

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.00 pm**

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

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: No one.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. S Morgan

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Baldwin declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust and to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr. Blackman declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust and Nelson Community Centre Management Committee. She also declared a personal/prejudicial interest in agenda item Applications for Planning Approval and would leave the Chamber during consideration of any applications if members wished to discuss an item.

Cllr. Davies declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust, Nelson Village Partnership and CCBC Standards Committee.

Cllr. Gray declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

Cllr. Jones declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

The Clerk reported that an application for a Dispensation so that members of the Nelson Development Trust could speak and vote on a matter relating to the former Boys and Girls Club had been approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CCBC Standards Committee.

Apologies for Absence:

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Morgan who was collecting his son from Heathrow airport.

**1498 Report from the Police representative:**

No officer attended and no report had been received by the Clerk.

**1499. Minutes:**

· Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were Received and Approved

- Minutes of a meeting of an Activities SC held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of a Grant Aid meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of a meeting of the Activities SC held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were Received and Approved

**1500. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

Cllr. Davies queried why proposed changes at Maes Y Dderwen had not been reported to the Community Council. It was reported that CCBC appeared to have been unaware that the property lay within the Nelson Ward. Cllr. Blackman reported that so far as she was aware, the application had not yet been submitted to the Planning Department.

**1501. Report from the Chairman:**

The Chair reported that she had met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CCBC Standards Committee to present the case for a Dispensation as reported above by the Clerk.

**1502. Report from the Clerk:**

**a. PLANNING:**

**The following planning applications relating to the Nelson area were received:**

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| 1. 13/0174/FULL | Mr K Pinney    | Erect single-storey residential extension and private garage at 63 Tawelfan |
| 2. 13/0179/RET  | Mr J Griffiths | Retain detached garage with 45 degree roof at Ysgubor Maen, Tydu Road       |

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| 3. 13/0189/RET  | Ms S Williams | Retain and complete shed/outbuilding at 54 Llwyn-Yr-Eos   |
| 4. 13/0182/FULL | Mr W Lloyd    | Erect double garage/extension at 10 Heol Mabon  |
| 5. 13/0201/FULL | Mrs Evans     | Erect PVCu conservatory at 44 Lan-Y-Parc  |
| 6. 13/0215/FULL | Mr A Hoskins  | Erect single-storey conservatory between existing single-storey rear extensions at 40 High Street |

*It was Resolved that no comment or objection be made regarding the above applications for planning approval*

**For information: the following applications were approved by the County Borough Council:**

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| 1. 13/0007/ADV | CCBC Directorate of Environment | Erect two signs at the new entrance off the A472 at Penallta Community Park, Caerphilly Road |
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**For information: the following applications were refused by the County Borough Council:**

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| 1. 13/0103/ADV | Mrs M Davies | Erect coloured aluminium external fascia at The Grove Dental Practice, 3 Ashgrove Terrace. |
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**b. ACCOUNTS:**

**The following payments were approved:**

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| 1.   | L Pickett | Cleaning services (Institute) period March |
| 2013 | £64.57    |  |

2.	Pro-Copy Limited	Copier charges
(quarter)		£82.80
3.	SLCC Enterprises Limited	Seminar Fee
(Clerk)		£58.80
4.	Viking Limited	Stationery
Supplies		£58.86
5.	British Gas	Electricity Supply
(Institute)		£25.63
6.	CCBC	Commercial Refuse Bin (6
months)	£68.50	

**c. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**The following correspondence was received:**

1. One Voice Wales

Notice, minutes and agenda for Area Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April  
2013 *Noted*

2. CCBC (Helen Morgan)

Reminder about presentation by Miller Argent on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 re: proposed

Nant Llesg opencast mine

*Noted*

3. Play for Wales

Spring Newsletter

*Noted*

5. GAVO

Information on 'Best Kept Village' Competition

*This only applied to rural villages with populations up to 5,000*

6. Cllr. K Jones

Request for Agenda item

*Agenda item*

7. Mrs M Tucker

Letter objecting to proposed Summer Market at Ash Grove and responses from eight residents

*Agenda item*

8. Mrs M Tucker

Email regarding insurance implications for Ash Grove residents if a Summer Market took place there

*Agenda item*

9. Cllr. K Jones

Background information re: Advertising on the Institute Building

*Agenda item*

10. Cllr. K Jones

Request for support to attend a OVW training event

*Members approved the attendance for Cllr. Jones*

*Cllr. Jones would identify an appropriate course  
and arrange for her attendance through the Clerk*

11. Cllr. A Gray

Request to change the date of the next meeting to Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> April *Noted*

12. Cllr. A Blackman

Copy of a request the Monitoring Officer for a Dispensation for members of the  
NDT *Noted*

13. CCBC Monitoring Officer

Response to Cllr. Blackman's request for a  
Dispensation *Noted*

14. CCBC Regeneration and Planning

Outcome of appeal re: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm  
development *Noted*

**1503. Sponsorship of a 'Pathway of Memory' plaque:**

A discussion took place as to which colliery would be the subject on any plaque if approved as Nelson residents worked in a number of local mines.

It was agreed to support the sponsorship or part sponsorship of a plaque but that other local Community Councils should be consulted to find out if any were also sponsoring a plaque and which colliery they had identified.

Cllr. Jones agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting of the One Voice Wales Area Committee and report back to the next meeting of Council.

**1504. Sponsorship of a 'Bands in the Park' event at Wern Park:**

Members felt that previous events had not been well attended due mainly it was thought, to inadequate publicity. The event was not considered to be value for money if only a very small number of residents attended. There had also been issues regarding a lack of toilet facilities at the Park to service such an event.

It was Resolved that any decision on the matter should be deferred pending further information on the organisation and publicity surrounding the event. *Agenda item for next meeting.*

**1505. Advertising Sign on the Institute:**

Cllr. Jones reported that she had been approached by a resident regarding the possibility of attaching an advertisement sign to the gable end of the Institute.

Members identified a number of potential issues surrounding approval of this request.

It was Resolved that in the first instance the matter be referred back to the applicant to identify any relevant planning restrictions or requirements.

**1506. Summer Street Fayre:**

This had been considered at a meeting of the Activities SC preceding the Ordinary meeting. The decision of that Committee was confirmed.

**1507. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:**

Cllr. Blackman requested that the Community Council's Commitment to underwrite initial expenditure in support of work being undertaken by KWL be reviewed as the earlier commitment had not taken account of VAT. It was noted that a Dispensation had been granted to allow members of the NDT to speak and vote on this matter.

Payment of the fees would be made in three stages. The initial stage would be 35%, the second stage 40% and the final stage of 25% of the total for professional services.

It was Resolved to increase the Community Council's support for the project to include a sum to cover the VAT element of the cost of professional and local authority fees which amounted to an additional £2,000. It was noted that the NDT intended to register as a charity which might then allow the project to escape liability for VAT.

It was noted that Cllr. Miles expressed concern regarding the proposed internal layout for the building.

**1508. Snooker Hall/ Boxing Club:**

Cllr. Morgan reported through the Clerk that he had failed to identify any location in CCBC owned premises which was suitable and available for the storage of the snooker tables.

Cllr. Lewis reported that he had made contact with someone who might make use of the tables and was pursuing the matter with them.

It was agreed that Cllr. Lewis should be given the opportunity to follow up his lead but if no result was finalised within a week the Clerk would make arrangements for the tables to be dismantled and removed. It was agreed that one table might be dismantled and retained, in the Community Council store room at the Institute if it could be accommodated there.

**1509. Refurbishment work at the Institute:**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted a local heating engineer regarding the repair of the heating system at the Institute and the upgrading of the controls to remove any possibility of the system being left on by users of the Community Room as had happened a number of times during the winter.

**1510. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:**

Cllr. Miles reported that the ESTYN report for the junior school was very positive. The school was found to have good current performance and good prospects for future improvement. Members congratulated the school on a successful outcome.

Cllr. Davies informed the Clerk that the Secretary of the NVP was awaiting confirmation of dimensions before proceeding with the sign for the Institute. The Clerk was not aware of this but would liaise with the Secretary regarding the matter. The NVP had organised a very successful 'Easter Egg Hunt' event.

It was reported that CCBC officers were failing to attend T&CC Joint Liaison meetings on a regular basis so no reports on agenda items were available and written reports were not being provided.

Cllr. Mahoney reported that the Action Committee account set up to oppose the Covanta development had now been closed and money given to local schools and to UVAC. An amount of £200 would be donated to the NDT in support of the Boys and Girls Club project.

A number of members had attended the presentation on the Nant Llesg project. Following a question from the floor, no information was available at the meeting regarding the increased number of trains which were likely to be required to service the scheme.

**1511. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:**

No members of the public were present.

*Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm*

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