

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 14th February 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. A Gray

Cllr. P Baldwin

Cllr. A Blackman

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. K Jones

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. B Miles

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: No one

Apologies for absence: Cllr. L Lewis MBE

Gwent Police

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 the 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.

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L Lewis who was unwell.

Apologies were also received from Gwent Police local officers.

1474 Report from the Police representative:

No officer was present.

The Clerk tabled a written report received via email, the content of which was noted.

1475. Minutes:

· Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th January 2013 were Received and Approved

- Minutes of a meeting of the Activities SC held on 29th January 2013 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of a meeting to review NCC Standing Orders held on 29th January 2013 were Received and Approved
- A Report of a meeting to Review cleaning arrangements at the Institute held on 29th January 2013 was Received and the recommendations were Adopted

1476. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Snooker Hall: The Clerk reported that he had not been able to contact the company that refurbished the tables as no contact information was available. It was noted that the school in Ystrad Mynach had decline our offer and the person who had previously contacted Cllr. Baldwin to acquire one of the tables had not shown any further interest. It was Resolved that Cllr. Morgan would advertise the tables (and other items) for sale using his E-Bay account for a period of fourteen days to establish whether there was any interest in purchasing the items.

Play Scheme Venue: Cllr. Baldwin reported that the Community Centre had offered to accommodate the Play Scheme for an overall charge of £500 for the four week period. It was Resolved to accept the offer.

Santa Sleigh: The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr Jeff Hanson (Dynevor Garage) who had offered to inspect the trailer and report on the feasibility of any necessary repair work required to ensure the continued road worthiness of the unit.

Window Dressing Competitions: It was reported that this proposal had been enthusiastically received by local traders.

Christmas/Summer Markets: The Clerk reported that he had met with Mr Robert Campbell (CCBC Traffic Management) to consider alternative venues. Three potential venues were identified including Ash Grove, part of Commercial Street and Station Terrace. Mr Campbell had indicated that his preferred location would be Ash Grove because this location would have the least impact on road closures and traffic management. A report would be considered at an Activities SC meeting to be held before the next Ordinary Meeting of Council. Cllr. Baldwin reported that CCBC was prepared to

contact Big Cheese stallholders on behalf of the Community Council. She would be arranging a meeting with CCBC Officers to progress the matter.

Review of Standing Orders: The Clerk requested that any further feedback on the proposed review of Standing Orders should be made within the next few days.

Review of Cleaning at the Institute: The Clerk reported that he had discussed the new arrangements with the cleaner who generally accepted the proposals. However, she had expressed a preference for a two hour time slot in which to undertake the work rather than the proposed two and a half hour period. This was agreed by Members. The Clerk had asked the cleaner to provide a list of any equipment required. It was noted that the Living Wage had recently increased to £7.45 per hour.

1477. Report from the Chairman:

The Chair had nothing to report that was not included on the agenda.

1478. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

1. 13/0002/FULL Mr T Gray Remove existing garage and replace with new to enable easier disabled access at 33 Shingrig Road.

2. 13/0007/ADV CCBC Directorate of Environment Erect two signs at the new entrance off the A472 at Penallta Community Park, Caerphilly Road (*Gelligaer Community Council*)

3. 13/0018/FULL Mrs S Risby Erect two-storey side extension at 22 Clos
Waun Ceffyl

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:

1. 12/0219/RET Mr C Roberts Retain renovation of old barn for use as
leisure facility/ games room at Brymtyrion, Llanfabon.

2. 12/0638/FULL Mr K James Erect single-storey extension and decking to
rear at 131 Shingrig Road.

For information: the following applications were refused by the County Borough Council:

None received

b. ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved:

1. Cleaning services (Institute) Contract period January
2013 £80.47

2. Elsbury Plant Hire Festive lighting
erection/removal/storage £2,138.70

3.	Keymaster Locksmiths £39.93 DC	Keys to Institute/ Chamber for new members
4.	C&TC Liaison Committee	Subscription £50.00
5.	C&TC Liaison Committee	Subscription £100.00
6.	Rees Scaffolding & Hire £280.00	Scaffold for repair to Institute roof
7.	Keith Rees Roofing Specialist £180.00	Repair to roof of Institute following snow damage
8.	British Gas Business (quarterly) £931.88	Gas charges for Institute
9.	Pro-Copy Limited	Copier charges (quarter) £72.00
10.	Keith Rees Roofing Specialist £180.00	Further repairs to roof of Institute (not due to the snow)

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Notification that festival will be held at Llancaiach Fawr Manor in 2015

The Clerk to contact the Clerk of Gelligaer Community

Council with a view to engaging in joint activities

2. The Planning Inspectorate

Inspector's decision re: Diversion of Footpath at Wern Caiach Farm
Cottage *Noted*

3. Elsbury Plant Hire

Letter re: Festive
Lighting *Noted*

5. Western Power Distribution

Certificate of unmetered supply (Festive
Lighting) *Noted*

6. CCBC Business & Technology Centre

Letter requesting information on forthcoming events to be included on website

The Clerk has provided information on relevant NCC events

7. T&CC JLC

Notice of meeting on 23rd January 2013, minutes and agenda *Noted*

8. CCBC Chief Executive

Copy of reply re: Prosiect Gwyrdd

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9. CCBC Electoral Services

Letter re: spreading of cost of election recharges

The Clerk had requested that the recharges be spread over a number of years

10. CCBC Income Section

Invoice for election recharges full amount

The Clerk has requested an amended invoice in accordance with the previous item

11. Kidney Wales Foundation

Information on 'Walk for Life'
campaign

Noted

12. Cllr. G Davies

Request for Agenda item

Agenda item

13. CCBC Mayor

Poster re: Mayor's Great Hall Charity
Gala

Noted

14. CCBC Public Services

Five Man Community Cleansing Team

Cllr. Morgan would coordinate responses

15. Nelson Village Partnership

Papers for AGM and meeting

Agenda item

16. Cllr. A Blackman

Copy of information re: Prosiect Gwyrdd

Agenda item

17. Ceri Mortimer (T&CC JLC)

Notification of rescheduled meeting on 6th February 2013

The notification of the postponement and revised date was not received because it was incorrectly sent to the Clerk's former work email address

1479. CCBC Public Transport:

Cllr. Davies reported that the bus stop on Springfield/ Caerphilly Road was signed only on the Springfield Terrace side and consequently, buses did not always stop on the Caerphilly Road side.

CCBC had identified a proposed site for a new bus stop sign and was currently consulting with residents.

It was also noted that a reinstatement of the X38 route direct to Cardiff appeared to be unlikely due to potential Welsh Assembly reductions in transport subsidies.

1480. Prosiect Gwyrdd:

The response regarding discussing the matter at the next CCBC JLC was noted.

The reply from the Joint Communications Team was noted.

It was Resolved to express the Council's concerns about the potential impact of such a development on future generations to the local Assembly Member.

1481. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

Cllr. Gray reported that plans for the proposed works had been received. KWL would be invited to the next meeting of the Nelson Development Trust to report on their proposals.

1482. Snooker Hall (Proposed Boxing Club):

Further action had already been resolved under Matters Arising.

1483. Refurbishment works at the Institute:

The Clerk reported that he was having problems in contacting Dean Livingstone to obtain further quotations for work required, including an estimate for the cost of internal repairs to the Snooker Hall arising from recent snow damage to the roof of the Institute. If these quotations were not forthcoming he would contact local contractors direct.

1484. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

The Clerk tabled minutes from a recent meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee the content of which was noted.

Cllr. Miles reported that the Infants School had received a Platinum ECO Award.

It was reported that feedback had been received from the local Taekwondo group that one of their members had been selected to take part in pre-trials for the next Olympics.

1485. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm

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