

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 13th October 2016 beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L Lewis MBE (Chairman)
Cllr. A Gray (Vice Chair)
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. S. Morgan
Cllr. G Mahoney
Cllr. A Blackman
Cllr. B Miles

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence,

Cllr P Baldwin

Also in Attendance Inspector Muirhead, Gwent Police
Adrian Davies (Barclays Bank)
Alison Wichmore (Barclays Bank)
Richard Howells (resident of Nelson)

Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Ann Gray

Nelson Development Trust

Relative to employee

Cllr Gill Davies

Nelson Development Trust

Caerphilly CBC Community Council Liaison

CCBC Standards Committee

Agreed the Clerk would circulate a request to all Members to update their declarations

1955 Inspector Muirhead appraised Members of the activities in Nelson during the previous month

Crime was down for the month of September (17 incidents reported) including: 7 theft, 2 drugs, 2 burglary, 1 violence and 3 calls for ASB

Inspector Muirhead reported the Police were taking a very dim view of anyone dressing as a clown with a view to causing distress or upset to other (especially children). He confirmed at least one arrest had been made (not in the village) and a Fixed Penalty Notice had been issued

Speed checks had been undertaken in the village showing an average speed of 22.3mph

The Police had not witnessed any Heavy vehicles parking illegally but would act if provided with registration numbers

No evidence of drinking outside the Royal

Parking outside chapel Heol Fawr - Police would add to patrols

The police had not witnessed any inappropriate parking outside BT Motors

Cllr Blackman - no issues raised

Cllr Morgan - no issues raised

Cllr Miles - noted a positive police presence and activity in the village

Cllr Mahoney - reported suspicious activity relating to two white vans carrying and possibly exchanging small dogs (information provided to the

Cllr Gray mentioned that Cllr Baldwin had raised issues regarding large vehicles in the village.

Cllr Lewis - reported heavy vehicles on Heol Fawr (again The inspector reported that if there were no weight restrictions then they were powerless to act and suggested representation be made to Caerphilly CBC)

Cllr Davies - reported heavy vehicles on Station road (The inspector reported that if there were no weight restrictions then they were powerless to act)
Cllr Lewis thanked Inspector Muirhead of his report

Cllr Morgan confirmed the issue of vehicles and speed had been raised previously with officers from CCBC

The Clerk raised the issue of residents of Springfield regarding heavy vehicles using the street

1956 **To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr P Baldwin

1957 To receive an update from representatives of Barclays Bank regarding bank closure

The Chairman welcomed Mr Davies and Mrs Wichmore to the meeting

Mr Davies explained how disappointed he was having to attend the meeting under these circumstances. He went on to explain that the decision was made due to changing customer requirements. There had been a 40% reduction in transactions in the past 4 years which made the branch unsustainable. If they did not make these difficult decisions it would jeopardise the whole business which would not be in the best interests of their customers.

Cllr Morgan asked why Nelson and not other branches - Mr Davies explained that Ystrad Mynach was much busier.

Cllr Blackman expressed concern at the move to on-line banking which was appropriate for some but there were others who could not access

Cllr Davies expressed concerns regarding the privacy issues relating to using the Post Office and the issue of a Bank drawing customers into the village.

Cllr Lewis raised the issue of the possible population growth in the village and had this been taken into account.

Mr Davies explained

- Cash deliveries were available for foreign currency

- Specialist business advisors available if required

- Barclay's place great emphasis on personal customers

- ATM now experiencing 40,000 less transactions

- Identified that 400 customers require additional support and that was being offered

Cllr Mahoney pointed out that the possibility of a domestic and commercial development should have been considered

Cllr Gray expressed similar concerns to those already identified, including the privacy issues at the Post Office, the lack of geographical cover for Barclay's and asked if there was any chance of the decision being reconsidered.

Cllr Miles commented that the branch seemed quite busy when visited and were the options to downsize considered.

Cllr Gray raised the issue of increased fraud

Cllr Morgan reiterated the plea to at least consider reduced days.

Mr Davies and Mrs Wichmore confirmed that they were working hard to address the issue of fraud and that they had tried reduced days in Newbridge but it eventually closed. Mr Davies confirmed the building was leased and wondered if Members had any suggestions for the future use of the building.

The Chair thanked both representatives of the bank for their attendance

1958 Minute of Ordinary Meeting 8th September 2016 were accepted as a true record with the following amendment:

1947 Cllr Morgan agreed he was under the impression that the lease to NDT had been verbally agreed for a 2 year period

1954 was dealt with in a closed meeting

Minutes of the Activity Committee 22nd September 2016 were accepted as a true record.

1959 Matters arising

Clerk to query invoice with CCBC and request refund

Clerk to seek clarification on numbers of attendees

Cllr Gray confirmed the proposed date of the Christmas show was not suitable for the School so would make enquiries regarding the week earlier

Clerk confirmed that Elise Holland (now Stark) had confirmed her attendance at the Armistice day parade

Clerk to order wreath to be delivered to Chair

1960 Consider options for rental of Shop

Members endorsed the option to rent the shop to Maxine Gethin (as a Nail Salon) for an initial period of 12 months

Members also approved the replacement of the cracked window glass and the engagement of an electrician to undertake an Electrical Inspection and any remedial works

1961 Consider option of asset transfer of Nelson Boys Club and associated land

Cllr Morgan informed the meeting there was no formal way or procedure for dealing with Asset Transfer.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the reply received from CCBC regarding the lease and future plans for the land. The letter referred to the Council reverting to the original decision of Cabinet on the 2nd July 2014 and the 4th September 2012.

The **Clerk would write to CCBC** (both Head of Property and the Cabinet Member) asking that the option for Asset Transfer be referred to Cabinet (subject of course to agreeable terms being reached) and that assurance be given that the land will not be disposed of.

1962 Chairs Report

The Chair had no report

1963 Clerks Report

a PLANNING

Up to 27th September

Case Ref. 16/0810/FULL Site Area: 175m²

Location: 22 Ffos Y Cerridden Nelson Treharris CF46 6HQ

Proposal: Erect a two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear

Applicant: Mr D Taylor 22 Ffos Y Cerridden Nelson Treharris CF46 6HQ

Up to 22nd September

No Applications

Up to 13th September

No Applications

Up to 30th August

Case Ref. 16/0700/FULL Site Area: 309m²

Location: 12 Heol Bryn Fab Nelson Treharris CF46 6JF

Proposal: Erect garage

Applicant: Mr G Harris 12 Heol Bryn Fab Nelson Treharris CF46 6JF

Agent: George & Co Mr S George Hwyl Hub 1st Floor, Ty Keir Hardie Riverside Court Avenue De Clichy Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8LD

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st September to 30th September 2016 included below) - all other transactions included on bank statement

Zurich Insurance	514.54
D Gray Cleaner (October)	71.50
Playworks - October (including HMRC)	98.00
Internal Audit (2015/16)	150.00
T White (July, Aug and Sept)	1,054.77

Masterfoil	250.00
Caerphilly CBC (Summer Sport)	3,600.00
British Gas (Elec.. Sept - Aug)	259.21
British Gas (Gas Apr - July)	120.92
Master Foil (cancel)	375.00 (previously paid)
D Jenkins	100.00

The Clerk explained there were still some issues regarding the payment of the Gas and Electricity bills and it was agreed he would continue to try and **arrange for future bills to be paid by Direct Debit**

The Clerk provided an indicative income and expenditure account up until 30th September 2016

Indicative cumulative expenditure (April to September)

Total (Sept/August)	£6,593.94
July/August	£1,802.55
June	£1,420.83
May	£ 413.01
April	£ 765.47
DD Caerphilly (6 months x £231)	£ 1,386.00
DD Welsh Water (6 x £41.60)	£ 249.60
DD British Telecom (2 x £85.90)	£ 171.80
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£12,802.80
PRECEPT INCOME	£13,671.50
RENTAL INCOME	£ 1,600.00
TOTAL INCOME	£15,271.50
INDICATIVE BALANCE 1ST OCT.	£ 2,468.70

there are cheques carried forward from last year and some invoices not yet received

c CORRESPONDANCE

The following correspondence has been received

35 Commercials Street

estimate attached (item 7)

External Audit

copy attached

Letter from Mayor

copy attached

Letter - Christmas Lights

copy attached

Letter Sean Morgan (NDT) plus additional letter circulated at meeting

copy attached

Pride in your Place (entry form)

copy attached

Zurich Municipal (insurance Certificate)

copy attached

Pension Auto enrolment

copy attached (Cllr Gray to chase response)

Pre-Planning Consultation Nelson Rugby Club Lights

correspondence attached **(clerk to write enquiring about)**

have they considered how the enhanced lighting is likely to affect adjacent properties and what remedial action is proposed

have they considered how the enhanced lighting is likely to affect adjacent bee hive and what remedial action is proposed

have they considered how any noise from the mast is likely to affect adjacent properties and what remedial action is proposed
have they considered any health implications the telecommunications mast is likely to affect adjacent properties and what remedial action is proposed
have any environmental impact assessments been undertaken

Information Commissioner

correspondence attached (no need to enrol)

OVW response to proposal on mergers of Local Justice Areas Wales

correspondence attached

OVW survey on Community Asset Transfer

copy attached

Presentation from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

copy attached

Undertaking a Caerphilly County Borough Assessment of Local Wellbeing

report attached

Meeting suspended at 9 pm and reconvened

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny - Task and Finish Group to carry County wide review of the Operation and Management of Highways owned Council Car Parks (**Clerk to write to CCBC seeking their attendance at next meeting regarding the above and the possibility of initiating a 20 mph speed limit through Nelson**)

Previously sent

Removal of Payphones Caerphilly CBC

Copy attached (**Clerk to write objecting to removal**)

OVW Draft Financial Regulations

Copy attached (suggest discuss at next meeting) **Agenda for next meeting**

Application for Grant Aid

Copy attached

Meeting suspended at 9 -15 pm for member of public to address meeting

1964 Issues raised by Members of Public

Mr Howells raised concerns regarding the size and speed of vehicles through the village.

Members agreed with the issues raised and informed Mr Howells that these had been raised with the Police representative earlier

Members also discussed the option of a 20 mph zone throughout the village and agreed to invite Mr Clive Campbell to our next meeting, it was also agreed the **Clerk would request that speed monitoring** be undertaken in the village (particularly Shingrig Road)

Meeting reconvened at 9-25 pm

1965 To Receive Reports from Members who serve on External Committees/Organisations

Cllr Mahoney report from Infants School
Head teacher Plan been adopted
Roof repairs undertaken
Family Engagement sessions ongoing

Cllr Davies report on Standard Committee
Ombudsman report that 906 complaints received
reduced from 938 in previous years
274 relating to Community Councils (19% increase)

1966 Consider Grant Aid request

Approve application for £300 for maintenance of cemetery (**clerk to write confirming support**) but seek reassurance that the money will be spent on the upkeep of the cemetery and seek a schedule of works undertaken

Meeting... October 13th 2016 closed at 9-35 pm