

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 13th December 2018 beginning at 7-00 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. L. Lewis MBE
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. L. Dufty (Acting Chairman until Cllr Gray arrived)
Cllr. B. Miles
Cllr R Powell
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr. A. Gray

Mr T White (Clerk)

Ms Anna Lewis CCBC - WHQS

Members of Public

Mr Tucker
Mrs Tucker

Apologies for absence,

Cllr P Baldwin (Vice Chair)
Cllr Z Barnett- Jones

Declaration of Interest:

No declarations

2305 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr P Baldwin (Vice Chair)
Cllr Z Barnett- Jones

2306 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

No Police representative present:

2307 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 8th November 2018

Matters arising:

2296 – results of Window Competition will be undertaken at end of meeting

2308 To Receive a Report from the Chair

The Chair reported on the Remembrance Day event and Council endorsed the issues raised at the November Activities Committee.

2309 To receive a report from the Clerk

a PLANNING

Up to 30th October

No applications

Up to 6th November

Case Ref. 18/0896/FULL

Site Area: 359m²

Location: 33 Heol Isaf Nelson Treharris CF46 6NS (UPRN 000043007933)

Proposal: Erect ground and first floor extension and alterations to roof

Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01443 864347 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Nelson

Map Ref: 311722 (E) 195220 (N)

Community Council: Nelson Community Council

Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 18/0918/FULL

Site Area: 228m²

Location: 26 High Close Nelson Treharris CF46 6HJ (UPRN 000043008134)

Proposal: Erect a two storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling with a single storey extension to the rear

Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217

wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Nelson

Map Ref: 311199 (E) 195461 (N)

Community Council: Nelson Community Council

Expected Decision Level: Delegated

14th November

No applications

20th November

No applications

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st November to 30th November 2018 included below - all other transactions included on bank statement

D Gray Cleaner (December)	75.83
PlayWorks (December)	106.00
Joanne Hulbert (Winter Newsletter)	100.00
Mr Sparkle	230.00
Window decorations Prizes 1st	50.00
2nd	30.00
3rd	20.00
Printing (Winter Newsletter)	380.00
Newsletter Delivery	100.00
Selection Boxes plus other Christmas event expenditure	432.80
Elsie Evans (Armistice Day)	70.00
EDF	21.63

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

Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019-20 (Welsh Government)
copy provided at meeting

The Gwent High Sheriffs' Community Fund
copy provided at meeting

Fwd: Neges oddi Carers Wales / A Message from Carers Wales
copy provided at meeting

FW: Trafodaeth Caerffili / The Caerphilly Conversation (Budget Proposals)
copy provided at meeting and link to full document

Community Council Liaison Committee - Feedback
copy provided at meeting

Free Health Speaker
copy provided at meeting

Specialist in Traffic Control Systems
copy provided at meeting

Cllr Morgan reported that CCBC would be considering implementation of the 20's Plenty campaign results to all 30 mph built up areas.

Minor Authority Governor at Llanfabon Infants (Cllr L Dufty)
copy provided at meeting

New Window Box type planter
copy provided at meeting

WAO Need to think and act differently to sustain services in rural Wales
copy provided at meeting

WHQS works Nelson
copy provided at meeting

Bryn Liaison Committee
copy provided at meeting

Cllr Davies reported that she had attended and addressed the Planning Committee, expressly raising concerns regarding

numbers and size of vehicles travelling through the village. Cllr Davies confirmed that CCBC had not undertaken the Traffic Monitoring as promised and that it would not now be undertaken until next year

Cllr Gray reaffirmed that Cllr Davies had spoken well at the Planning Committee but that approval had still been granted

2310 To receive update from Ms Anna Lewis WHQS coordinator

Ms Lewis confirmed that £1200 had been earmarked for the Skate Park painting and the Community Council may be responsible for up to 50% of the cost or any costs in excess of £1200

Several other schemes had been approved or were awaiting approval. Ms Lewis confirmed it had been very positive working with the Community Council and that had resulted in the number of schemes being progressed

The Chair thanked Ms Lewis for her help and support and instructed the **Clerk to write to the Chief Housing Officer to thank him for the help and support received from Ms Lewis .**

2311 Consider painting works at the Skate park (invoice will be paid by CCBC)

Members approved the scheme.

2312 To consider any issues relating to CCBC Budget Consultation

Members reported approximately 20 residents had attended the event

Members accepted it was difficult to come up with alternative proposals as they did not fully understand the detail of council budgets, they did however raise the following issues and reaffirmed some of the concerns raised by residents:

- reduce number and level of payment for Members
- concerns regarding Meals on Wheels reductions
- cost of pavement installation (funded by WG)
- removal of Public Toilets
- Increase in Council Tax
- allocation of additional funding for Senior Officer Pay
- general reduction in Council Services

Cllr Morgan confirmed it was difficult to balance strategy for toilets against other priorities

Cllr Morgan confirmed that CCBC had made general representations for additional funding

Cllr Morgan confirmed the consideration of additional funding for Senior Officer pay investigation was only taken as the result of Legal Advice
Cllr Lewis enquired who approved the closure of toilets
Cllr Morgan confirmed it would have been a full Council decision

Clerk to write to Council raising concerns regarding budget reductions

Mr Tucker was allowed to address the meeting at this point as it was relevant to the debate. Mr Tucker expressed concern regarding the lack of parking and appropriate parking control within the village. Cllr Morgan confirmed that traffic/parking assessments would be undertaken in Nelson next year
Cllr Morgan left the meeting and Mr Tucker apologised for the tone of his concerns which were the result of frustration.

2313 To consider implications of recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel review on Nelson Community Council Budget and Precept implications for 2019/20

Members noted the requirement for the minimum sum of £150 for each Councillor to be made available in the 2019/20 budget. It was also reaffirmed that it was for individual Members to decide if they refuse the payment (which is only a contribution to any expenses incurred.

It was agreed that the Special responsibility allowances would not be specifically allocated within the 2019/20 budget

2314 Consider replacement of planter type container at Cenotaph

Members approved the request to replace the planter type container at the cenotaph

2315 To receive reports from Members serving on external organisations

Junior School report due in January

No meeting in Infants School

The Chair congratulated Cllr Dufty on her new role as Governor

Cllr Gray would be taking up role of Governor at Lewis Girls School

Cllr Davies confirmed she had attended the Joint Liaison Committee meeting but the debate on the Budget had been curtailed as there was a very busy agenda.

2316 To receive any questions/comments from members of the public who are present

Issues relating to Parking were discussed earlier in meeting

Mr Tucker confirmed he would attend future meetings to try and resolve

The Chair confirmed the Community Council would assist residents but it may be useful if some preparatory work is undertaken so residents views are properly represented.

Meeting... 13th December closed at 9-00 pm

reconvened at 9-15 and closed 9-20 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN