

County Borough of Caerphilly  
**Nelson Community Council**

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 beginning at 7-00 p.m.  
Virtual meeting held via ZOOM

Present:

Cllr. R Powell (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr. B. Miles  
Cllr. E Dafydd  
Cllr. G Davies  
Cllr. A Gray  
Cllr. A Blackman (was in attendance but left due to experiencing connectivity issues)

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Cllr. L. Dufty (Chair)

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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.*

*Cllr Powell Chaired the meeting*

## **2642 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative**

No report or Police attendance (Clerk write to Police raising concerns regarding their non attendance and lack of report )

## **2643 Receive apologies for absence**

Cllr. L. Dufty (Chair)

## **2644 To Receive and Approve Minutes:**

### **To receive and approve the minutes of the:**

Ordinary Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – approved

2628 – Cllr Davies raised concerns that no feedback had been received regarding DNA tests.

2636 - Vehicles still not adhering to no entry signs on Bwll Road (**Clerk to raise issues with CCBC and Police**)

2637 – Purchase Card, Cllr Miles to progress and Clerk Agenda for Annual Meeting

## **2645 To consider any issues with the new website**

No issues identified

## **2646 To receive a report from the Chair**

Whilst the Chair was not in attendance the meeting was informed that she had attended Alan Hoskins funeral together with some other Councillors

## **2647 Report from Clerk**

### **a PLANNING**

#### **up to 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Case Ref. 21/0226/FULL

Site Area: 1525m<sup>2</sup> Location:

Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN

000043086592)

Proposal: Erect extension

to existing farm buildings over concrete yard space to provide additional cattle housing and additional feed storage, and to harvest rain water from the roofs and reduce the water run-off from the yards

Case Officer: Anthony Pyne ( 01443 864523 :

pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg

Map Ref: 312485

(E) 196441 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council

Expected Decision Level:

Delegated

#### **up to 17<sup>th</sup> March**

No applications

### up to 10<sup>th</sup> March

Case Ref. 21/0174/TPO Site Area: 29m<sup>2</sup> Location:  
23 Hawthorn Road Nelson Treharris CF46 6PB (UPRN 000043007152) Proposal: Carry  
out various works to 2 No. Oak trees (Tree Preservation Order 48/82/RVDC)  
Case Officer: Jacob Cooke ( 01443 864347 : cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward:  
Nelson Map Ref: 311901 (E) 194897 (N) Community  
Council: Nelson Community Council Expected Decision Level:  
Delegated

Case Ref. 21/0186/NOTA Site Area: 197m<sup>2</sup> Location:  
Cwm Heldeg Fields Pant-Du Road Llanfabon (UPRN 000043177958) Proposal: Improve  
existing dirt track into the field by capping with stone Case Officer: Carwyn  
Powell ( 01443 864424 : powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Nelson  
Map Ref: 309982 (E) 192935 (N) Community Council: Nelson Community Council  
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

### up to 3<sup>rd</sup> March

No applications

**b ACCOUNTS** (cheque payments from 1st March to 31<sup>st</sup> March included below - all other transactions included on bank statement

D Gray Cleaner (April)	80.34
Playworks (April)	20.00
HMRC (April) (adjusted for March)	109.80
T White (Jan, Feb and March)	1,319.00
Wales Audit Office (Audit Fees)	375.45
Vision ICT (domain name)	78.00
Air Ambulance (Grant Aid)	250.00
Heol Fawr Allotments - (Grant Aid)	250.00
Hollybush Allotments (Grant Aid)	250.00

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

**Changes to bus services from 28 March 2021**

**NATURAL RESOURCES WALES: Appointment of Three Board Members**

**Climate Change Newsletter - Mawrth/March 21**

**Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

**Policy Announcement: Compulsory Purchase / Cyhoeddiadau Polisi: Prynu Gorfodol**

**FW: A Dogs Trail - Sponsorship Opportunity**

**Fwd: PSB meeting March 25 2021**

**Briefing Seminar - The Coal Authority - 5.00pm on 15th April 2021**

**Update on Management of Waste Recycling Sites - Bryn Group**

**NRW Virtual Workshop re. Forestry Work - Invitation Links**

**APRIL 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in April**

**Countryside Code refresh 2021 – Final wording**

**Membership of One Voice Wales 2021-2022**

**JOINT ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT – 13 MAY 2021**

**Local Places for Nature Wildlife garden**

**Councillor Resignation**

**Membership of One Voice Wales 2021-2022**

**Keep Wales Safe Campaign**

**Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act – commencement, implementation and guidance**

**Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector**

**WG Electoral Newsletter - February**

**Coal Authority and Tips Safety**

**2648 Consider current vacancy for Councillor**

The Clerk informed Members he had received notification from Cllr Jones that due to her current circumstances she would be stepping down as Councillor. The Clerk is currently in discussion with CCBC regarding the wording for an advert and Members agreed the vacancy should be advertised as soon as the advert is agreed.

**2649 Consider the letter received from the Clerk regarding standing down.**

Members expressed their disappointment that the Clerk intends stepping down and agreed a Job Description and Person Specification be drafted for their consideration, taking on board the issues raised in the letter. Members agreed that the post be advertised as soon as possible after Job description had been agreed.

Members thanked the Clerk for his work and time he had spent with the Community Council. They also thanked his wife for her assistance at community events.

It was also agreed that all Members be invited to undertake short listing and interview of candidates

**2650 Consider options for remedying damp in downstairs meeting room.**

Cllr Dafydd confirmed that he and Cllr Powell had agreed on the specification of works (agreed they would be split for an internal and external schedules).

The Clerk asked if this could be produced as a schedule of works (with quantities) so we can obtain quotations for the works required.

Members asked if any response had been received from CCBC regarding the banking at the rear of the car park causing issues in the pine end. The Clerk confirmed he had not received a response **and it was agreed he would follow up.**

**2651 Receive feedback from Members who had met Interserve regarding the Public Toilets**

Cllr Powell confirmed that there were issues with Interserve undertaking work on the building as they raised concerns with the Asbestos Survey. Cllr Powell agreed to chase this up with them as CCBC had commissioned the Asbestos Surveys and it satisfied their requirements for contractors working on the buildings.

Cllr Powell also agreed to ask Interserve if they would fund or contribute to the cost of the door entry system (£5,500).

Members resolved that in the absence of other funding they would use the earmarked reserve to fund the door and supplement this from the building maintenance budget. All this would be done on the basis that Caerphilly Taxi Association agree use of the building with CCBC.

**2652 Update on Easter event and Summer Newsletter**

Cllr Miles provided an update on the Easter competitions. As the number of entries were quite low it was agreed that all entrants would receive the £5 prize and certificate. Cllr Miles agreed to provide the names to the Clerks and prize money (£30) will be paid out of the unclaimed summer show prize money.

Summer newsletter – it was agreed the Clerk would send out the list of articles to remind Members as the deadline is the end of April. Members agreed to incorporate an article from CCBC regarding the Local Development Plan plus another 2 articles

– Tribute to Alan Hoskins who had been Clerk to the Council for over 20 years and another thanking NHS and other key workers for their work during the pandemic. It was also agreed to recognise the shops in the village who had remained open. It was also agreed that we would incorporate an article from CCBC regarding the Local Development Plan and an explanation regarding the uncertainty regarding Summer Show and Summer event..

### **2653 Consider any questions from Members of the Public**

Cllr Gray raised an issue regarding parking in Wern Crescent in that freed up spaces were now being utilised by shop workers (a problem previously identified by the Community Council).

Cllr Miles also reported that concerns had been raised regarding a car wash operating behind the Balfour. CCBC were not aware of this business and would investigate.

Cllr Gray and Cllr Davies reported back on issues raised at Community and Town Council Liaison:

Local Development Plan community meetings

Considering merger of both Schools

Emphasised the importance of engagement and compromise as this would be a shorter process than previous.

Concerns were again raised regarding the lack of information regarding the new Grange hospital (Cllr Miles to raise)

PSB to merge as an all Gwent instead of Caerphilly even though CC and Town Councils had raised objections.

Meeting closed ... 8<sup>th</sup> April 8-50 pm

**signed.....CHAIRMAN**