

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 14th March 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. A Blackman (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. P Baldwin

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. K Jones

Cllr. L Lewis MBE

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. B Miles

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: PCSO James Gregory (Gwent Police)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. A Gray (Chairman)

In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman.

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

Apologies for Absence:

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Gray who was away on holiday.

1486 Report from the Police representative:

PCSO James Gregory reported:

There had been 12 reported crimes at Nelson compared to 27 at Hengoed, 16 at Ystrad Mynach and 11 at Maesycwmmmer. These included the theft of solar lights from a garden in Heol Islwyn, damage to a metal cable left on the ground at Llanfabon and damage to the windows of an unattended vehicle at Bryncelyn.

There were 8 reports of ASB compared to 23 at Hengoed, 14 at Ystrad Mynach and 3 at Maesycwmmmer. The incidents at Nelson included a young person 'hanging around' and being a nuisance outside a salon in the village centre. The parent of the youth had been spoken to and the incident referred through the ASB process and the youth was now on an ASB contract. Off road bikes had been reported to be used in the Lan Y Parc area and enquiries are on-going.

Dates for the next PACT meeting and for Police Surgeries were noted.

Current PACT priorities were:

- ASB at village centre
- Off road motorbikes across the Ward
- Missing Wheelie Bins across the Ward

Cllr. Baldwin raised the matter of youths riding scooters etc, along the footpaths on Caerphilly Road.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance and their report.

1487. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February 2013 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of a meeting of the Activities SC held on 6th March 2013 were Received and Approved

1488. Matters arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising that were not covered by items on the Agenda.

1489. Report from the Chairman:

The Chair had nothing to report but wished to add an item to the agenda of the April meeting to discuss the format of the Annual Meeting to try to get more public involvement. This was agreed.

1490. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

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

It was Resolved to express the Community Council's concern that the proposed fascia should not be of such a size that it would detract from the residential nature of the area, as Ash Grove Terrace is primarily a residential and not a commercial area.

Cllr. Blackman left the Chamber during consideration of the item.

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

1. 13/0018/FULL Mrs S Risby Erect two-storey side extension at 22 Clos Waun
Ceffyl

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

None received

b. ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved:

1. 2013	Cleaning services (Institute) £80.47	Contract period February
2.	SWALEC £291.55	Unmetered electricity supply (festive lighting)
3. (KWL)	Nelson Development Trust £360.00	Advance to cover shortfall in funding
4. 13)	CCBC £269.45	Election costs annual recharge (2012-
5. (4 th quarter)	Clerk	Net Salary £1,164.00
6. (Clerk)	HM Revenue & Customs	Income tax £291.00
7. (Institute)	British Gas Business £23.28	Electricity charges
8. Hall)	CCBC £394.40 DD	Business Rates 2013-14 (Snooker
9. (Institute)	CCBC £1,809.60 DD	Business Rates 2013-14
10. (Institute)	Welsh Water £484.29 DD	Water and Sewerage Rates 2013-14

Cllr. Morgan queried why the Community Council was paying business rates on its property. The Clerk reported that he had spoken with officers in CCBC who had confirmed that Community and Town Councils are not recognised by the Authority as Small Businesses (as appears to be the case in England) so are not eligible for Small Business Rates Relief.

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. Anne Blackman

Request for funding advance to cover shortfall in surveyor's fees re: Boys and Girls Club

Payment of this cost was approved.

2. GAVO

'Voluntary Voice' newsletter February 2013

Noted

3. Aber Valley Heritage Group

Request for financial contribution toward memorial pavior for a proposed 'Pathway of Memory' at the Welsh National Mining Memorial

It was Resolved to Agenda the item for consideration at the April meeting

5. HMR&C

Notification of new requirement to report PAYE in real
time *Noted*

6. CCBC Business & Technology Centre

Letter regarding information on forthcoming events to be included on website

The Clerk has provided the information on relevant NCC events

7. SLCC

Information on Wales Training Seminar at Swansea Liberty
Stadium on Wednesday 17th April 2013

*The Clerk was considering attending this event to learn about the new
Power of Wellbeing for Welsh Councils. The cost was £49 per delegate*

Members approved the Clerk's attendance

It was noted that members could also attend at the same cost

8. Welsh Government (Edwina Hart AM)

Reply re: meeting to report on Ty Du

It appeared from the content of the letter that any meeting with officers was not considered to be an option by the WG *Noted*

9. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Guidance leaflets:

- How to complain about a public body
- How to complain that a LA member has broken the code of conduct *Noted*

10. Goldies Cymru

Information on their activities

Noted

11. CCBC

Bands in the Park – summer 2013

CCBC were seeking financial support for the event

It was Resolved to consider the item at the April meeting

12. M Hudd

Request for a Grant Aid application form

The Clerk has forwarded an application form as requested

13. One Voice Wales

Invitation to renew membership

*The Clerk recommended members to continue the Council's membership of
OVW at an annual cost of £533.00*

It was Resolved to continue the Council's membership of OVW.

14. CCBC

Notification of JLC meeting on 20th March
2013 *Noted*

The Clerk issued keys to the Council Chamber and Community Room to the three members who did not possess a set. All members now had a set of keys to the Institute.

1491. Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:

The Community Council's Revised Standing Orders and new Financial Regulations were Approved and Adopted.

1492. Summer Street Fayre:

Cllr. Baldwin reported that members and the Clerk had met with Mr Paul Hudson at CCBC regarding arrangements for such events. The meeting had been very positive and Mr Hudson agreed to write to 'Big Cheese' stall holders to inform them of the NCC event. Any contact would then be via the Clerk.

It was agreed that the next stage should be to consult with the residents and businesses at Ash Grove to inform them of the event and to seek their support for the road closure on the day. A group of members agreed to undertake this by visiting the properties on the following Saturday morning.

It was Resolved that a Project Team should be set up including both members and other residents/traders with knowledge of organising/attending such events. Cllr. Baldwin was nominated as the Team Leader and Cllr. Mahoney as Deputy Team Leader. The nominations were approved.

1493. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

Cllr. Jones reported that KWL had attended a recent meeting of the NDT and had presented the Trust with some positive ideas on how to develop the building. It was noted that the estimated cost was £154k.

KWL would submit an application for planning approval at the appropriate time. A further meeting would be arranged.

Cllr. Morgan suggested that the building's environmental performance should also be considered.

1494. Snooker Hall/ Boxing Club:

Cllr. Morgan reported that he had received no expressions of interest following his advertising the tables on e-Bay. He suggested that rather than having to pay (perhaps) for disposal, consideration should be given to storing the tables locally so that if in the future there was a reason for reinstating them they would be available. Cllr. Blackman offered to approach the Community Centre to find out if they would be prepared to store them on behalf of the Community Council.

Cllr. Davies reported that she had been approached by a resident who might wish to acquire one of the tables. Although it was noted that other expressions of interest had been made to members, none had come to fruition. Cllr. Davies was asked to pursue the matter with the resident.

It was also agreed that Cllr. Morgan would find out the cost of dismantling and removal of the tables.

It was agreed that the disposal (or otherwise storage) of the tables needed to be prioritised as this was currently preventing the Boxing Club taking up their agreed rental of the premises. In view of this a decision would be made at the meeting of the Activities SC to be held on the following Tuesday.

1495. Refurbishment works at the Institute:

The Clerk reported that he continued to experience problems in speaking with Dean Livingstone to obtain the quotations for further work, including an estimate for the cost of internal repairs to the Snooker Hall arising from recent snow damage to the roof of the Institute.

It was *Resolved* that the Clerk should seek an alternative service provider as the quotations were not forthcoming. Cllr. Morgan would provide contact information to the Clerk.

1496. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Cllr. Miles reported that she had attended the presentation of the Infant School's ECO Platinum Award (the only school to receive this award in the Borough). Everyone there was very proud of this achievement.

The Inspection of the Junior School had been completed but the report had not yet been received.

Cllr. Baldwin reported that the new reduced size windows were being installed at the Community Centre and new curtains were also installed. Cllr. Morgan commented that this was a great improvement.

1497. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

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