

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Tony White (Clerk)

In attendance: Inspector Muirhead Gwent Police
Two Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. A. Blackman

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
Cllr Gill Davies
Nelson Development Trust
Caerphilly CBC Community Council Liaison
Cllr Anne Blackman
Nelson Community Centre Treasurer
Nelson Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator
Cllr Brenda Miles
Secretary Nelson Chess Club
Secretary Nelson Branch Labour Party
Secretary Gelligaer and Nelson Commoners Association

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apology accepted

1833. Report from the Police representative:

Inspector Muirhead provided a summary of activity within the Nelson area:

Rise in reported crime for October – 30 for month, 12 above average.

Criminal damage

Shoplifting

Burglaries

Officers patrolling as normal (issues dealt with)

Shoplifting success

Off Road biking by Rugby Club

Halloween bonfire - bin burning was quite common at this time of year

'Boy Racers' around the town

Parking issues being dealt with when contraventions observed

Cllr Gray queried the detection rate:

20% for year

Inspector Muirhead confirmed the focus on crime reduction

3.6% increase in overall crime – 143 to April 2015

Cllr Jones queried information regarding shoplifting

Inspector Muirhead confirmed it was generally items to sell on as opposed to personal need

Cllr Morgan and Cllr Baldwin queried the 'Your Voice Survey' –

Inspector Muirhead confirmed this was available on line and was being conducted face to face by Officers at randomly selected properties

Cllr Davies queried issues at Maes y Derwen

Inspector Muirhead confirmed whilst it was considered inappropriate to report on specific locations any issues would be dealt with as appropriate

1834. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th October 2015 were Received and Approved with some minor amendment:

Attendance (Cllr Miles had tendered apologies),

item 1830 – change heading to Nelson Development Trust and combine with Nelson Boys Club item.

Letter to 3 Allotments Societies asking would they like to attend a future meeting.

1835. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Members agreed to purchase a portable PA system **Clerk to action**

1836. Report from the Chairman:

Cllr. A Gray (Chairperson) reported that the Remembrance Sunday Parade had gone well and a wreath was placed at the Cenotaph.

The choir had offered to sing in the church but they seemed to prefer their standard service

Agreed the Council should reimburse Elise (the trumpeter) £50 for her expenses in relation to attendance at the event and the **clerk should write thanking her for her attendance and enquiring if she would be available next year**

The system for booking the Institute room appeared disorganised and it was **agreed that all future booking be made through the clerk.**

It was agreed the **clerk would be informed of all known booking** so they can be included on a master diary. Also all **contact details of booking would be provided to the clerk** so he could formally confirm their booking, the period they are booked for (on going booking a maximum of 12 months) and so they can be provided with a copy of the conditions.

Activities Committee 26th November 2015 6-30 pm **(Clerk to arrange)**

1837. Report from the Clerk:

a PLANNING

Case Ref. 15/0772/FULL Site Area: 61m²

Location: Tair Waun Uchaf Farm Llanfabon Pontypridd CF37 4HN

Proposal: Erect rear single-storey extension with a 50% roof terrace

Applicant: Mr R Brewer Tair Waun Uchaf Farm Llanfabon Pontypridd CF37 4HN

Agent:

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st October 2015 to 31st October included below) - all other transactions included on bank statement

Cleaning equipment (October)	9.54
D Gray Cleaner (October 2015)	68.03
Postage (September and October)	25.20
Cancer Research Wales	90.00
Pro-copy (30 th June)	162.37
One Voice Wales (Training Course – June)	35.00
Joint Liaison Committee	100.00
Caerphilly CBC (Commercial Waste)	258.50
British Legion Society (AG)	22.00

c CORRESPONDANCE

The following correspondence has been received

Budget Challenge – Caerphilly County Borough Council

noted

Lighting query Bwll Road Nelson - Caerphilly County Borough Council

noted

Agenda item 8 (Nelson Development Trust– letter from Cllr Sean Morgan

noted

Festive Lighting funding

noted

Upgrade of Heating system

2 local contractor quotations received

noted and agreed to accept the lowest quotations from Steve Kelland
(Chair to speak to Steve Kelland)

Autumn/Winter Weed Control Programme – Caerphilly County Borough Council

noted and notify CCBC of 2 locations

Institute Bookings

noted - **discussed under Chairman's report**

Natter that Matters – Caerphilly County borough Council

noted

Top Tips for Renewing your Blue Badge

noted

Groundwork – funding opportunities

noted – it was felt that various organisations within the village could benefit and **Members would advise any they thought appropriate**

Proposed changes in the Remuneration of members of Community and Town Councils

noted

noted

Agenda item 7 - GAVO Holiday Scheme Summer 2015 Report

noted

The following items were reported at the meeting

Additional Penalty change from HMRC - Clerk to write to HMRC

Possible future issues regarding Work Place Pensions

Change of external Audit arrangements from 2016 (WAO)

One voice Wales Feedback – agreed clerk would provide a positive response

1838. To Consider the GAVO report on Summer Play Scheme provision

Members noted the content of the report and agreed to invite the Co-ordinator to an Activities committee in the New Year

1839 To Consider letter from Cllr S Morgan regarding future support for Nelson Development Trust by Nelson Community Council

Members noted and considered the letter of resignation from Nelson Development Trust.

It was felt that perhaps the resignation and the issue regarding accountability of the Trust may have been better dealt with as separate items

Cllr Davies sort clarification on the issues raised and it was concluded there was no suggestion of impropriety but that there should be formal written minutes/reports brought back to Nelson Community Council Meetings following meeting of the Development Trust.

It was agreed that support for the Trust should continue (with those who had a declared interest in the Trust agreeing not to vote) and that in future written reports/minutes would be provided for each formal meeting of the Trust.

1840. Winter Newsletter

The content was agreed

Items missing from the Winter version may be better suited to the Summer edition

A couple of typo's would be amended

Change the Pawn to another chess piece

Final version will be provided to Printers early week commencing 16th November 2015

Local enquires to be made for delivery of Newsletters with £100 payment agreed

1841 Christmas Community show

Change time to 5pm to 7 pm

All acts/arrangements in place

May need to purchase new banners

Discuss prizes, presents etc. at Activities Committee

1942 Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Llancaeath Junior School – nothing to report

Llanfabon Infants School - Teachers Assessments (1st Class)
Tight budget

Emphasised the importance of registering children who qualify for free School Meals as it also impacts on overall budget for Schools

1843 Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

Agreed to make enquires regarding delivery of Winter Newsletters

1844 Exempt information (no Public in attendance)

Consideration was given to a claim for additional hours worked by the previous Clerk and the advice received from One Voice Wales.

It was resolved that the claim for additional hours be agreed and the clerk write to the ex-clerk to determine the hours and amount claimed. The clerk **would also try and contact HMRC again to determine if there is any outstanding liability regarding tax for the ex-clerk**

Concerns were expressed by the current clerk regarding no available information for HMRC and no indication of any outstanding liability but will write to HMRC to try and clarify.

Also concern regarding no account information for the first 5 months although will try and bring this up to date before the accounts are due for submission. Unfortunately it may be difficult to verify the accuracy of the information but every effort would be made to bring things up to date.

Meeting Closed at 9-00 pm

Min/Novt 2015