

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JULY 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. P Baldwin (Chairman)

Cllr. A Blackman

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. K Jones

Cllr. A Gray

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: PC Carl Morgan (Gwent Police)

PC Westley Morgan (Gwent Police)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. L Lewis MBE and Cllr. B Miles

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 if members wished to discuss any of the applications.

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.

Cllr. Morgan declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Nelson Village Partnership and the Friends of Wern Park.

Apologies for Absence:

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Lewis who was in hospital and from Cllr Miles who was away on holiday.

Precedence:

Cllr. Morgan moved precedence for Agenda item 8 so that the police could be present during consideration of the item.

1538 Report from the Police representative:

PC Morgan reported:

There had been 15 reported crimes at Nelson compared to 27 at Hengoed, 28 at Ystrad Mynach and 8 at Maesycwmmmer. These included vehicle crimes, criminal damage, theft (one shoplifting), domestic assaults and non-dwelling burglary. Seven out of the fifteen crimes at Nelson had been detected – an increase of 46.7% against the same period last year and there had been a 6.3% drop in crime against that period last year.

There were 23 reports of ASB compared to 24 at Hengoed, 28 at Ystrad Mynach and 13 at Maesycwmmmer. The incidents at Nelson included use of mopeds in the village – particularly near the Skate Park. The neighbourhood team were tackling the issue. A Section 59 Warning was given to a male identified as using a moped in an anti-social manner and the bike may be seized if the behaviour continued.

There was a focus on reducing criminal damage across the Caerphilly Policing area. In Nelson the neighbourhood team had increased patrols in hotspot areas, had carried out criminal damage prevention leaflet drops and had increased OWL recruitment.

Nelson Neighbourhood Watch funded some bike marking kits and 30+ bikes were marked at the Skate Jam by the Neighbourhood Team and by Watch members.

PACT priorities were:

- Anti-social behaviour at the village centre
- Illegal parking along Shingrig Road
- Dog fouling

Dates for the next PACT meetings and Police Surgeries were noted. Surgeries were held at CreativiTea and the Library. It was planned to hold meetings at the Community Centre also.

Cllr. Baldwin informed the officers that the new Boxing Club was now up and running and had generated a large amount of interest from the local youth.

Cllr. Davies thought that CCBC were implementing a dedicated contact telephone number for the reporting of anti-social behaviour. She also continued to express concern about vans parking on the footpath on Heol Fawr.

Cllr. Mahoney expressed his concern about vehicles parking adjacent to the Llwynceilyn Allotment entrance which were obstructing the view of any oncoming traffic when emerging from the site.

Cllr. Gray reported that needles had been found at the playground on the Mabon Estate. Cllr. Jones added there was evidence of previous use at the Wern Park.

Cllr. Morgan reported that he had asked for additional dog litter bins to be installed at the Wern Park.

Cllr. Gray asked that the Neighbourhood Team supports the new Boxing Club venture. Cllr. Jones noted that there was considerable evidence that additional youth facilities reduced the level of anti-social behaviour prevalent in areas.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their report.

1539. School parking signs:

Cllr. Morgan reported that some schools in other Local Authority areas were deploying portable tent signs on the highway which drew attention to the dangers of parking to parents/guardians who drop off and pick up their children. He asked members to support the use of such signs at the Nelson schools.

During the discussion a number of potential issues were identified, including who would be responsible for deploying and collecting the signs, but in general the request was fully supported.

Cllr. Morgan agreed to take the matter forward, liaising with CCBC Highways officers on any highways issues for and the sourcing of the signs.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance. The officers left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

1540. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th June 2013 were Received and Approved subject to the corrections listed below
- A Report from a meeting of the Appointments SC held on 3rd July 2013 was Received and Adopted
- A Report of a meeting of the Appointments SC with appointed play leaders held on 3rd July 2013 was Received and Adopted

1531: Cllr. Jones noted that other Community Councils were aware of the Miner's Memorial appeal but had not yet considered the matter themselves.

1532: Cllr. Gray thanked members for nominating her to the Chair of Governors at Llanfabon School and noted that Cllr. Miles had now been co-opted to fill the vacancy.

1536: Cllr. Davies reported that the Standards Committee had not been cancelled, but that she had been unable to attend that meeting.

1541. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Annual Meeting: Cllr. Davies asked if any progress had been made with respect to the updating of the links on the Chain of Office. The Clerk reported that he had not yet attended to this and that he would be contacting both Fattorini (the manufacturer and supplier of the chain) and the local engravers for prices.

Clerk's Report C.3: It was noted that the Chairman had not been able to attend the launch of the CCBC Mayor's Charity Appeal due to a breakdown in communication. A donation of £100 had now been sent retrospectively by the Clerk.

Appointments Sub-Committee: The appointment of the new cleaner for the Institute was Confirmed.
(Cllr. Gray declared a personal and prejudicial interest and took no part in the decision).

1542. Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman had attended a recent meeting of the T&CC JLC. Items discussed included transport and the lack of officers' attendance at the CCBC JLC to report on matters. She would attend the JLC when it next meets.

She also attended the Calfaria 'Strawberries and Cream' tea from a personal invitation.

The Chairman would be attending the annual Salem Charity Concert on Friday. She would make a donation of £100. The Clerk confirmed that the cheque would be payable to the charity.

She reminded members that the Community Council 'Village Praise' event was taking place on the following Sunday.

She had also been invited to open the Church Fete at St John's on 31st August and had accepted.

She had spoken with Paul Hudson (CCBC) who confirmed that the letters to traders for the Street Market would be sent out the next day.

1543. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

1. 13/0422/FULL United Welsh Housing Change the use to provide accommodation units for homeless people and associated office space and support facilities at Maes Y Dderwen, Heol Las.

2. 13/0482/RET Mr R Wicks Retain garage at Herridge House, 29 Dynevor Terrace.

Discussion took place regarding application 13/0422/FULL. (Cllr. Blackman left the Chamber)

It was reported that the facility would contain 18 beds, to accommodate vulnerable younger persons (from age 16) under a rental agreement similar to private landlord accommodation, but Warden monitored. Training/education needs would be assessed over periods ranging from 3 months to 1 year.

Concerns were expressed on how the facility was to be managed as it would be essential that appropriate services and staff were available to support the residents.

It was Resolved that more information was needed on the application 1 before full comment could be made. The Community Council was in favour of the project but required assurances to satisfy members' concerns on how the facility would be managed. It was also Resolved that officers from CCBC be invited to meet with members to provide further information.

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

The Clerk tabled an approval for Application 13/0245/RM which had received approval the previous day.

Cllr. Blackman reported that a site meeting had been held and that she still had major concerns regarding the ability of the local sewerage system to cope with the additional loading. Welsh Water was one of the consultees. . It was noted that drainage was not considered as part of Reserved Matters by the Borough Council.

It was noted that no residents from the area had attended the site meeting, but if they wished to express a common view to the Community Council this would be conveyed to the Borough Council.

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

None received

b. ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved:

1.	L Pickett	Cleaning services (Institute) for period June 2013	£64.57
2.	Salem Church	Donation in lieu of Internal Auditor fee	£125.00
3.	British Gas	Electricity charges (Institute)	£22.17

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. T&CC JLC

2. Helen Morgan CCBC

Updated guidance from Ombudsman

Noted

3. Cllr. A Blackman

Request for agenda item

Agenda item

4. Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre

Request for financial assistance

The Chairman agreed to donate £100 in support of the event

The Chairman and Vice Chairman would attend if possible.

5. Came & Company

Quotation for renewal of insurance cover

Not due for renewal until 26th August

The policy will be renewed at that time

6. Disability CAN DO Organisation

Notification that a display van will be in various locations
to advertise their work during 15-19 July with posters

The nearest to Nelson was at Gelligaer opposite the surgery

A poster had been placed in the NCC notice board

7. Cllr. S Morgan

Request for agenda item

Agenda item

1544. Town Centre Management Committee for Nelson:

Due to the lack of time, Cllr. Blackman agreed to defer this item for consideration at the September meeting of Council.

1545. South Wales Programme consultation:

It was noted that there were many strong views opposing the current proposals. Members should respond on an individual basis if they wished to comment.

1546. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

Cllr. Davies reported that a further constructive meeting had been held with Cllr. Hardacre and Colin Jones. It was noted that the revised Business Plan would be available by the end of July.

1547. Boxing Club:

It was noted that the Boxing Club was now open for business and a very strong local interest had developed. This would be reported in the forthcoming Newsletter.

It was agreed that the Club should work toward arranging an official opening in collaboration with a social event in the Council Chamber arranged by the Community Council. The Vice Chairman would take this forward with the Club.

1548. Refurbishment work at the Institute:

The former Working Group would reconvene to consider the replacement of the kitchen type cabinets in the Chamber with more appropriate units.

1549. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Cllr Mahoney reported that the Llanfabon Infants School Estyn report was very positive and the staff and pupils could be justifiably proud of their achievement. He had produced an article for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Cllr. Baldwin reported that the Community Centre Management Committee AGM was to be held on 30th July 2013.

Cllr. Davies requested that the Clerk contacts the NVP Secretary to progress the fixing of the new sign at the Institute.

1550. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

Min/Jul/13