

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th May 2013 at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllr. P Baldwin (Chairman)

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. A Gray

Cllr. L Lewis MBE

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. B Miles

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: PCSO Richard Williams

PCSO James Gregory

Apologies for absence: Cllr. A Blackman and Cllr. K Jones

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. 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:

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Blackman and from Cllr Jones who was travelling to Nottingham.

1512 Report from the Police representative:

The two officers present reported:

There had been 11 reported crimes at Nelson compared to 22 at Hengoed, 35 at Ystrad Mynach and 11 at Maesycwmmmer. These included theft of a vehicle from Heol Y Wern and theft of decorative horses from a wall fronting a property in Llanfabon Road.

There were 3 reports of ASB compared to 4 at Hengoed, 12 at Ystrad Mynach and 4 at Maesycwmmmer. The incidents at Nelson included youths kicking a ball against a shop..

During March and April the Ward team focused on anti social behaviour and worked with CCBC departments to maximize action taken, including eviction proceedings should young people continue to cause ASB, rescue of two dogs from their current owner and two new Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

In response to complaints about illegal parking, officers have patrolled the area around the Llanfabon Infants School at peak times. Leaflets offering advice on parking were handed to parents.

The Nelson Neighbourhood Team would be working with Llancaeath Primary School to assist staff and children undertaking planned walking visits around the village.

A 'Cold Caller / Rogue Trader' event was held at Nelson Library using the Online Watch Link (OWL) to offer practical advice on the issue. Crime prevention leaflets were also available.

PACT priorities were:

- Anti-social behaviour at village centre
- Off road motorbikes across the Ward
- Wheelie bins being stolen

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

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

Cllr. Gray reported that she had observed support officers who were not confident in their approach to some incidents and were consequently not being respected.

It was noted that youths continued to congregate outside the Newsagents though they were not causing any problems. They did however appear somewhat intimidating to older residents.

Members felt that there had been a considerable improvement in ASB overall apart from this particular area.

It was noted that the police station was being offered for sale.

Cones were being used to reinforce the parking restrictions near the pedestrian crossing outside the fish & chip shop. It was noted that there were also issues in relation to illegal parking at Heol Fawr and on a dangerous corner at Trafalgar Park.

Officers would be attending the forthcoming Skate Jam and would offer a cycle marking service.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance and report.

1513. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th April 2013 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of a meeting of an Activities SC held on 10th May 2013 were Received and Adopted

1514. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Minute 1507: Cllr. Morgan asked for clarification on the total amount of financial support being offered to the Nelson Development Trust in relation to the Boys and Girls Club project. The Clerk confirmed this to be £12,000.

1515. Report from the Chairman:

No report.

1516. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

1. 13/0245/RM United Welsh Housing Association Seek approval of the reserved matters regarding access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in connection with the construction of 35 dwellings and associated works approved under planning application 09/0469/OUT at the former coal yard Llancaiach view

Cllr. Morgan reported that he had requested a Planning Committee decision on the application and a site meeting

It was Resolved to strongly object to the proposed development in its current form on grounds of increased traffic access and egress and the additional loading on the local sewerage system. The Clerk would respond.

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

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

3. 13/0189/RET Ms S Williams Retain and complete shed/outbuilding at 54 Llwyn-Yr-Eos

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 April 2013	£64.57
2.	British Gas	Electricity charges (Institute)	£22.68
3.	Clerk	Mileage allowance for travel to Swansea Conference	£32.64

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. Wales Rural Observatory

Services survey 2013

The Clerk had completed and returned the questionnaire

2. Caerphilly County Borough Access Group

Application for financial assistance

The Clerk had sent a Grant Aid application form

3. CCBC

Information on 5-Man Team activity

4. Cllr. A Blackman

Email regarding not wishing to take up position of Chairman for 2013-14

It was noted that Cllr. Blackman did not have a photograph taken during her previous year of office as Chairman – a portrait will be taken when the immediate past Chairman has her portrait sitting.

5. CCBC

Dog Control Orders

It was noted that there were no dog litter bins in the Wern Park

The Clerk would forward a request for bins on behalf of the NCC

Cllr. Morgan would also raise the matter with the appropriate officer

6. Cllr. A Blackman

Email suggesting purchase of a DVD film on waste

The DVD costs £14.99

It was felt that Cllr. Blackman should request that a copy of the DVD be purchased by Nelson Library.

Cllr. Mahoney agreed to produce an article for the summer Newsletter on environmental issues

7. Nelson Village Partnership

Minutes of NVP meeting held on 25th March 2013 and Agenda for next meeting

Agenda item

8. One Voice Wales

'The Voice' spring 2013 edition

9. Robert Campbell (CCBC)

Comments on proposed site for summer market

Agenda item

10. Cllr. A Blackman

Notification that she did not wish to take on the role of
Chairman for 2013-14

11. Helen Morgan (CCBC)

Email regarding consultation on CCBC Improvement Objectives 2013-14 and
Web page for further information

Note the documentation is available in local libraries

12. GAVO

'Voluntary Voice' newsletter April 2013 edition

13. Ceri Mortimer (Gelligaer CC)

Sub-Committee to discuss potential joint activities for URDD

*It was agreed that the Chair, Vice-Chair and
Cllr. Lewis would represent the Nelson CC*

14. Nelson Community Centre Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 19th March 2013

Agenda item

15. CCBC (Derek Price)

Response re: Bands in the Park event

Agenda item

1517. Sponsorship of a 'Pathway of Memory' plaque:

Consideration of the item was deferred until the next meeting as Cllr. Jones – who was to report on the matter – was not present.

1518. Sponsorship of a 'Bands in the Park' event at Wern Park:

It was Resolved that the 2013 event would not be supported by sponsorship, but if the event this time proved to be successful and attracted sufficient interest, the Community Council would almost certainly sponsor an event next year.

1519. Summer Newsletter:

The Clerk outlined the usual items that would be included in the Newsletter and asked members to let him have any contributions they wished to include.

Cllr. Mahoney would submit an article on environmental issues.

Cllr. Gray suggested an item on the new Boxing Club including the use of wood from the former snooker tables to produce a lasting memento of our historic snooker hall. It would be important to include information on the number of times the Community Council attempted to revive the snooker hall which failed due to a general lack of support by the community.

Contributions should be sent to the Clerk as soon as possible.

1520. Summer Street Market:

The Clerk reported that although the response from the owner of the land at the end of Dynevor Terrace had been positive, use of the land could not be guaranteed as it was used at times during the summer for the storage of road surfacing equipment when local contractors were undertaking those works. The use of the land on the far side of the roundabout could be used if this was the case, but that would introduce issues for pedestrians crossing the busy A Road junction.

The response from Mr Robert Campbell (CCBC) was also noted which suggested that it would be a requirement that hedges on the land would need to be cut back to enable sufficient vision splay to be provided for traffic emerging from the site.

Whilst it was agreed that the above option should not be dismissed, it was Resolved to approach the Junior School to seek permission to hold the event in the school playground. The Clerk would write to the Chairman of Governors and copied to the Head Teacher regarding this.

1521. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

Members of the Nelson Development Trust reported.

Members had met with Cllr. Hardacre and Mr Colin Jones (CCBC) and were surprised that they had papers and plans of the proposals already in their possession. It was noted that the CCBC Property Assessment Manager had not yet viewed the property. A site meeting was to be arranged with Cllr. Hardacre being present.

Some concerns were still being expressed about the revised business plan.

It was noted that there now appeared to be a commitment by the CCBC that the whole parcel of land would be retained for leisure activities whatever the outcome of the current bid.

1522. Snooker Hall – payment for removal of tables / Boxing Club:

Cllr. Lewis reported that he had finally been able to arrange for the removal and disposal of the snooker tables. A team of five men had spent three days on their removal and he suggested that they a token payment of £50 per day should be made for the work undertaken.

It was Resolved that this proposal be endorsed making a total payment of £750 for the work. The Clerk would arrange for this to be paid on receipt of a formal invoice.

The Clerk reported that subject to the completion of some minor repairs to the floor, the Boxing Club could now be given access to the hall. He had arranged to meet with Mr Richard Bebb to

discuss what was required. He would also check whether the club required use of the pews which otherwise would have to be disposed of.

An item on the new Boxing Club would be put in the Newsletter.

1523. Refurbishment work at the Institute:

The Clerk reported that he continued to progress the outstanding works which would all be completed within the next few months.

Cllr. Gray requested that the replacement of the kitchen unit furniture in the Council Chamber should be revisited. This was agreed by members. The small working group would meet to further consider this.

1524. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Cllr. Mahoney reported that the Infants School appeared to have also done well in its recent inspection.

Cllr. Miles reported that the Infant School caretaker had retired and the recruitment process was underway.

Minutes of recent meetings of the Nelson Village Partnership and the Community Centre Management Committee were received and their contents noted.

1525. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

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