

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Tony White (Clerk)

In attendance: Inspector Ian Muirhead (Gwent Police)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. K Jones
Cllr. G. Mahoney

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

Cllr. Blackman declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr. Baldwin declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. K. Jones – Work commitments apologies accepted.
Cllr. G. Mahoney - Unwell.

1809. Report from the Police representative:

Inspector Muirhead reported that the crime figures were down when compared to the monthly average 18 as there had been 13 reported crimes in July and 21 in August. Several of these related to break ins to sheds but these types of incident now seem to have ceased

Anti--Social Behaviour incidents were up slightly on the previous monthly average of 13 whereas there were 16 reported in July and 21 in August (it was not unusual to see an increase during the Scholl Holidays)

Parking was another key issue and it was reported that the Police will continue to enforce although general feedback from the Public and Traders was that they were not happy with this course of action but as time goes on there seems to be more acceptance of enforcement.

The issue of noise from cars was raised as an issue, particularly by the Skate Park where there were 4 calls made in one night.

It was also reported that there had been an incident of children throwing apples in the rear lane of Wern Crescent but this had been resolved when their parents were spoken to.

Off road motorcycling was also identified as a problem and the Police continue to undertake patrols and deal with offenders.

Specific parking issues were identified - outside the Co- Operative

Wern Crescent (vehicles off loading)

Heol Fawr, top of Long Row

It was also reported that large vehicles were parking on the double yellow lines in Shingrig Road which made it very unsafe for other vehicles.

Questions were raised about introducing 20 mph restrictions in the area but it was accepted that this was a County Borough Council decision and this issue together with the possibility of site engineering works to restrict speed would be raised by Cllr Blackman and Cllr Morgan accepting that funding may be an issue.

Inspector Muirhead reported that he would be holding an Inspector's Surgery at Maesycwmmmer OAP Hall on the 23rd September between 3pm and 5 pm. It was also the intention to hold these at other locations and the Chair offered the use of a room at Nelson Institute when he holds a surgery in Nelson.

1810. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 18th August 2015 Received and Approved
- Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 9th July 2015 were deferred to the next meeting to allow the clerk to check with the chair to ensure the correct versions are available.

1811. Matters arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising.

1812. Report from the Chairman:

Cllr. A Gray (chairperson) reported that the Nelson Community Songs of Praise was very successful and had raised £90

August saw the resignation of the Clerk and the appointment of Mr Tony White who commenced his duties on the 1st September although he had been working prior to this date in an attempt to ensure the minutes and Agenda were produced on time.

The Play Group was a great success and oversubscribed. it was reported that numbers were limited 40 attendees (due to restrictions on number of children allocated per Play Worker). There were some complaints as the time advertised for the start was later than the actual start which resulted in some children no being allocated places. **It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to the Rugby Club in recognition of their support and the use of their facilities to accommodate the Play Group.**

A question was raised regarding the Play Group and the numbers they were able to cater for each day was confirmed as 40. The charge per child was 50p per day and it may be something the Activity Committee wants to reconsider for next year.

The Community Show was also a great success with more entries than in previous years. The Chair thanked all those who had helped out with the organisation of the event. The accounts will be produced and reported by the Chair at the next meeting. It was resolved that remuneration for the Caretaker would be discussed at the next Activity Committee. **It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Alan Hoskins in recognition of his help and support with the Community Show**

It was confirmed that the plaque would be removed from Salem Chapel and placed on display in the school.

1813. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

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

No Planning applications for the Nelson area were noted

Concern was expressed regarding proposals surrounding Bryn Power although a copy of the Planning application was not available

In future all Planning notifications will be forwarded to Council Members

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:

British Gas/Electricity for Institute ((May)	22.41
D Gray Cleaner (July 2015)	68.03
D Brown (Clerks Wages) - June	328.45
CSM Newsletter Printing	258.00
British Gas/Electricity for Institute ((June)	20.53
Posting Leaflets	05.00
CSM Printers (T Shirts/Programs)	150.00
A Gray (expenses Songs of Praise)	30.99
ET (Senior Play leader)	274.50
HJ (Play Leader)	239.42
LJ (Play Leader)	239.42
BY (Play Leader)	239.42
DW (Play Leader)	239.42
A Gray (First Aid for Play Scheme)	24.14
D Brown (bouquet for Community Event)	22.80
A Gray (Toaster for Play scheme)	22.98
CSM Printers (Programmes)	60.00
Gas Institute (July)	25.64
D Brown (Clerks Wages) - July	247.96
Tracey Hill (Show)	75.00
K King Payments	106.70

HB Play Leader	241.86
LJ Play Leader	215.71
BY Play Leader	202.51
DW Play Leader	215.71
Ann Gray Makros	88.45
British Gas	192.76
ET (Senior Play leader)	274.50
HJ (Play Leader)	239.42
LJ (Play Leader)	239.42
BY (Play Leader)	239.42
DW (Play Leader)	239.42
D Gray Cleaner	68.03
Zurich Municipal Insurance	499.41

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

HMRC Penalty Charge

Letter received (copy) – it was reported that 2 penalties had been received for June and July although the previous Clerk had confirmed that all submissions were up to date. Letters had been sent to all Play Group employees explaining that we are reassessing their tax liability with HMRC. We has also e mailed HMRC asking that they waiver the current penalties..

Zurich Insurance Renewal

renewal notice received

Your Bus Matters

letter received (copy)

Mazzars LLP

letter received (copy) (an Agenda item)

Report (Declaration of Interests) Interim Head of Legal Services

for information – it was resolved that this was already being addressed as they were included in the minutes

One Voice Wales Conference and AGM

for information (copy) – if any Member is interested in attending they should notify the Chair so the appropriate arrangements can be made

D. Brown Resignation Letter

for information

PCC event 15th September

e mail circulated

Helen Morgan (Code of Conduct Training)

copy attached – everyone present confirmed they had already received the relevant training

Festive Lighting funding

copy attached (an Agenda item)

Community Health Council

review of in-patient falls (copy)

Upgrade of Heating system

for consideration **(agreed to obtain additional quotations)**

Community Council Liaison Sub Committee 29th July 2015

Agenda (copy)

1814. To Consider the Refusal of Apologies

Agreed to remove this item from future Agendas.

1815. Notice Board Update

No update to report but Cllr Blackman and Cllr Morgan will discuss this issue with the appropriate officers at Caerphilly county Borough Council.

1816 Newsletter content and timetable.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the previous Newsletter and some of the issues contained. It was resolved that all future issues would be agreed by the Full Council prior to publication. It was also resolved that a timetable for future Newsletters would be considered by the Activities Committee.

1817 Community Council Liaison

Included in correspondence

1818 Christmas Lighting

It was resolved that the **Clerk will write to Caerphilly County Borough Council** requesting the erection of lights accepting that the Community Council will pay for this service (suggested cost £800)

1819 The Accounting Statements, Annual Governance Statement and Internal Audit Report for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2015 were received from the external Auditor and were approved by Council.

1820. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Community Council Minutes of 11th August presented

Update on Nelson Development Trust

Community Centre building improvements to Kitchen and Store room

Seminar on Metro system – concerns raised regarding the extent it would rear up the valley and in particular through Nelson

Magic Garden Ynyslas has won a prize

No reports from Llanciach Junior or Infants Schools

1821 Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

The Clerk left the meeting

1822 Clerks remuneration

Supplementary report will be provided at next meeting

Agreed to discuss Allotments Association at next meeting and the possibility of funding an additional Hive for the school

Meeting Closed at 9-00 pm

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