

County Borough of Caerphilly  
**Nelson Community Council**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Present:**

Cllr. A Gray (Chairperson)  
Cllr. L Lewis MBE  
Cllr. G Davies  
Cllr. P Baldwin  
Cllr. G. Mahoney  
Cllr. S Morgan  
Cllr. B. Miles

Tony White (Clerk)

**In attendance:**

Inspector Muirhead  
Colin Brain (Heol Fawr Allotments)  
David Webber (Hollybush Allotments)

**Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. K Jones  
Cllr. A. Blackman  
Pierre Bernhard Grout (tendered apology for Shingrig  
Allotments)

**Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Sean Morgan  
Nelson Community Centre Management Committee  
Lease on unit within Institute Building

Cllr Pam Baldwin  
Nelson Development Trust

Cllr Ann Gray  
Nelson Development Trust  
Relative to employee

Cllr Gill Davies  
Nelson Development Trust  
Caerphilly CBC Community Council Liaison

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. K Jones  
Cllr. A. Blackman

Apologies accepted

### **1863. Report from the Police representative:**

#### **NELSON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

JANUARY 2016

Crimes incidents November/December

NELSON 50

Anti Social Behaviour Incidents November/December

NELSON 22

- \* Despite a number of house windows being damaged during December, overall anti social behaviour and crime has decreased in 2015
- \* Please note that there figures may appear higher than previous reports but these are for a two month period.
- \* Majority of crime related incidents are neighbour/domestic issues with many dealt with at low level not requiring an Officer to attend.
- \* A slight increase in ASB figures caused mainly by youths breaking windows along Ashgrove Tce. Although no individual has been identified as responsible, the group known to have been involved have been dealt with using the asbo process. Tenancy Enforcement dept of CCBC have also been involved and provided the Ward Team with valuable support when dealing with this issue.
- \* The street has been patrolled frequently during key times and residents who's windows have been damaged have been visited by the Ward CSO.
- \* As a result of the close working links between the Ward Team and Tenancy Enforcement dept. two families from Nelson who's children have been involved in asb are in a process that could lead to the families being evicted from council homes should the children continue to behave as they have done.
- \* Off road bike patrols of Llanfabon/Senghenydd - The mountainside has been patrolled but no bikes seen. Most likely due to the very wet weather experienced in recent months.
- \* Two youths seen working on off road bikes while in the garden have been advised where they can/cannot ride them. No action taken to seize the bikes because they were not being ridden at the time and showed no sign of recent use.

\* Cars damaged – Mabon Estate. A number of cars were scratched over night in December. Residents named a number of local youths they think may have been responsible although there was no evidence to support this. Youths named have been spoken to along with their parents and advised of asbo process.

\* Neighbour dispute, Wern Crescent – Police received many calls linked to an ongoing neighbour dispute. This has been dealt with by Ward Team working alongside housing association.

\* Llancaeach Primary – the Ward Team are about to provide the older pupils in the school with basic first aid training.

\* Police Surgeries - the Library and CreativiTea Café Gallery to be advertised in social media.

### **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Davies - Theft from garden not reported

2 Officers who responded to a Saturday night incident were very efficient

Cllr Baldwin - queried what were the restrictions placed by and ASBI - Inspector Muirhead confirmed it would probably include a requirement to refrain from undertaking certain actions and/or could include refrain from entering certain areas although this may be difficult to enforce

Cllr Morgan - raised the issue of parking by the Chip shop

Cllr Miles - no issue

Cllr Mahoney - issues regarding parking outside Llanfabon Infants School

Cllr Gray - reported on the Inspectors Surgery being held in the Institute earlier in the day and dealing with parking issues

**The Chair thanked the Inspector for his attendance at the meeting**

### **1864 Minutes:**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were Received and Approved with minor adjustment to 1861- paragraph 2 should read Head Teacher of Infants School.

### **1865 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

The Clerk had spoken to Alan Hoskins to determine liability for repairs to the building and Alan had confirmed the responsibility was with the Community Council.

#### **1866. Report from the Chairman:**

Cllr. A Gray (Chairperson) reported that whilst the Christmas event had been delivered as planned the attendance was disappointing and further consideration would be given at the next Activities committee.

Positive feedback had been received from both the Choir and Nelson Sinfionata regarding their inclusion in the event.

Thanks was expressed to all those who had participated and it was **agreed the Clerk would write letters** of thanks and determine with the school how much the Council would need to pay to cover the cost of opening for the evening of the event.

It appeared the Winter Newsletter had been well received and the delivery by Nelson Rugby Club Junior/Youth sections was successful.

No information had been received from the builder regarding the works undertaken or cost to repair the roof.

#### **1867. Meeting with Allotments**

The Chair welcomed Colin Brain (Heol Fawr) and David Webber (Hollybush) allotments to the meeting and explained that apologies had been received from Shingrig Allotments).

It was explained that the purpose of inviting the 3 Allotments to the meeting was to try and facilitate cooperation and to give assurances that the Council would like to work with them collectively for the benefit of their members and the residents of Nelson.

It was agreed that the three allotments would benefit from working together and sharing information that may be of useful, especially regarding funding and purchasing collectively.

It was apparent that great progress had already been made at Shingrig Road and Heol Fawr whilst Hollybush may benefit from further work (Toilets roads, footpath improvement, etc..)

It was agreed that it may be useful if each Allotment would formulate a list of required improvements and bring them to a future meeting of the Activities Committee of the Council who would try and facilitate joint working to benefit all those involved.

**Agreed that invitation would be sent to each allotment to attend the next Activities Committee meeting**

## 1868 Report from the Clerk:

### a PLANNING

No Nelson Applications included week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

#### **15/1088/FULL Site Area: 1551m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: Co-operative Mafon Road Nelson Treharris CF46 6PE**

**Proposal:** Install an Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

**Applicant:** Cardtronics UK Ltd PO BOX 476 Hatfield AL10 1DT

**Agent:** New Wave Installations Miss N Dickinson Hope Street Rotherham South  
Yorkshire S60 1LH

#### **15/1089/ADV Site Area: 1551m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: Co-operative Mafon Road Nelson Treharris CF46 6PE**

**Proposal:** Install non-illuminated signs

**Applicant:** Cardtronics UK Ltd PO BOX 476 Hatfield AL10 1DT

**Agent:** New Wave Installations Miss N Dickinson Hope Street Rotherham South  
Yorkshire S60 1LH

#### **Case Ref. 15/0733/NCC Site Area: 323m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: 15 Cae'r Gelynnen Nelson Treharris CF46 6BN**

**Proposal:** Change garage into summer house/games room

**Applicant:** Mr S Nesling 15 Cae'r Gelynnen Nelson Treharris CF46  
6BN

#### **Ty Du Nelson**

Cllr Morgan declared an interest in this item as the boundary adjoined a property he owns but it was agreed that as we would not be making any decision on this item he would remain in the meeting.

This additional item was highlighted that had not formally come to Planning but had been brought to our attention by the Planning Department.

Proposal by Welsh Government to consider residential development at the above site and engage ARUP to undertake Public Consultation.

It was noted the consultation event would be advertised locally (although no one present had seem anything so far) but those available would attend the event.

**It was agreed the subject would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting**

**b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December included below) - all other transactions included on bank statement**

A Gray (items for Christmas Event)	149.56
D Gray Cleaner (December 2015)	74.97 (inc. Nov increase)
A Hoskins Ex-gratia payment	100.00
D Brown (overtime payments)	206.16
HMRC (D Brown)	51.54
New PA System (T White)	159.99
CCBC (Nelson Toilets opening)	346.00
Steve Kelland (heating – new boiler)	2194.48
A.M. Embroidery Ltd	100.00
Procopy	125.94
CCBC (Election Recharges)	674.66

**c CORRESPONDANCE**

**The following correspondence has been received**

Community Cleansing Team Letter

copy attached (list of areas requiring attention would be provided to CCBC)

Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Local Emergency Centre)

copy attached **(question raised should it be renamed as it does not cater for full range of emergencies)**

Appointments of Vice Chair and Independent Members to NHS Wales

Copy previously circulated

Correspondence re appointment

Previously circulated (Agenda item)

Budget Challenge

copy previously circulated

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Bulletin

copy attached

Data Protection/Freedom of Information Training

copy attached

Natural Resources Wales Bulletin - issue 2

copy attached

### **Additional Correspondence presented at Meeting**

Eglwysilian Common - Cleanearth Energy - upgrade of existing track

One Voice Wales - RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly Area Committee 27<sup>th</sup> January  
**(Clerk forward to Cllr Jones)**

### **1869. To Consider ongoing correspondence relating to the appointment of the Cleaner and declaration of interest**

The Chair declared a personal interest in this matter and left the meeting  
Cllr Lewis took the chair.

The Clerk explained the correspondence received to date (previously circulated) and that he had been able to confirm with both Members of the Appointments Committee and other Members that there was no personal friendship with the person appointed. This information has been relayed to the 'complainant' but during the process there had been a variety of other questions combined with threats to report issues to the District Auditor and the Monitoring Officer together with issues relating to scrutiny of the council and dissolving the Council.

Members discussed in detail the extent of the initial request for information and the subsequent issues raised and how these had been dealt with by the Council

Members were unanimous in concluding that the proper process had been adhered to and questioned if the person asking the questions was in fact being vexatious.

It was agreed the clerk should write to the 'complainant' confirming the above and that as they felt the tone of the correspondence was becoming (or indeed was already) vexatious that we would refer the case to the Monitoring Officer for consideration/advice. It would also resolved that the Council would not engage in further correspondence with the complainant until they had received advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or if the complainant was prepared to attend a meeting with the council to discuss their concerns

The Chair returned to meeting after discussion was concluded.

### **1870 To Consider update on Christmas Event and Winter Newsletter**

Agreed to defer until Activities Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 6-30 pm where we would also discuss

Christmas Event and Winter Newsletter

Summer Play scheme (and we would try and arrange for GAVO play

coordinator to attend and provide presentations

6-45 pm **(clerk to send invitation)**

Allotments meeting

7-15 pm **(clerk to send invitations)**

Summer show

Summer Newsletter

Any other events/issues

### **1871 Determination of Precept**

Report from Clerk was considered.

Members resolved (by unanimous vote) that the precept be increased by 1 % to allow continued input into community events, spending on essential repairs to the building and to offset increases in expenditure and loss of grants.

**Clerk to write to Caerphilly County Borough council confirming the above**

### **1872 Acknowledged of MBE received by Bobby Brain and CBE for Simon Weston**

It was agreed the clerk would write and congratulate:

Bobby Brain

Simon Weston

On their recent awards of MBE and CBE.



**1873 To receive reports from Members who serve on external committees organisations**

No Trust Meeting

No School Reports

CCBC settlement better than expected

**1874 To receive representations from Members of the Public**

None in attendance

*Meeting Closed at 9-15 pm*

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