May 2018
Copy available

Fields in Trust - Active Spaces Grants Programme
Copy available

Floral Baskets and Troughs for own and Community Councils
Copy available

A Foundation for Success' and the Caerphilly Basin Masterplan
Consultation notification

PLANNING TRAINING - An in-depth focus on the pre-application process and responding to planning applications
Copy available

Temporary Prohibition footpaths 9 and 10 Nelson
Copy available **Clerk to obtain details of locations**

UK Government call for evidence to examine how charges or changes to the tax system could tackle the problems associated with single-use plastic waste
Copy available

Green Paper 'Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People'
Copy forwarded

Welsh Language Strategy 2017-2022
Copy forwarded

Nelson Institute - repairs to roof
Copy provided

The Clerk also highlighted a report he would present at the Annual Meeting regarding Remuneration **(e Mail to Members prior to meeting)**

2208 Consider levels of reserves held by Nelson Community Council

The clerk reiterated that Members had approved this years budget and that as pointed out at previous meetings they held a reserve to cover any emergencies and unforeseen expenditure.

The budget set for the forthcoming year was approximately £30,000 with last years income at £32,000 and the expenditure at £28,000.

The clerk pointed out that over the past 3 years we had some significant and unplanned for expenditures e.g new boiler approx. £3,000, new Christmas Lights approximately £5,000 and repairs to Institute Building £6,000

Current reserves are just over £30,000 (this included a CIL payment form CCBC) and it was agreed by Members that given the expenditure that may be required for repairs to the building and other uncertainties it would be prudent to maintain at this sort of level (accepting it may reduce it any of this reserve has to be used) as it will help to avoid major overspends or the need to impose significant increases in the precept in future years.

2209 To Receive Reports from Members who serve on External Committees/Organisations

Cllr Davies enquired about the plans to merge the 2 Schools. Cllr Morgan confirmed this proposal was included in a funding bid to Welsh Government. Cllr Miles confirmed this formed part of a 7 year Schools improvement Plan

It was noted the improvement plan for the Infants school was being progressed.

It was noted that 2 previous Leaders of Caerphilly and Gelligaer Council's had passed away
Harry Andrews
Elwyn Morgan

Members asked that their condolences be noted

Cllr Davies made the meeting aware that repairs were required to the toilets. **Clerk to purchase parts**

2210 To receive any questions/comments from members of the public who are present

No members of Public present

Meeting... 12th April closed at 8-30 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN