

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. P Baldwin (Chairman)

Cllr. G Davies

Cllr. K Jones

Cllr. A Gray

Cllr. G Mahoney

Cllr. B Miles

Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: PC Westley Morgan (Gwent Police)

PCSO James Bridgeman (Gwent Police)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. A Blackman and Cllr. L Lewis MBE

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.

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 who was attending another meeting and from Cllr. Lewis who was attending a School Prize Giving event.

1551 Report from the Police representative:

PC Morgan reported:

There had been 11 reported crime incidents at Nelson. These included theft of wheelie bins from Caerphilly Road / Springfield Terrace and theft of keys from a property in Lon-Y-Dderwen and the subsequent theft of a motor vehicle. There was also a notable incident in Shingrig Road involving an attack and robbery on a 63 year old local man. This incident is still being investigated.

There were 3 reports of ASB. The incidents at Nelson included 'crab apples' being thrown by youths at people in Wern Park.

Current 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.

Cllr. Davies reported that items were obstructing the footpath near the Nelson Hand Car Wash in Caerphilly Road. She also requested information on the number of vehicles being booked for illegal parking. Officers would provide this for the next meeting.

Cllr. Mahoney again 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.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their report.

1552. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th July 2013 were Received and Approved

1553. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1539: Cllr. Morgan asked about progress with the proposed Green Cone Scheme at the local schools. Cllr. Gray reported that she had approached the Head but that the Scheme needed to form part of a broader School Transport Plan. Cllr. Miles reported that a plan was currently in preparation.

1554. Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman had attended the concert at Salem in aid of Cancer Research Wales and had made a donation of £100 to the charity.

The Village Praise event had been successful and the collection, which amounted to £87, would be donated to her chosen charity, LATCH, together with certain income from the Annual Community Show. She expressed some disappointment however, about the lack of attendance by Council members.

The Chairman had also attended the Strawberry Tea organised by Calfaria and formally opened the Church Fete at St John's Church Hall. Even though the Fete was not very well supported the Church still managed to raise in excess of £800 from the event.

She had also been present on the opening day of the Community Council Summer Play Scheme which was well organised and enjoyed by a good number of Nelson children.

On 19th September she would attend the finish of the Tour of Britain cycle race and also the Welsh Guards March Past at Bargoed on 28th September.

She presented a plaque to the Community Council, made from part of a former billiard table, to be hung in the Council Chamber as a reminder of its heritage. The shield had been produced by Mr John Knight and given to Cllr. Lewis to bring to the meeting. It was agreed that the lettering and design needed to be enhanced if possible to make it more visible. The Clerk would arrange.

It was proposed that a donation should be made to Mr Knight for his work in producing the item. A donation of £50 was agreed to be paid out of the former Chairman's allowance.

1555. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

1. 13/0515/FULL Mr C Allen Erect two-storey side extension at 30 Ffos Y Cerridden.

2. 13/0516/FULL Astra Plant (Treforest) Demolish existing commercial garage and construct three no. Link houses at Heol Fawr.

3. 13/0518/FULL Mr A Ali Install new shop front at Simla Tandoori, 31 Commercial Street.

4. 13/0557/FULL Mr & Mrs S Rees Erect two-storey extension to front of dwelling and conservatory extension at 2 Rose Cottages, High Street.

5. 13/0575/OUT Mrs S Price Erect detached bungalow at Land Rear of Llwynceilyn Terrace and Heol Morien.

6. 13/0619/FULL Mr G Humphreys Erect extension to existing bedroom plus en-suite above existing kitchen and bathroom at 72 Heol Fawr.

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. 13/0440/FULL Mr & Mrs D Dowle Convert garage to living space and erect extensions to front and rear of existing house at 2 Lon Y Llwyn.

2. 13/0515/FULL Mr C Allen Erect two-storey side extension at 30 Ffos Y Cerridden.

3. 13/0518/FULL Mr A Ali Install new shop front at Simla Tandoori, 31 Commercial Street.

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

None received

b. ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved:

1.	One Voice Wales		Annual Membership
fee		£533.00 *	
2.	Tesco		Gifts for Village
Praise		£19.50 DC	
3.	Clerk		Petty Cash – Play
Scheme		£150.00 DC	
4.	A Gray		Reimbursement for cleaning
materials	£22.86		
5.	C Jones		Delivery of
Newsletters		£105.00	
6.	C Evans		Net Salary Senior Play Leader (4
weeks)	£951.52		
7.	S Lewis		Net Salary Play Leader (4
weeks)	£761.12		

8.	E Williams	£775.52	Net Salary Play Leader (4 weeks)	
9.	K Yoxall	£775.52	Net Salary Play Leader (4 weeks)	
10.	Zurich Management Services	£114.00	LCAS Annual subscription	
11.	University of South Wales Programme	£414.00	Printing of Newsletter and Show	
12.	One Voice Wales (OVW)	£30.00	Training Event K Jones	
13.	British Gas Business		Electricity charges (Institute)	£61.60
14.	British Gas Business (Institute)		Gas supply	£767.71
15.	H D Adcock	£FOC **	Banquet rolls (Community Show)	
16.	Ken Perry & Son (Coach Hire) (Cwmbran)	£180.00	Play Scheme Excursion	
17.	Sixty-Six Coaches	£95.00	Play Scheme Excursion (Aberfan Leisure Centre)	
18.	AM Embroidery Limited	£150.00	Banners for Annual Show	

19.	Broker Network Limited Insurance	£798.27	PL/EL and Contents/Equipment
20.	Everson Sports & Trophies trophy	£29.99	Best in Show
21.	Acorn Travel (Monmouth)	£240.00	Play Scheme Excursion
22.	Various payees (£5.00)	£240.00	Annual Show prizes
23.	Various payees (£3.00)	£129.00	Annual Show prizes
24.	Various payees (£2.00)	£58.00	Annual Show prizes
25.	Various payees Classes)	£40.00	Annual Show cash prizes (Children's
26.	Heol Fawr Allotments. prize	£50.00	Annual Show Allotment Association
27.	Annual Show Prize payee)	£5.00	Replacement cheque (incorrect
28.	Lord Nelson Inn lunch	£133.70	Annual Show judges'

29.	R James (Caretaker)	Casual labour (Annual Show)	£60.00
30.	Nelson Community Centre	Table loan donation (Annual Show)	
	£10.00		
31.	Pro-Copy Limited	Copy charges	
(quarter)		£82.80	
32.	CCBC Planning	Fee for Institute sign planning application	
	£90.00		
33.	Everson Sports & Trophies	Engraving of Annual Show trophies	
	£166.00		
34.	Clerk	Net Salary	
(2 nd quarter)		£1,164.00	
35.	HM Revenue & Customs	Income tax	
(Clerk)		£291.00	
36.	British Gas	Electricity charges (Institute)	£26.25

** Membership was approved at the March meeting but I overlooked payment of the fee*

*** A double payment was made against the equivalent supply in 2012 and so has now been corrected*

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. Network Rail

* Notification of proposed Communications Mast installation at
Nelson *Noted*

*For information, as the development falls within Network Rail's
'Permitted Development Rights'*

2. CCBC

Notice and minutes for a Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee meeting
on *Noted*

24th July 2013.

3. Aber Valley Heritage Group

Acknowledgement of grant toward cost of pavier at the Welsh National Mining
Memorial *Noted*

4. CCBC Mayor

Acknowledgement of donation to Mayor's Charity
Appeal *Noted*

5. CCBC

Publicity leaflets for Music Events including 'Brass Bands in the Park'
Noted

6. Nelson Community Centre Management Committee

Minutes and Agenda for meeting on 20th June 2013

Agenda item

7. Play Wales

2013 Play for Wales Newsletter - summer
Noted

8. GAVO

Notification of AGM on 16th October 2013
Noted

9. Mazars

Audit outcome for FYE 31 March 2012

Agenda item

10. Assistant Chief Constable – Gwent Police

Engagement with
Communities

Noted

For information

11. Solar Securities

Information on a proposed Solar PV development at Hendai Farm
1 mile north of
Gelligaer

Noted

For information

12. CCBC

T&CC representation at Proms in the Park event

Noted

For information

13. CCBC Planning

Changes to Householder Permitted Development
rights *Noted*

For information

14. Martin Rees

Letter re: grammatical error in Summer
Newsletter *Noted*

For information

The Clerk had responded to Mr Rees by email

15. Cor Rhosyn Ladies Choir

Invitation for Chairman to attend Annual Concert on 10th October

Passed to Chairman

16. Helen Morgan (CCBC)

Community Council Websites

Agenda item

17. CCBC

Remittance Advice for Precept second instalment

Noted

18. Cor Rhosyn Ladies Choir

Change of venue for Concert

Passed to Chairman

19. NALC

Letter re: Clerks Salary Award 2013/14

To be considered at a future meeting

20. Patreesa Humphreys

Invitation to Chairman to open Church Fayre at

St John's Church on 31st August 2013

Passed to Chairman

21. SEWTA

Community Transport Regional Network Strategy
Consultation *Noted*

For information

22. Jeff Cuthbert AM

Letter re: Network Rail Communication
Mast *Noted*

For information

The Clerk had responded to Mr Cuthbert's Office by email

23. Cllr. G Davies

Request for an Agenda item

Agenda item

24. Aber Valley Heritage Group

Invitation for Chairman to attend Dedication Service on 14th October 2013

Passed to Chairman

25. Assistant Chief Constable – Gwent Police

Notification of meeting on 19th September 2013

Passed to Chairman

26. CCBC

Invitation for Chairman to attend Royal Welsh parade in Bargoed on 28th September 2013

Passed to Chairman

27. Friends of Llancaiach Fawr

Honorary Membership for 2013/14

Noted

28. Shelter Cymru

Request for Financial Assistance

The Clerk had sent a Grant Aid application form

29. Valleys Eisteddfod

Request for Financial Assistance

The Clerk had sent a Grant Aid application form

30. Heol Fawr Allotments Association

Request for Financial Assistance

The Clerk had sent a Grant Aid application form

31. Helen Morgan (CCBC)

Information re: Soldiers' Freedom Parade at Bargoed on 28th September
2013 *Noted*

For information

32. Paul Hudson (CCBC)

Information on dates of local Christmas Markets

Agenda item

33. Anouska Beaumont

Passing on an enquiry by a resident on using Community Room

The Clerk reported that he had offered to meet the resident to discuss her requirements but no further contact had been made.

Members questioned whether it was the remit of users of the Community Room to show residents the facility rather than introducing them to the Clerk or a Member.

It was agreed that the Clerk should clarify this with Anouska.

34. CCBC

Information on changes to Bus Services at Nelson

Noted

For information

1556. Annual Return and Annual Accounts 2012-2013:

The Clerk reported that no issues had been identified by the auditor with respect to the Annual Return and Accounts for the year 2011-12. The Clerk had noted that the current method of

recording depreciating asset values was not in accordance with recommendations. In future asset values would be recorded as purchase cost or replacement value

The Annual Return, Certified Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2013 were Approved.

1557. Town Centre Management Committee for Nelson:

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had requested that the item be deferred to the next Agenda.

1558. Local Newsletters:

Cllr. Davies expressed concerns regarding the content of a local political newsletter and its circulation.

The Chairman would not allow and further input from the Councillor or consideration of the matter, as it was not the Community Council's remit to comment on local organisations', groups' or individuals' publications and any such concerns should be made to the publisher of the newsletter.

1559. Community Council Website:

Following discussion it was Resolved that the grant of £500 be accepted for use in developing and updating the existing Community Council website. The Clerk would respond.

1560. Christmas Market:

The Clerk had obtained dates of the other organised Christmas Markets in the area from CCBC other than the one at Ystrad Mynach. Cllr. Morgan offered to find out the date for that market and report back.

The only other market to conflict with the Community Council's proposed date of Saturday 14th December was the one at Risca.

It was Resolved to stage the market on the proposed date as an afternoon event (from 1.00pm if acceptable to traders) and that this would coincide with the appearance of Santa that evening and the Annual Carol Singing event with the usual brass band (if available).

The Clerk would contact Mr Paul Hudson (CCBC) and other relevant parties to confirm.

Further details surrounding the event would be considered at the next meeting of the Activities Sub-Committee.

1561. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

It was reported that the NDT had met recently and the final draft of the Business Plan was now with committee members. The deadline for submission was the following Friday. It was agreed that the Community Council could have sight of the Plan following its submission.

1562. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Minutes from the Community Centre Management Committee were noted. It was reported that a grant was being sought to fund further improvements to a number of areas within the Centre.

Cllr. Davies asked if NVP minutes were being received. The Clerk replied that the last meeting minutes from the NVP were received from the meeting held in June 2013.

Another Councillor, also a member of the NVP had passed on a copy of the most recent minutes received. Cllr. Davies expressed a number of concerns about the content of the minutes and felt that some minutes had been distorted from the actual discussion which had taken place.

It was Resolved that Cllr. Davies requests that the inaccuracies and misinformation be corrected at the next meeting of the Partnership and asks that the Secretary will ensure that the minutes and Agenda are copied or emailed to the Clerk for circulation at NCC meetings.

1563. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

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