

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

ACTIVITIES MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 3rd March 2016 beginning at 6.30p.m.

Present: Cllr. A Gray (Chairman)
Cllr. P Baldwin
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. B Miles
Cllr. S. Morgan
Cllr. G Mahoney
Cllr. A Blackman

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence,

Cllr. Lewis MBE, (Vice Chairman)
Cllr K. Jones

Also in Attendance Representatives: Hollybush Allotments
Heol Fawr Allotments
Shingirg Allotments

Rachel Maflin GAVO Play Coordinator

The Chair welcomed representatives from the Allotments and GAVO to the meeting

Declaration of Interest:

As previous

1883 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies accepted from:

Cllr. Lewis MBE, (Vice Chairman)
Cllr K. Jones

1884 It was agreed the Winter Newsletter had been successful and the delivery by Nelson Rugby club Junior section had worked well:

1885 It was agreed to defer consideration of the Winter show to a later meeting. General consensus was that it may benefit from a shortened program of events (not so much of the same) with an emphasis on ensuring the children of the village have the opportunity to visit father Christmas.

1886 The Chair thanked Rachel for attending the meeting to talk about the Summer play offered by GAVO and how it linked to the Summer play schemes offered by Community Councils. .

It became apparent that any play group leader would, from the 1st April 2016, be required to have the new Managing a Summer Play Scheme Award (level 3). It was agreed this would cause major issues for schemes like Nelson due to the short timescales and the fact it may be impossible to engage a qualified person to run the scheme.

Rachel informed the Council that a course was being run on 3 consecutive Saturdays running from the 19th March but that registration was required by 9th March. **It was agreed the Clerk would contact GAVO to book a place on the course** but it may be difficult to get someone to attend at such short notice so it was agreed to contact last year's leader to see if they were interested although attending the course would not guarantee then being successful this year.

It was also agreed that Rachel would determine if GAVO could assist with the provision of a leader for the Nelson Scheme and it would be run under the umbrella of GAVO (which would avoid the need for Nelson to register with CSSIW as it was reported this was quite a complicated and long winded process.

All Members expressed their concern regarding lack of information regarding this new requirement and it was **agreed enquiries would be made with CCBC.**

The Chair thanked Rachel for the information and her attendance at the meeting.

Agreed to defer arranging until further information was available

1887 The Chair welcomed representative from the 3 Nelson Allotments to the meeting.

Members emphasised their desire to work with the 3 Allotments and to encourage them to work together for their mutual benefit and the benefit of the residents of Nelson.

Shingrig Allotments offered to share the policies they had developed as part of their grant applications and details of funding they had acquired albeit it was in the main for Capital works.

It became apparent that each allotment had works required at their respective sites and it was agreed that they could submit Grant aid applications for contributions towards the works required.

The following actions were agreed:

2 joint Allotment meeting pa (February and September)

Exchange names and addresses of main contacts

Include Allotment articles in Summer Newsletter

Provide Grant Aid forms

The Chair congratulated Shingrig Allotments on their Pride in your Place award.

Shingrig confirmed they would be organising a Community Litter Pick around their site

1888 Confirmed the Summer Newsletter would be circulated end of June 2016.

Agreed articles would be provide to Clerk by end March

Draft would be provided at April meeting

We would try and incorporate list of classes and entry form (either on newsletter of with A4 insert)

Final draft approval in May meeting

Book printing slot for June and obtain options for a) newsletter, b) newsletter plus A4 insert and c) Summer show program

Quotations would be obtained for printing

Delivery by Nelson RFC junior section if they are interested

1889 Summer play scheme was discussed under earlier item

1890 Chairman would speak to church regarding available dates for Songs of Praise

The meeting closed at 9-00 pm

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