

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9th October 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 (from 7.15pm)
Cllr. S Morgan

Mr A. Hoskins (Clerk)

In attendance: Sgt. Sarah Greening and CSO Richard Williams (Gwent Police)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. A Blackman

Prior to the meeting, members were addressed by Ms Rhian Kyte (CCBC Planning Department) on the new Community Infrastructure Levy for new builds within the County Borough.

A portion of the Levy would be passed on to Community and Town Councils (currently 15%) for spending within the community. Funds should be transferred on a 6 monthly basis, but CCBC would prefer to do this on an annual basis. Funds transferred needed to be spent within 5 years.

It was hoped that Community and Town Councils would develop local plans for their area in collaboration with the Borough Council.

Formal draft agreements would be sent to councils for their consideration. It was agreed that discussion of this would be an agenda item for the November meeting.

The Chairman thanked Ms Kyte for her presentation.

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. Morgan declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee and the Nelson Development Trust. He also declared an interest in any discussions relating to the former Police Station at Nelson.

Apologies for Absence:

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

1695 Report from the Police representative:

A written report was tabled and its content were noted.

The stolen mountain bike had now been returned to its owner.

Cllr. Mahoney commented on the ramp that had been installed on the viaduct from the A470.

Cllr. Gray highlighted incidents at the Infants School involving parked cars. She felt that enforcement action was required to address the issues.

1696. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th September 2014 were Received and Approved.
- Minutes of a meeting of the Activities Sub-Committee held on 30th September 2014 were Received and Adopted
- Minutes of a Meeting of the Appointments Sub-Committee held on 30th September 2014 were Received and Adopted
- A Report on a Meeting of Members following the CCBC Planning Committee held on 11th August 2014 for the Planning Meeting was Received

1697. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Cllr. Morgan asked for his declarations of interest to be added to the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting.

Act SC 2 – noted that Cllr. Davies was to speak to Mrs Stock and not Cllr. Gray. Cllr. Gray had not yet contacted an alternative prospective Santa. It was noted that a proper Santa Sack needed to be procured.

Act SC 3 – Cllr. Baldwin reported that she had been unable to find anyone at the school who was available to play the cornet at the Remembrance Day Service. Cllr. Jones would check with her child's school to see if anyone was available. If not, the Clerk would contact the leader of the small band who played at the Christmas Event and if unsuccessful, a recording would need to be obtained.

1698. Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman had nothing to report.

1699. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

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| 1. 14/0589/FULL | Mr D Gilsenen | Erect double garage with pitched roof at 129 Shingrig Road. |
| 1. 14/0614/ADV | AEW Architects | Erect 1 no. internally illuminated fascia text sign with non-illuminated white underline, 2 no. Internally illuminated fascia tile logo signs and 1 no. internally illuminated projecting sign, at Gwent Constabulary Nelson Police Station, Dynevor Terrace. |

It was Resolved to comment on application 14/0614/ADV in that the proposed signage must not adversely affect residents of Dynevor Terrace who lived close to the former Police Station.

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 (October)	£66.30
2.	Thomas Fattorini	Case for Chain of Office	£298.62
3.	British Gas	Electricity charges (Institute)	£25.02
4.	Nelson Community Centre	Rental for use by Play Scheme	£600.00
5.	Ann Gray	Reimbursement for cleaning materials	£9.37
6.	Viking Ltd.	Coloured copier paper	£38.36
7.	Mazars LLP	External Auditor Fee for FYE 31 March 2014	£354.00
8.	CCBC	Commercial Refuse Service (6 months)	£254.50

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1.	CCBC	
	Consultation on proposed reductions in relation to Playing Field Maintenance	<i>Noted</i>
2.	Welsh Local Government Association	
	Link to "The Law of Consultation" guidance	<i>Noted</i>
3.	Mark S Williams (CCBC)	
	Response to letter re: Nelson Public Toilets	
	<i>Agenda item</i>	
4.	One Voice Wales	
	OVW responses to consultation on the future of Local Government	<i>Noted</i>
5.	CCBC	
	Request for information on scheduled events	

The Clerk had responded re: Christmas Market

6. Mazars LLP

* External Auditor's Certificate and Report 2013-14

The External Auditor's Certificate was received and the Auditor's comment was noted.

Public Notice of the Conclusion of Audit will be posted in the Community Council Notice Board

7. CCBC

Notice of meeting of JLC on 30th July 2014

Noted

8. Wales Audit Office

Weaknesses in T&CC Financial Management

Noted

9. Western Power Distribution

Request for information on requirements for Festive Lighting

The Clerk had forwarded to the NCC Installer to provide the information

10. Post Office

Notification of upgrading Nelson Post Office

Noted

This involved the closure of the Post Office for a short period during early November

11. Elsbury

Notification that costs remain unchanged in connection with the installation, recovery and storage of the council's Festive Lighting system

Noted

12. Cor Rhosyn Ladies Choir

Request to be present at the Christmas Event and a completed Application for Grant Aid

It was agreed that the choir should be invited to sing at the Christmas event

13. Helen Morgan (CCBC)

Invitation to meet Police & Crime Commissioner and Gwent Police

Noted

14. Nelson Community Centre Management Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 31st July 2014

Agenda item

1700. Public Toilets at Nelson:

The reply from Mark S Williams regarding disposal of the premises was noted and welcomed.

Cllr. Morgan reported that the Borough Council was now facing a second round of cuts to its budget and was considering which of its building stock of 854 units could be considered for disposal. Members had agreed to look at the more expensive building in the first instance.

Cllr. Lewis reminded members that he had suggested contacting the Coalfields Regeneration Fund to find out if money could be made available to enable the Community Council to re-open the toilets. The Clerk would follow this up.

Cllr. Morgan proposed that meanwhile, a request should be made to CCBC to erect a sign at the toilets directing people to use the toilet facility in the library. Some members considered this to be premature. On a vote the motion was lost – with three votes for the proposal and four votes against. It was agreed that the proposal should be reconsidered if no progress was made with the alternative options.

1701. Replacement of existing Kitchen Units/Worktops in the Chamber:

It was agreed to defer further consideration of this in the light of current budgetary constraints.

1702. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

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

Cllr. Morgan reported that the new Management Committee appeared to be functioning well.

Cllr. Miles reported that the Annual Meeting had been held at Llancaeath Junior School. There were no major issues to report. There were a number of staff changes.

Cllr. Davies reported on behalf of the Nelson Development Trust. The transfer of the lease was still ongoing. Two meetings had been held – one with GAVO – who had recommended suitable architects and project managers. They also advised on the Lottery Grant. It was proposed to hold a Community Consultation at the Institute. The Clerk would confirm with the local Art Group when they were holding their annual exhibition and inform Cllr. Morgan so that a date could be set to enable the printing of flyers to advertise the event.

Cllr. Gray requested a further release of funds in support of the consultation event. The invoice was for £140.00. This was agreed.

1703 Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No questions or comments.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

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