

# County Borough of Caerphilly

## Nelson Community Council

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. K Jones (Chairman)  
Cllr. G Davies  
Cllr. A Gray  
Cllr. L Lewis MBE  
Cllr. G Mahoney  
Cllr. S Morgan

Delphine Brown (Clerk)

In attendance: None

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. P Baldwin  
Cllr. A. Blackman  
Cllr. B Miles

#### Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Davies declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust and CCBC Standards Committee.

Cllr. Gray declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

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

Cllr. Morgan declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee and the Nelson Development Trust

#### Apologies for Absence:

Cllr B Miles – On Holiday, apologies accepted.

Cllr. P Baldwin – Chairing public meeting for W. David MP, apologies accepted.

Cllr A. Blackman – Nelson Community Centre Accounts, apologies not accepted.

#### **1767. Report from the Police representative:**

There were no Police representatives, the newly appointed Clerk has now obtained the relevant email address for the next meeting.

#### **1768. Minutes:**

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Received and Approved
- Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Received and Approved

#### **1769. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

#### **1770. Report from the Chairman:**

The Chair reported that a call had been received from Cor Rhosyn Ladies Choir enquiring of the availability of the community room for practicing purposes due to them not having a venue for their preferred time of meeting each week, this is due to the closure of Salem Chapel. Information to be provided regarding room availability and also details of other venues that may be suitable in the area. Members agreed that we are to support where possible to ensure the choir is not in a position of having to disband.

A further call from the Secretary of Nelson Historical Society confirming that due to the closure of Salem Chapel they no longer have a place to store the Historical Society artefacts and would we be willing as a council to house their lockable storage cupboard. Members agree that subject to measurements we would be willing to accommodate this.

Information had been received from Cllr. P Baldwin and distributed by the Chairman regarding LDP and in particular a letter written by our MP for Caerphilly Wayne David to the interim Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Burns giving his response to the LDP. A letter that had be formulated by neighbouring Councillors and distributed to residents of Penybryn was also provided as an example of Councillors informing their residents of what was happening locally. The Chairman wished thanks to be noted to Cllr. Baldwin for providing this useful information.

Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk attended Planning Aid Wales training that was very informative and gave a good level of information regarding the proposed changes to the way in which we are involved with planning. The Chairman had collected workbooks for distribution to all council members who were not in attendance at the training event.

Information from Nelson Tae kwon Do, who have qualified again to compete at the European Championships was received. There are three Nelson Residents who will be representing Nelson and attending. A Grant Aid form has been provided to raise funds to cover the cost of attendance for the representatives. Chairman expressed on behalf of all members how proud we are and that they have our full support.

Chairman announced the news that our local resident and nelson boxing club member Gavin Gwynne has won the Welsh Amateur Boxing Title for the 64kg weight category. Chairman and all members have expressed how proud they are of his achievement and that the boxing club and its members continue to have our full support. A meeting is to be held to further discuss any recognition to be made regarding this exceptional achievement.

Chairman confirmed that the event held in honour of our retiring clerk was very enjoyable and thanked all members who were present. She also thanked all members including those not in attendance for their support of the recognition for our retiring clerk. She said again that it is to be noted that the retired Clerk Mr A. Hoskins would be sorely missed and that all members were very grateful for his years of dedicated service to the council and wider community.

The Chairman's report opened up much discussion and a number of actions were called for. These are to be added as agenda items to the next meeting in order that actions can be taken following the proper procedures,

#### **1771. Report from the Clerk:**

##### **a. PLANNING:**

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

None received

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

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| 1. | 15/0186/FULL | Mr A Lovett | Erect a single storey rear extension to 1 Greenhill Cottages Llwynceilyn Terrace. |
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*It was resolved that no comment or objection be made in relation to the above application.*

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

None received

**b. ACCOUNTS:**

**The following payments were approved:**

1.	D Gray	Cleaner Salary (January)	£68.03
2.	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£18.00
3.	CCBC	Business Rates (Snooker Hall)	£407.70*
4.	CCBC	Business Rates (institute)	£1879.80*
5.	Welsh Water	Water/Sewerage Charges (Institute)	£288.34*
6.	Society of Local Clerks	Renewal Membership Fees	£111.00
7.	British Gas	Electricity Bill (Institute)	£45.28
8.	Mrs J. Murphy	Art work of Institute	£50.00

\*payable by monthly direct debit.

**c. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**The following correspondence was received:**

1. Helen Morgan  
Leisure Facilities Consultation
2. Helen Morgan  
Recycling Consultation
3. Helen Morgan  
Budget Consultation
4. Cllr. Sean Morgan  
Inv. To Shingrig Rd., Allotments
5. Cllr. Anne Blackman

LDP

6. Helen E Coates  
Bands in the Park Concert Programme
7. Cllr. A. Blackman  
Street Life, Local Social Network
8. Planning Aid Wales  
Free Planning workshop Spaces
9. Cllr. A. Blackman  
Feb Min. of Centre Management Committee
10. Lisa James- Senior Planner  
Response to LDP Consultation

**1772.** Item 7 stricken from the agenda due to the absence of (AB)

**1773.** Item 8 stricken from the agenda due to the absence of (AB)

It was highlighted by members that both items had previously been on the agenda and had been stricken due to the absence of the councillor who had requested for their agenda.

**1774.** Cllr. A Gray reported that members of Llancaiach Junior School would be attending our chambers as agreed to provide an experience of tier one of local government. This would be followed up by a visit to the local authority chambers and the Welsh Assembly.

**1775.** Cllr. G Davies reported that members of the Nelson Development Trust were now completing the further consultation exercise in order to move forward with the funding applications to progress the project.

**1778. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:**

No members of the public were present.

*Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm*

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