

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 11th April 2019 beginning at 7-00 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. A. Gray (Chair)
Cllr. L. Lewis MBE
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr. R Powell
Cllr. B. Miles

Mr T White (Clerk)

1 x Member of Public (who did not declare his name)

Apologies for absence

Cllr P Baldwin (Vice Chair)
Cllr. L. Dufty

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Cllr Morgan declared an interest in item 7

Cllr Miles indicated she had received advice that she should also declare an interest in item 7

Cllr Gray also declared an interest when item 7 was being discussed

2353 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr P Baldwin (Vice Chair)
Cllr. L. Dufty

2354 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

No Gwent Police representatives attended the meeting

2355 To receive any questions/comments from members of the public who are present

The following questions were raised:

Are Wardens trained Cllr Morgan confirmed they were trained
Are Wardens employed by CCBC Cllr Morgan confirmed they were.
Cllr Morgan went on to explain that when a ticket had been issued the administration was dealt with by Rhondda Cynon Taff Council and they may have caused residents to think they were dealing with a private company.

Do we have to wait 6-9 months before parking issues are reviewed in Nelson
Cllr Morgan explained these were the timescales involved

Cllr Morgan confirmed that any income generated would firstly fund the Wardens with any excess ring-fenced to investment in Highways
Cllr Davies raised concerns that the problems currently being experienced with the Civil Enforcement Team could have been mitigated had the issues previously identified been addressed as promised back in 2017

It was agreed the Clerk would write to CCBC reiterating the previous and current concerns and ask that Nelson be prioritised as the review had been promised in 2017.

2356 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Activities Meeting 14th March 2019
Matters arising:

2230 - It was agreed to formulate a working group including Cllr Dufty, Cllr Davies, Cllr Gray and Cllr Miles to formulate rules for the use of the room and consider other issues regarding the repair of the building - **to be arranged**

- 2231 - Cllr Gray has booked venue for Christmas Show and Carol Service (2 choirs arranged. **Need to check with Judith regarding Songs of Praise**
 - Cllr Davies and Cllr Miles will address any issues regarding the Easter Window competition - **unfortunately due to lack of entrants it does not look as though this will proceed**

- 2236 - Cllr Davies has raised concerns regarding Bryn Traffic and Odour

- 2238 - **Clerk and Chair** to contact Internal Auditor to see if he will undertake Audit this year - **confirmed he would undertake Audit - Clerk to issue letter of appointment and include agreed Scope of Audit**

- 2239 - Cllr Davies enquired if the contract had been awarded for the development of the Ty Ddu site - Cllr Morgan confirmed no decision had been made

- 2343 - Cllr Morgan confirmed he had spoken to Management at the Co-Op regarding Parking
Cllr Miles confirmed she had raised the issue regarding Pharmacist referral and would seek further clarification
Cllr Powell confirmed it was a member of the public who had raised the issue regarding the use of the Pharmacist

- 2347 - Still awaiting confirmation of cost for repairing and cleaning gutters

- 2351 - Cllr Davies confirmed that even though all Public Toilets were closed from 1st April customers of the Plaza Cafe Blackwood could still access that facility by obtaining a key from the Cafe Proprietor.

2357 To Receive a Report from the Chair

The Chair confirmed that the venue had been booked for the Christmas Show and the Carol Service also that the Choirs had been arranged.

The Chair questioned the appropriateness of seeking alternative costs for a room for Council Meetings (the Library at £7-50 per hour) prior to it being discussed by Council. Cllr Morgan explained he was only making enquiries so the Council could make an informed decision.

Cllr Miles stated that the room at the Library could be used if any disabled residents wanted to attend a Council meeting as it was DDA compliant.

It was agreed to defer the item on Future use of the Institute building to the end of the meeting so Cllr Miles, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Gray could deal with the other Agenda items.

The Chair confirmed that she and other Councillors had attended the official opening of the Skate Park.

At this point Cllr Davies made an inappropriate comment which she immediately retracted and provided an apology

2358 To receive a report from the Clerk

a PLANNING

Planning Weekly List 28/3/19

No applications

Planning Weekly List 20/3/19

Case Ref. 19/0177/FULL Site Area: 240m²
Location: Texaco Mabon Filling Station Mafon Road Nelson Treharris
CF46 6PE (UPRN 000043085953)
Proposal: Raise an existing canopy from 3.8m to 4.5m
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 310747 (E) 195077 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Planning Weekly List 12/3/19

Case Ref. 19/0143/FULL Site Area: 359m²
Location: 33 Heol Isaf Nelson Treharris CF46 6NS (UPRN 000043007933)
Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension and attached garage
Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217 wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311722 (E) 195220 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Planning Weekly List 6/3/19

Case Ref. 19/0120/FULL Site Area: 164m²
Location: 77 High Street Nelson Treharris CF46 6HA (UPRN
000043007454)
Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension

Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01443 864347 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311038 (E) 195503 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 19/0135/FULL Site Area: 294m²
Location: 76 Bryncelyn Nelson Treharris CF46 6HN (UPRN 000043005120)
Proposal: Erect two storey side and single storey rear house extension,
changes to cladding and roofing materials and construction of rear double
garage
Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217 wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 310923 (E) 195360 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st March to 31st March 2019 included below - all other transactions included on bank statement)

D Gray Cleaner (April)	75.83
PlayWorks (April)	106.00
Helo Fawr Allotments	150.00
T White (January, February and March)	1152.15
David Astley	55.00
Steve Kelland	112.30
A Gray (storage boxes, etc.)	
EDF Energy	72.97

c CORRESPONDANCE (correspondence not provided with the Minutes will be available in the Chamber for Members to view prior to the meeting plus copies will be available at the meeting)

Use of Institute Building (Agenda item 7)

Consultation on Electoral review within CCBC (Agenda item 8)

Pay award 2019/20 (effective 1st April 2019) - Agenda item 9

The following correspondence has been received

Consultation on audit act 2013
Copy provided at meeting

Training running - spaces available - understanding the law
Copy provided at meeting

Module 21 - Advanced Local Government Finance training
Copy provided at meeting

Community Health Council (CHC) referral to Pharmacist
Copies provided (Cllr B Miles)

Your council's contribution to Understanding Welsh Places
Copy provided at meeting

One Voice Wales - RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly Area Committee Meeting
Copy provided at meeting (copy provided to representatives)

Nelson skate park press release
Copy provided at meeting

Training dates - april - july 2019
Copy provided at meeting

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Consultation
Copy provided at meeting (see Agenda item

January – March 2019, Patients Voice News Bulletin, Aneurin Bevan
Community Health Council
Copy provided at meeting

Information Commissioners Office (ICO)
Copy provided at meeting

One Voice Wales - News Bulletin
Copy provided at meeting

Communication regarding footways works, toilets and traffic
Copy provided at meeting

2359 Consultation on Electoral Review for CCBC

Members considered the report provided on electoral review for CCBC

Members unanimously agreed that they would support maintaining 2 Councillors for the Nelson Ward

Clerk to write confirming the above.

2360 Pay award 2019/20 (effective April 2019)

Members noted and approved the implementation of the new pay scales

2361 Consider options for future use of Institute Building

Cllr Morgan had left the meeting

Cllr Miles declared an interest and took no part in the debate

Cllr Gray declared an interest and took no part in the debate

Members considered the paper prepared by the Clerk and the alternative option of using another building.

The Clerk explained it was difficult to put a definitive costs on operating the Institute building year on year as there were both variable costs on expenditure (mainly how much is spent each year on Maintenance) and on income (as this relied on the rental income from the shop and the boxing club).

It was also difficult to put a value on having the building as the Administrative office for the Community Council and the asset to the Community of the meeting room as a facility for various groups.

It was resolved that he Council should continue to utilise the building.

2362 To receive reports from Members serving on external organisations

Cllr Miles confirmed the Junior School pupils had attended the opening of the Skate Park

Cllr Powell confirmed all Cavalier age groups were doing well.

2363 To consider Grant Aid Application

No Grant Aid applications

Meeting... 11th April closed at 8-55 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN