

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. K Jones (Chairman)

Cllr. A Blackman

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. L Lewis MBE

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. B Miles

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: CSO James Gregory (Gwent Police)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. P Baldwin and Cllr. A Gray

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman.

Declarations of Interest:

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. 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. Blackman and from Cllr Jones who was travelling to Nottingham.

1526 Report from the Police representative:

CSO Gregory reported:

There had been 13 reported crimes at Nelson compared to 22 at Hengoed, 23 at Ystrad Mynach and 10 at Maesycwmmmer. These included breaking and entering (through the roof) and theft of £500 worth of cigarettes from the Cooperative store on Mabon Road. It was noted that there had been a 35% drop in crimes.

There were 5 reports of ASB compared to 23 at Hengoed, 15 at Ystrad Mynach and 5 at Maesycwmmmer. The incidents at Nelson included youths riding motorised scooters in Wern Crescent and Llanfabon. And and a youth riding a BMX cycle inside the Cooperative store in Commercial Street. There had been a 70% drop in ASBs.

The Ward team had focused on ASB during May/June with issues being dealt with quickly and positively. Two youths had been placed on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and the team were

working closely with CCBC to begin eviction proceedings should one youth continue to cause ASB. Local schools had been patrolled daily during the half term holiday. No issues were identified.

PACT priorities were:

- Anti-social behaviour at village centre
- Off road bikes
- Wheelie bins being stolen

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.

Members agreed that efforts to reduce crime and anti social behaviour were to be applauded.

Cllr. Davies expressed some concerns about the OWL call-back number.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance and report.

1527. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th May 2013 were Received
- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th May 2013 were Received and Approved
- A Report from a meeting of the Appointments SC held on 4th June 2013 was Received
- Minutes of a meeting of the Activities SC held on 4th June 2013 were Received and Adopted

1528. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Annual Meeting: It was noted that Cllr. Mahoney was also a representative of the Council on One Voice Wales Area Committee.

Cllr. Davies reminded the Clerk that she had requested the use of her Chairman's Allowance from the year of her chairmanship to be used for the updating of members' names on the chain of office. The Clerk would obtain a quotation for the work.

1529. Report from the Chairman:

No report.

1530. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

1. 13/0393/FULL Price & Co Farming Erect nutrient storage lagoon to supply storage capacity for compliance with SSAFO Regulations at Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm. (*Gelligaer CC*)

It was Resolved that no objection or comment be made regarding the above application.

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

1. 13/0182/FULL Mr W Lloyd Erect double garage/extension at 10 Heol Mabon

2. 13/0201/FULL Mrs Evans Erect PVCu conservatory at 44 Lan-Y-Parc

3. 13/0215/FULL Mr A Hoskins Erect single-storey conservatory between existing single-storey rear extensions at 40 High Street

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) period May 2013	£64.57
2.	Interdirect Limited	Annual website hosting service fee	£180.00
3.	British Telecom	Telephone charges (Chamber)	£70.99
4.	Clerk	Net salary (1 st quarter)	£1,164.00
5.	HMR&C	Income tax (Clerk's salary)	£291.00

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. One Voice Wales

Confirmation of booking for Cllr. Jones on Chairing Skills training event

Noted

2. Mind Caerphilly Borough

Application for financial assistance

The Clerk had sent a Grant Aid application form

3. CCBC Mayor's Office

Invitation to launch of Mayor's Charity Appeal 2013/14

Noted

4. CCBC Governor Support

Notification of requirement to nominate a Minor Authority

Governor for Llanfabon Infants School.

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5. One Voice Wales

Notice of 2013 Conference and AGM On 5th October 2013

Copied to the Council's representative

6. CCBC Planning

Acknowledgement of planning objection re:

Former Coal Yard Llancaiach View

Noted

7. CCBC Education

Information re: Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Noted

8. Chair of Governors Llancaeath Junior School

Permission to use school yard for Market event

Noted

Previously circulated to Activities SC

9. Cllr. Blackman

Copy of email re: South Wales Programme Consultation

This would be considered as an Agenda item at the July meeting of Council

10. Nelson Village Partnership

Minutes of meeting held on 29th April and Agenda

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11. Cllr. Blackman

Copy of email re: 50+ Positive Action Partnership

Noted

12. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers

Information about services provided

Information to be forwarded to the Village Partnership

13. CCBC Highways

Winter Service Plan Review

Noted

14. CCBC Events Officer

Request of events information

The Clerk had responded

15. Cllr. Blackman

Request for updated support letter for NDT

Agenda item

1531. Sponsorship of a 'Pathway of Memory' plaque:

Cllr. Jones reported:

It was noted that although other Community or Town Councils were aware of the project, none had yet made a donation.

It was Resolved to make a donation of £250 toward the cost of a plaque.

1532. Minor Authority Governor at Llanfabon Infants School:

Cllr. Miles was nominated. Cllr. Gray was also nominated. Cllr. Miles declined the nomination in favour of Cllr. Gray. Cllr. Gray would therefore be the Community Council Governor representative at Llanfabon Infant's School. The Clerk would inform the Clerk to the Governors.

1533. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

Members of the Nelson Development Trust reported.

Cllr. Gray and Cllr. Davies had visited the premises with Cllr. Hardacre whose response to the proposals had been positive.

The Community Council was asked to provide an updated letter of support for the project. The Clerk tabled a draft copy which was accepted subject to one amendment. The Clerk would update the letter and send a copy to the Secretary of the Nelson Development Trust.

1534. Boxing Club:

The Clerk had provided the Club with a key to the premises and they had started to install their equipment. A cheque for the full year's rental in advance had been received by the Clerk. Rental charges would apply from 1st July 2013.

1535. Refurbishment work at the Institute:

The Clerk reported that he had placed an advertisement for a cleaner in the Community Council Notice Board. The closing date for expressions of interest was 21st June. Applications would be considered by the Appointments Sub-Committee.

1536. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Cllr. Blackman reported that the Community Centre accounts had been prepared and that the Centre was having much greater use than previously.

Cllr Mahoney reported that the new Caretaker had been appointed at Llanfabon Infant's School. The Inspection Report on the school would be published at the end of June.

Cllr. Davies reported on a meeting to interview candidates for a vacancy on the CCBC Standards Committee which she had been unable to attend. An appointment had been made. She also reported that the recently held Skate Jam had once again been very successful and was well supported.

1537. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm