

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 11th February 2021 beginning at 7-00 p.m.
Virtual meeting held via ZOOM

Present:

Cllr. L. Dufty (Chair)
Cllr. R Powell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. B. Miles
Cllr. E Dafydd
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. A Gray

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Cllr. A Blackman

How we will use your information

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Those individuals that attend Council meetings/speak/ask questions or give evidence will be named in the minutes of that meeting. Where appropriate this will include their opinions expressed, evidence provided, questions asked plus any other relevant information.

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Declaration of Interest:

Members should make their declarations of personal or prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting for Agenda items when they are aware beforehand that these apply, or otherwise do so either before or during discussion (as is most appropriate) if they become aware that any such interests may relate to a matter then being considered.

2614 Receive apologies for absence

Cllr. A Blackman (

2615 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

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Ordinary Meeting 14th January 2021 – approved

2604 – Cllr Gray asked if additional Christmas lighting could be purchased.

The Clerk explained he had previously asked but had been informed that the current Street lights could not accommodate Street Lighting. Cllr Miles agreed to make enquiries with Street Lighting.

2606 – Members noted delay with Metro scheme

2607 – The Clerk passed on thanks from Young Farmers regarding the Grant Aid application.

The Chair agreed, if necessary, to rearrange the Agenda as Cllr Powell had to leave at 8pm

2617 Police Report

The Clerk provided Members with a report he had received from the Police Members raised concern that they had not been notified of the Rape in the village, they would also like to know when it occurred.

Members would also like to be kept updated on the attempted break in.

Clerk to write to the Police with these concerns/issues and determine if they could attend future meetings via Zoom.

2618 To consider rental issues regarding boxing club

Members had previously agreed to waive the rental on the Boxing Club for the first 3 months of the year (as they could not claim any Grant funding and were unable to open) but as this had now extended to a full year they felt (subject to the Clerk confirming they still couldn't claim grants) that they would waive the rental for the full year.

2619 To consider switch to new website

Members agreed to migrate to the new website asap. It was also agreed Members would consider how the site could be developed going forward to better link with the community

2620 To receive a report from the Chair

No updates available

2621 Report from Clerk

a PLANNING

up to 27th January

No applications

up to 13th January

Case Ref. 20/1004/FULL Site Area: 339m²
Location: 26 Heol Isaf Nelson Treharris CF46 6NS (UPRN 000043007925)
Proposal: Erect single storey extension to rear and side of property
Case Officer: Jacob Cooke (01443 864347 : cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311731 (E) 195183 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 20/1088/FULL Site Area: 1249m²
Location: Park Bungalow Brooklands Nelson Treharris CF46 6DR (UPRN 000043005662)
Proposal: Demolish existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling
Case Officer: Carwyn Powell (01443 864424 : powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 310751 (E) 196309 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

up to 6th January

No applications

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

D Gray Cleaner (Feb)	80.34
PlayWorks (Feb)	20.00
HMRC (Feb)	110.00
B Miles Zoom	14.99
Elsbury Christmas lighting	2315.52

Whist the monthly expenditure updates had continued throughout the pandemic only 2 more detailed budget updates had been provided (projecting significant underspend).

BUDGET UPDATE (DECEMBER 2020) 9 MONTHS

FOR PRECEPT CHARGED TO RESIDENTS TO REMAIN THE SAME DURING 2021/22 THIS WILL RAISE £28,925 INSTEAD OF THE £29,000 IN THE BUDGET PRECEPT REPORT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED.

	BUDGET		9 MONTH to December 2020		
	Proposed Budgets for 2020-2021		EXPEND	EST EXP	TOTAL
				for remainder of year	
Clerical and Administration (including insurances)	5000		£4,126.91	£1,000.00	£5,126.91
Salaries (including PAYE)	7000		£4,054.47	£2,000.00	£6,054.47
Grants and Grant Aid	2000		£800.00	£800.00	£1,600.00
Building Maintenance	3000		£122.00	£3,500.00	£3,622.00
Summer Events	3500		£-	£-	£-
Annual community Show	1500		£236.00	£-	£236.00
Other Community Activities	4000		£890.46	£3,000.00	£3,890.46
Other Expenditure	3500		£1,454.80	£800.00	£2,254.80
Members expenses	2000			£150.00	£150.00
Total:	£31,500.00		£11,684.64	£11,250.00	£22,934.64
ADDITIONAL INCOME					
potential property income	£5,200.00				
boxing club income	???				
VAT reclaim	£851.48				
total	£6,051.48				
Additional income (50%)	£3,250.00				
PRECEPT	£29,000.00				
TOTAL INCOME	£32,250.00				
			Balance on Deposit a/c		£64,450.65
			Balance on current a/c		£2,600.00
			BUILDING RESERVE		£45,000.00
			ELECTION RESERVE		£5,000.00
			toilets reserve		£5,000.00

c CORRESPONDANCE (correspondence not provided with the Minutes will have been provided for Members to view prior to the meeting):

New Vaccination Centre

WLGA coronavirus email update 29.01.2021

MetroMoment

WLGA coronavirus email update 26.01.2021

Your town, your future!

Accounts Deadlines

2 nd REPLACEMENT CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UP TO 2035

MEMBERS AGREED THE CLERK WOULD WRITE TO CCBC RAISING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: DRAINAGE, ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND PARKING.

New Chair for One Voice Wales

A Communications Guide for Welsh Community & Town Councillors and their Clerks

Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing (MAFA) - Welsh Government funded project – FREE TRAINING AND SUPPORT

NHS bodies maintain good governance during the COVID-19 crisis

Keep Wales Safe Campaign

C16 & C18 / Changes to bus services 1,

One Voice Wales - RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly Meeting 13th Jan - Copy of Presentation

Statutory Notice am/for Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon

WLGA coronavirus email update 08.01.2021

Cabinet Agenda Pack - 13th January 2021

2622 Approve slight adjustment to the 2021/22 budget (£75)

The Clerk explained that as it was Members desire to not increase the precept charge to Residents then the Council may need to use £75 from reserves.

2623 To consider external Audit Report 2019/20

Members were presented with the external audit report. Two issues were raised (although both issues had been raised with BDO (the auditors):

1 Council incorrectly stated 'yes' to the trust fund disclosure in Section 2 (even though we had ticked n/a)

2 Budgetary process (again this has been raised with BDO as we have provided evidence that the budget was set)

It was also noted the Clerk had questioned the level of charge for the Audit but has been informed they cannot address any queries as they do not have access to their office.

2624 Consider options for remedying damp in downstairs meeting room.

The Clerk reminded Members they had received one quotation for undertaking the work and another quote had now been received. Cllr Dafydd (who has some experience of these types of problems) suggested he could produce a specification

for the work required that would allow us to obtain quotes. Members agreed to this course of action. It was also noted that the damp issue may be exasperated by the build up of earth on the outside wall (to facilitate the laying of the car park). Members asked the Clerk to write to CCBC to raise the issue.

2625 Receive feedback from Members who had met Interserve regarding the Public Toilets

Mr George Edmunds attended the meeting (Mr Edmunds is Chair of the Caerphilly Taxi Association) as his association already runs 3 toilets within the Caerphilly County Borough.

Cllr Powell updated Members on the meeting stating that Interserve were keen to work with the Community Council and would consider replacing sanitary wear and upgrading the facility although they pointed out they did not have a dedicated budget for this work (they may require another visit to the facility).

Mr George explained that in the other facilities they had taken out a Tenancy at Will with CCBC and the Community or Town Council's in Caerphilly, Bargoed and Blackwood had agreed to fund a pay entry door system (the income used to offset running/maintenance costs). CCBC would ensure the buildings were safe to hand over and then the Association would be responsible for all ongoing running costs and arrange for his members to clean on a regular basis. Door entry would be on an automated time lock basis.

The Clerk explained that they had allocated £5,000 as a ear marked reserve for Public Toilets but there was no ongoing revenue budget to fund this facility so the self financing model suggested by Mr Edmunds would overcome this problem.

Members were keen to progress this model and asked Mr Edmunds if he could arrange a meeting with the door company and provide a quote for this work. They also asked if Mr Edmunds would visit the facility with Cllr Powell and Cllr Miles.

2626 Consider appointment of Internal Auditor

Members approved the reappointment of Mr W Davies as Internal Auditor, utilising the previously agreed scope of Audit

2627 Consider any questions from Members of the Public

No questions

Cllr. Miles reported the one way system on Bwll Rd would be completed by 31st March and would require closing part of the road for 3 weeks.

Cllr. Miles also reported the removal of yellow lines would commence soon.

Meeting closed ... 11th February 8-50 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN