

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th December 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. K Jones (Chairman)
Cllr. P Baldwin
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: Inspector Bartholomew (Gwent Police)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. A Blackman

Declarations of Interest:

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

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:

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had tendered her apologies.

1718. Report from the Police representative:

The Clerk tabled a written report from PCSC Richard Williams for member's information.

Inspector Bartholomew introduced himself and reported that an enforcement campaign regarding parking issues relating to the schools was to be mounted in the New Year.

The following matters were raised by members:

- Alleged drugs issues relating to a property in Heol Fawr
- Parking on Zigzags outside Nelson Turf Accountants
- Parking adjacent to and opposite the junction from Trafalgar Park onto Llwynceilyn

The Chairman thanked the Inspector for his attendance and input.

1719. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th November 2014 were Received and Approved.
- Minutes of an Activities Sub-Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2014 were Received and Adopted.
- Minutes of an Appointments Sub-Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2014 were Received and Adopted.

1720. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Cllr. Davies reported that an application by Bryn Compost to extend its operating hours was considered recently by the CCBC Planning Committee but she had not been informed. The Clerk responded that information was received from CCBC on applications when they are submitted for approval and on the planning decision (now only online), but no information is provided in relation to what specific matters are coming before any particular Planning Committee meeting.

It was agreed that if Local Members were aware of any matters being considered by the Committee which could impact on Nelson, they should inform the Clerk.

The Chairman had been unable to attend the scheduled training event she was booked on to but would attend another session of the event on a future date.

1721. Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman reported that she had recently been invited to open a new business in Nelson and had included a brief report on this in her letter to residents in the Christmas Newsletter.

1722. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

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| 1. 14/0720/FULL | Mr P Amos | Construct a four bedroom two-storey detached dwelling at Land Adjacent to 11 Heol Fawr. |
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It was Resolved that no comment or objection be made to the above applications.

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

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| 1. 14/0589/FULL | Mr D Gilsenen | Erect double garage with pitched roof at 129 Shingrig Road. |
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For information: the following applications were refused by the County Borough Council:

None received

b. ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved:

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| 1. D Gray | Cleaner Salary (December) | £68.03 |
| 2. Nelson Development Trust | Printing and distribution of flyer | £140.00 |

3.	Andrew Lloyd	Replacement central heating pump	£165.00
4.	Ann Gray	Reimbursement for purchase of cleaning materials	£18.40
5.	David Astley	Clearing vegetation and refuse at Institute car park	£140.00
6.	Elise Holland	Fee and expenses for Remembrance Sunday	£50.00
7.	CCBC	Election Recharge 2014-2015	£674.66
8.	Pro-Copy	Copier charges (Quarter)	£109.50
9.	SLCC	Clerk's membership renewal	£25.75*
10.	Clerk	Net Salary (3rd quarter)	£1,135.40
11.	HM Revenue & Customs	Income tax (Clerk)	£283.85
12.	Amazon UK	Microphone for use with School PA system	£25.00 DC

* Three months membership due to Clerk's retirement (Item 18)

It was noted that the Clerk was still attempting to resolve the issue with the heating controllers at the Institute. Cllr. Morgan agreed to arrange a meeting with a local installer to discuss how to resolve the matter.

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. CCBC

Winter Service Plan 2014/2015 (CD-ROM) *Noted*
2. CCBC (Regeneration and Planning)

Notification that Decision Notices will no longer be emailed to Town and Community Councils *Noted*

Notices are now published only on the CCBC website
3. GAVO

Voluntary Voice Newsletter *Noted*
4. Office of National Statistics

Quarterly Vacancy Survey *Noted*

The Clerk had provided the requested data
5. CCBC (Education & Lifelong Learning)

Consultation re: Abertysswg & Pontlottyn Replacement Primary School *Noted*
6. Community Centre Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 8th October 2014

Agenda item

7. Llamau
Request for financial support
The Clerk had sent a Grant Application form
8. St David's Children Society
Request for financial support
The Clerk had sent a Grant Application form
9. CCBC
Indemnity forms for Christmas lighting and notification
that a grant of £800 toward costs had been approved
Noted that this would probably be the last time the grant would be made
10. Friends of Llancaiach Fawr
Friends News – Winter 2014 *Noted*
11. CCBC (Mayor's Office)
Christmas card *Noted*
12. Welsh Hearts
Request for financial support
The Clerk had sent a Grant Application form
13. Urdd
Stewarding opportunity – application form *Noted*
14. CCBC (Community & Leisure)
Five-man community cleansing team – 5 January 2015 *Noted*
15. One Voice Wales
Application form for attendance at Buckingham Palace
Garden Party
Passed to Chairman
16. Anne Blackman (Community Centre Management Committee)
Payment of promised grant to Play Scheme
To be considered under Member's Reports – Agenda item
17. Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Ageing in Wales initiative

Noted

18. SLCC

Renewal Notice for Clerk's membership

It was agreed that the Clerk should renew his membership for a period of three months due to his pending retirement

1723. Public Toilets at Nelson:

The Clerk had informed Mr Mark S Williams that a consultation exercise on whether the Community Council should take over responsibility for running these was to be undertaken.

He had included an item in the Christmas Newsletter indicating the likely increase in Precept and seeking feedback on whether this would be acceptable to residents. Feedback was invited by email to the Clerk or by telephone to any of the Members.

The matter would be formally considered at the January meeting of Council following receipt of any feedback.

1724. Christmas Market and Santa Event:

The Chairman wished to thank the former Santa for his diligence over the years, particularly during the period when he toured the village on his Sleigh. The Clerk would write a letter to him expressing thanks from all the Members.

The timings for the various stages of the event were agreed and these would be updated in the Newsletter before publication.

1725. Christmas Newsletter:

The content of the draft Newsletter was approved subject to amending the times relating to the Christmas Event (item 1724).

1726. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Minutes of a meeting of a Community Centre Management Committee were received and the content noted.

The matter of the promised grant to the Play Scheme was deferred to the next meeting because Cllr. Blackman was not present.

Cllr. Gray reported on the Christmas performances at the Infant's School. She had attended one of these and the children had put on a wonderful performance. The Junior School performances were taking place during the following week.

Cllr. Gray also reported that a meeting was arranged – following the holiday break – to discuss the parking issues at the schools.

She had attended Ron James' retirement event at the Nelson RFC. He had worked at the school for 26 years.

Cllr. Davies reported that the terms of the Lease Agreement between CCBC and the NDT for the transfer of the Boys & Girls Club premises had now been agreed. She also reported that the

consultation exercise on the future use of the premises had been productive with over 120 residents attending and providing their feedback. Although many suggestions had been made, it was agreed that a wider consultation involving the whole community was still required.

1727. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Members of the public would have needed to be excluded from the meeting by resolution during the consideration of the following items due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. A resolution was not required however, as no members of the public were present.

1728. Future rental of Shop Premises at 35 Commercial Street:

The Clerk reported that he had prepared an advertisement to be posted in the local Community Council notice boards and at the shop premises for a period of two weeks. Any expressions of interest would be reported to Council at its next meeting.

1729. Recognition for Support provided by the Caretaker at Llancaeach Junior School:

Members considered the value of the proposed voucher to be presented to Mr Ron James in recognition of his support for Community Council events held at the school for many years.

The following amounts were proposed:

Cllr. Morgan	£260
Cllr. Jones	£150
Cllr. Mahoney	£100
Cllr. Gray	£50

The result of the vote was:

£260	Not supported
£150	Not supported
£100	Three votes
£50	Two votes

Cllr. Lewis abstained from the vote.

It was therefore Resolved that a voucher to the value of £100 be obtained by the Clerk to be presented to Mr James at the Christmas Event.

Cllr. Gray wished it to be noted that she felt that the amount agreed was inappropriate in all of the circumstances.

1730. Appointment of New Clerk (update on progress):

The Clerk reported that the advertisement would be posted in the Community Council notice boards and on the website. He had also forwarded a copy to Helen Morgan (CCBC) for circulation to all other Community and Town Councils in the area and had requested that it also be advertised on the Borough Council website if possible.

Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm

Min/Dec/2014