

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. P Baldwin (Chairman)
Cllr. A Blackman
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. A Gray
Cllr. L Lewis MBE
Cllr. G Mahoney
Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: Member of the public
Sergeant Carl Morgan (Gwent Police)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. K Jones and Cllr. B Miles

Declarations of Interest:

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

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 Community Centre Management Committee and Friends of Wern Park.

Apologies for Absence:

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Jones attended University on Wednesdays and that Cllr. Miles was travelling back from a training event in Bristol.

1629 Report from the Police representative:

Sergeant Morgan tabled a written report, the content of which was noted.

Questions/Comments:

Cllr. Morgan requested use of the electronic speed monitor on the opposite the junction of Heol Fawr and the Greenacres Estate as vehicles often travelled at excessive speed from the mountain road, causing issues for residents emerging from the estate.

It was noted that no issues had arisen as a result of the Fair in early March.

Cllr. Gray reported that a fire tender had been unable to access the Infants School during a recent alarm activation because of parents vehicles being parked on the access roads. Enforcement action needed to be taken against such irresponsible parents.

It was noted that Nelson Police station had been sold and would close.

1630. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February 2014 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of an Emergency Meeting held on 14th February 2014 were Received and Approved
- Minutes of a Special Meeting held 26th February 2014 were Received and Approved

1631. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Ordinary Meeting 1625: Cllr. Morgan had spoken with the resident who raised the matter and was awaiting a response.

Emergency Meeting: The Clerk reported that a letter objecting to the closure had been sent. Cllr. Morgan had proposed to CCBC that perhaps the toilets could be operated on reduced hours and was awaiting a response. Cllr. Lewis proposed that a Special Meeting be arranged to further consider the potential closure, following feedback to Cllr. Morgan. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 6.30 pm.

1632. Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman had not attended any events since the last meeting.

1633. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

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| 1. 14/0108/CLEU | Mrs E Shrubb | Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing garage conversion and porch at Sun Hill, Bryncelyn. |
| 2. 14/0116/FULL | Ms M Burt | Erect single storey extension to rear at Cromwell House, 112 High Street. |
| 3. 12/0571/FULL | Amended Plans | Convert former rectory into two affordable houses and erect residential development of six dwellings at The Rectory and School Site, High Street. |

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. 13/0742/FULL | MrG Richards | Erect two storey rear extension at 1 Tynwydd Cottages, Craig-Evan -Leyshon, Common Road. |
| 2. 13/0754/FULL | Mr R Morgan | Erect conservatory at Pengelli Farm, Llanfabon Road. |

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 (February)	£64.77
2.	D Gray	Cleaner Salary (March)	£66.30
3.	British Gas	Gas supply (Institute)	£450.56
4.	Welsh Water	Water and Sewerage charges (Institute)	£495.67 p.a.*
5.	CCBC	Annual Election Recharge	£269.45
6.	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership Fee (if remaining in membership)	£547.00
7.	Clerk	Net Salary (4 th quarter)	£1,164.00
8.	HMR&C	Income Tax (Clerk)	£291.00
9.	Clerk	Arrears of salary 2013-14 (net)	£44.85
10.	HMR&C	Income Tax (Clerk's arrears of salary)	£11.21
11.	Pro-Copy	Photocopier charges (quarter)	£95.22
12.	CCBC	Business Rates (Institute)	£1,844.70 p.a.*
13.	CCBC	Business Rates (Snooker Hall)	£402.05 p.a.*
14.	SWALEC	Unmetered supply (Festive lighting)	£281.98
15.	British Gas	Electricity Supply (Institute)	£41.13
16.	B&Q	Stepladder and toolset for Institute	£146.94 DC
17.	L Jenkins	Repairs to sill at 35 Commercial Street	£120.00
18.	K Rees	Repairs to Institute roof	£300.00

* Payable by monthly Direct Debit instalments

Cllr. Morgan queried the reason why NCC did not receive the small business rate reduction.

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. One Voice Wales
Invitation to renew membership
*The Clerk recommended continued membership.
It was Resolved to remain in membership of OVW*
2. CCBC (Waste Management)
Request for information regarding disposal of waste from the former Snooker Hall
The Clerk had replied

3. NSPCC
Request for financial assistance
The Clerk has sent a grant aid application form
4. Office for National Statistics
Quarterly Vacancy Survey
The Clerk had provided the data requested
5. CCBC
* Off Street Parking Places Order (Country Parks) *Noted*
4. CCBC T&CC JLC
Notice, Agenda and Minutes for meeting to be held on 5th March 2014 *Noted*
5. CCBC
Report following consultation on Secondary Rationalisation at Islwyn West *Noted*
6. Nelson Community Centre
Minutes of meetings
Agenda item
7. One Voice Wales (Paul Egan)
Reply to query about filming/recording of council meetings *Noted*
8. CCBC (Regeneration & Planning)
Making safe of Institute roof following storm damage *Noted*
9. CCBC (Park Services)
Request for sponsorship of Bands in the Park events
Agenda item
10. Cllr. A Blackman
* Filming/Recording of Council meetings *Noted*
11. Cllr. A Blackman
Request to remove Filming/Recording of Council meetings from the Agenda *Noted*

12. One Voice Wales
 Repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972
To be considered following release of the new Financial Regulations
13. CCBC (Gail Williams)
 Reply to query on Filming/Recording of Council meetings *Noted*
Members agreed that a training session by Ms Williams would be of benefit to members.
The Clerk would respond.
14. Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity
 Spring Newsletter *Noted*
15. CCBC
 Remittance Advice re: Website Grant
Grant of £500 received
16. Cancer Careline
 Request for financial assistance
The Clerk has sent a Grant Aid application form
17. CCBC
 Notice of an Events Organiser's Forum on 26th March, beginning at 6.00pm on 26th March 2014
*The Clerk tabled a poster regarding the event
 It would be posted in the NCC Notice Board*

1634. Membership of One Voice Wales:

It was Resolved to continue in membership with One Voice Wales.

1635. Restructuring of Local Authorities in Wales:

No action at the present time.

1636. Sponsorship of Bands in the Park:

It was Resolved not to sponsor an event this time, because members felt that the funds could be better spent on organising a local music event which involved all of the schools.

1637. Nelson Boys and Girls Club:

The new Business Plan had been rejected by CCBC. A report would be made to the NDT Annual Meeting on the following evening and to the Community Council at its next meeting.

1638. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Cllr. Baldwin reported that the cooker had been replaced at the Community Centre and that information on the proposed Luncheon Club would be available soon.

Cllr. Morgan reported that there had been some positive progress regarding a possible passenger rail service through Nelson, due to the development of a park and ride facility at the top end of the line, which formed part of the remediation works by Millar Argent. There could be a potential to provide platforms at Bedlinog, Trelewis and Nelson. Members felt that if this facility was to come to fruition, parking facilities near the station would be essential.

Cllr. Morgan reported that the Nelson RFC wished to expand its facilities and make them more family friendly and wished to make a presentation to NCC to explain their proposals. It was agreed that they could make a presentation to the next meeting, but that the Community Centre Management Committee should also be asked if they wished to make a similar presentation.

Cllr. Davies reported on a meeting of the CCBC Standards Committee regarding the Code of Conduct.

1639 Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

There were no questions or comments.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

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