

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm**

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

Delphine Brown (Clerk)

In attendance: Inspector Ian Muirhead

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. P Baldwin
Cllr. A. Blackman
Cllr. S Morgan

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 P. Baldwin –Attending CCBC Annual General Meeting, apologies accepted.
Cllr. S. Morgan –Attending CCBC Annual General Meeting, apologies accepted.
Cllr A. Blackman –Attending CCBC Annual General Meeting apologies accepted.

1779. Report from the Police representative:

Inspector Ian Muirhead reported last month was a good month with Crime within the Nelson well below average, only 12 crimes were reported which consisted of criminal damage, burglary, assault, theft and vehicle crime. Reported crime has been below average since February which Inspector Ian Muirhead is hopeful is due to a change on policing. May saw a slight rise in vehicle crime with 4 vans reportedly broken into,

there has been no escalation in that crime. The 7.5 tonne limit throughout the Nelson is still being enforced and parking issues continues to be a huge draw on resources with the Inspector's area. Inspector Muirhead is trying to identify different methods to improve the situation in an attempt to focus on serious crime within communities and not exhausting resources on annoyance issues. During the Police surgery on the 23rd April 2015, 99% of issues were speeding and parking highlighting the residents continued annoyance on these issues, hence inspector Muirhead assured members a continued effort to resolve these issues will ensue.

Cllr. A Gray thanked Inspector Muirhead for dealing with the ongoing issues with motorbikes.

Cllr. G. Davies identified an issue raised by a member of the public where vehicles exceeding the recommended weight limit and numerous vehicles parking in front of Domino's Pizza parlour late at night which is in violation of the planning consent for the establishment. Inspector Muiread advised Cllr. G. Davies to take up the issue with Caerphilly County Borough Council if however the vehicles present an obstruction issue that would be a matter for the police.

Cllr. K. Jones requested clarification on whether additional resources for traffic management had been allocated for the upcoming Eisteddfod, Inspector Muiread advised Cllr. K. Jones that the event hires a private company for the management of traffic and will not be directly involved, however local police will be engaged on some level.

Following the late apologies from the Community Police Officer (due to public transport issues) at not being able to attend a schedule meeting where Cllr. G. Mahoney was in attendance, Cllr. G Mahoney stated if sufficient notice had been given Cllr. G. Mahoney would have collected the Community Police Officer. Therefore could future apologies be given in sufficient time to avoid a repeat of the same situation whose presence at the mentioned meeting was vital? Inspector Muiread assured Cllr. G. Mahoney where possible sufficient notice would be given.

Cllr. B. Miles highlighted residents' concerns at parking restrictions on Shingrig Road during the Eisteddfod and asked for details concerning the temporary parking enforcements. Inspector Muiread advised Cllr. Miles to contact Bob Campbell and Clive Campbell of Caerphilly County Council for the details but assured Cllr. Miles residents will be informed if there are to be temporary speed restrictions. Cllr. Miles further highlighted local residents concerns at the impact of estimated visitors attending the Eisteddfod may have on the local area and requested clarification on policing methods during this time. Inspector Muiread confirmed there are contingency plans should there be any major issues and any rise in daily crimes will be monitored, there will also continue to be police presence with SPC's patrolling regularly.

Cllr. Ann Gray thanked Inspector Muiread for his report.

1780. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on April 09th 2015 Received and Approved
- Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 07th 2015 Received and Approved

1781. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Cllr Brenda Miles requested clarification on why Cllr. Anne Blackman's apologies were not accepted at the last meeting? All were advised that under One Voice Wales recommendations it was due process and proper to uphold the given responsibilities and duties of a Community Councillor, it was felt the reasons provided by Cllr. Anne Blackman did not uphold her responsibility as a member of NCC so were therefore refused. It was also noted for the second time Cllr. Anne Blackman had requested items for discussion as agenda items and failed to be present for the meeting, it was unanimously agreed to not accept Cllr. A. Blackman's apologies. Cllr. Ann Gray would like it noted if members request items to be listed for discussion on the agenda they are obliged to attend the given meeting.

1775 Cllr Gill Davies highlighted that the £500.00 donation from the dissolved Village Partnership to Nelson Development Trust was not noted and would like it acknowledged and recorded.

1782. Report from the Chairman:

Cllr Ann Gray thanked Cllr. Kerry Jones for all her efforts over the last year which was supported by all other members in attendance.

The new chairman had nothing to report so the former chairman gave a report regarding the last month of activity including the recent award ceremony acknowledging the outstanding achievement of local resident Gavin Gwynne who secured the WABA title. The former chairman thanked members for all their support during her year in office with particular thanks to the vice chairman and our former clerk. The year had been considerably busy with many local issues requiring attention, as well as some very successful events and occasions whereby she represented council along with the retiring of our clerk and recruitment of our new clerk. The highlight of the year was the opportunity to meet with HRH Prince Charles the Prince of Wales and Camilla Duchess of Cornwall. A recommendation was made that we consider a communications officer role for council in order that the community council is proactively and positively promoted in order that our profile is raised more effectively.

1783. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

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| 1. 15/0250/RET | Mr J Amos | To retain garage at the rear of the property at 18 High Street, Nelson. |
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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 approved by the County Borough Council:

None Received.

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 (April)	£68.03
2.	Co-op	Petty Cash	£150.00
3.	CCBC	Dangerous Structure repair (loose slate)	£407.70
4.	CCBC	Commercial Waste Charges	£258.50**
5.	D. Gray	Cleaning Materials	£25.30
6.	BT	Phone Charges (Institute)	£77.58*
7.	British Gas	Gas Charges (Institute)	£280.49
8.	Cllr. K. Jones	Buffet expenses (Gavin Gwynne event)	£100.00
9.	Everson Sports	Engraving (Gavin Gwynne award)	£31.99

*payable by monthly direct debit.

**clerk to investigate possible abolition of this service.

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. One Voice Wales
Local Government Act (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 – order 2015
2. South Wales Fire
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Campaign
3. Helen Morgan
Velothon Wales
4. David Lucas (CCBC)
CCBC Local Development Plan
5. Catherine Forbes-Thompson (CCBC)

Scrutiny Committee

6. Co Op Bank
New Charges
7. Ombudsman
Revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct
8. Mazars
Annual Return Completion
9. Kathryn Peters (CCBC)
Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
10. WAG
Access to Information on Community and Town Councils
11. Cllr. S. Morgan
Shingrig Allotments (Agenda item)
12. Cllr. S. Morgan
Urdd Eisteddfod (Agenda item)

1784. As the joint member for the application of agenda item number 12, Cllr. Kerry Jones advised following consultations with CCBC regarding the erecting of bunting through the streets and on premises in Nelson it had been decided due to time restrictions and costs not to pursue with any further involvement from CCBC, hence Cllr. Kerry Jones along with some volunteers erected bunting throughout the town. Local Business' were extremely supportive and helpful.

Following consultations with CCBC concerning the re-opening of the public toilets within Nelson, Cllr. K. Jones reported no progression had been made with CCBC and the only available opportunity was for Nelson Community Council to fund the re-opening for the Urdd Eisteddfod which was met with much disappointment from members. Members were informed the cost of re-opening the toilets for the duration of the Eisteddfod would be £245.00 which would consist of the toilets being cleaned three times a day and open until 10pm, Cllr. K. Jones presented a strong case for the re-opening of the toilets given that shuttle buses would travel through Nelson and the likely hood being many visitors would require the use of a toilet. Cllr G Davies strongly objected stating the re-opening could reignite a very contentious issue, however members elected in a vote of 5-1 to open the toilets on a temporary basis for use during the Eisteddfod. Cllr. G. Mahoney requested his strong disappointment at the lack of financial support from CCBC during a national and prestigious event be noted, Clerk D. Brown is to write to CCBC expressing members disappointment.

- 1785.** Regarding the recent communication received from Wayne David concerning the LDP Cllr. Gerald Mahoney Jones requested a letter in response be sent requesting more emphasis is stressed on the Nelson Railway Line, Clerk Mrs. D. Brown will respond on member's behalf. .
- 1786.** The Clerk and RFO Mrs D. Brown requested the Clerks frequency of pay be changed to monthly as opposed to quarterly, this was approved by all members.
- 1787.** Cllr. G. Davies advised a local resident had approached her requesting permission to donate a cup for the wine competition which forms part of the summer show, in honour of her late husband, which was agreed by all members.
- 1788. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:**
- No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 8.53 pm

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