

County Borough of Caerphilly
Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 13th May 2021 beginning at 7-30 p.m.
Virtual meeting held via ZOOM

Present:

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

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

No apologies

How we will use your information

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2666 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Inspector Richard Tovey (the new Inspector for the Northern Valley) was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

Only 19 crimes reported in Nelson which was much lower than other areas he covers.

2 as result of pro-active initiatives by Officers involving drugs

2 damage to vehicles

1 theft from shop

1 theft

1 theft of vehicle

3 public order

Anti Social Behaviour x 2, both COVID related.

Cllr. Davies enquired regarding the attempted break in where perpetrator was carrying a large knife. Inspector Tovey agreed to check for any updates on the database. He later reported back that the DNA was mixed and therefore inconclusive but the case was still open and being dealt with by a DC from Blackwood.

Cllr Miles raised the issue of the Mountain Road being blocked (no update available). **Cllr Morgan** reported he had raised the issue with various Agencies and was advised there needed to be a multi-agency approach.

Cllr Gray thanked the Inspector for the Police intervention regarding an issue with obstruction by the school. Inspector Tovey confirmed their first course of action was to encourage compliance but if this didn't work they would not hesitate to have the vehicle removed.

TW reported that he had contacted the Council again regarding Bwl Road and they confirmed that additional signage would be put in place. Inspector Tovey also informed the meeting that some road marking would be removed.

2667 Receive apologies for absence

no apologies

2668 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

To receive and approve the minutes of the:

Ordinary Meeting 8th April 2021 – approved (Cllr Morgan abstained as he had not received the minutes)

2653 – **Cllr Miles** – prize money should read £30

Cllr Davies raised concerns regarding the lack of information provided to Nelson residents regarding no feedback had been received regarding DNA tests. Inspector Tovey tried to access the information on line and then undertook to make further enquiries as the meeting progressed. It transpired that the DNA was inconclusive but further investigations were ongoing and it was being led by a DC from Blackwood.

2636 - **Cllr Davies** raised the issue regarding lack of information provided to the resident of Nelson regarding the Grange hospital. Cllr Miles confirmed she had raised the issue and UHB were aware of the problem and would arrange for supply of leaflets. Members agreed to consider how the leaflets could be distributed.

Cllr Miles enquired if the Police had been involved in the issues being experienced on Nelson mountain. Inspector Tovey confirmed they had not had any involvement, Cllr Morgan confirmed he had raised the issue and had been informed there needed to be a multi-agency (NRW, Police, CCBC, Landowners, etc.) approach.

2669 To consider any issues with the new website

No issues identified

2670 To receive a report from the Chair

Cllr Powell informed the meeting that he would do his best during his year as Chair

2671 Report from Clerk

a PLANNING

up to 20th April

no applications

up to 14th April

No applications

up to 7th April

No applications

up to 30th March

Case Ref. 21/0250/FULL

Site Area: 401m²

Location: 25 Heol Isaf Nelson Treharris CF46 6NS (UPRN 000043007924)

Proposal: Erect conservatory to the rear of property

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke (01443 864347 :

cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Nelson

Map Ref: 311683 (E)

195214 (N) Community Council: Nelson Community Council

Expected Decision Level:

Delegated

Case Ref. 21/0276/FULL

Site Area: 214m²

Location: 12 St John's Lane Nelson Treharris CF46 6JD (UPRN 000043015596)

Proposal: Erect two storey side extension

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke (01443 864347 :

cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Nelson

Map Ref: 310620 (E) 195152

(N) Community Council: Nelson Community Council

Expected Decision Level:

Delegated

Case Ref. 21/0257/TPO

Site Area: 10m²

Location: Yn Yr Ardd 1A Clos Cae Pwll Nelson Treharris CF46 6LA
(UPRN 000043086282)

(UPRN

Proposal:

Reduce crown of Oak Tree by 25 to 30% (Tree Preservation Order 3/75/RVDC)

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke (01443 864347 : cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Nelson

Map Ref: 310727 (E)

195826 (N)

Community Council: Nelson Community Council

Expected Decision Level:

Delegated

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

D Gray Cleaner (May)	80.34
Playworks (May)	20.00
HMRC (May)	109.80
CCBC (Website)	240.00

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

RE: Bwl Road, Nelson - Experimental One-Way Traffic and Contraflow Cycle Lane Order

FW: [SWYDDOGOL OFFICIAL] Telephone Scams poster

FW: Caerphilly Cares - information pack

FW: Decision Notice - YG Cwm Gwyddon

FW: Decision Notice - Trinity Fields School

RE: Nelson Institute Building - Repairs to rear roof

FW: JOINT ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT – 13 MAY 2021 – PLACES STILL REMAINING

2nd Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) - Community and Town Council Engagement

2nd Replacement LDP Presentation

Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing (MAFA) - Welsh Government Race Equality Action Plan - consultation

RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly Area Committee

Keep Wales Safe: new guidance from 12 April

FW: WG Electoral Newsletter - March

RE: Audit notice 2021

2672 To receive update on current vacancies:

Councillors

Members were informed there had been no call for an election so it was agreed the vacancies could be filled via co-option.

The Clerk informed the meeting there had already been one expression of interest but as there were 2 vacancies it was agreed to advertise again and consider all applications at the June meeting.

Clerk

It was agreed to formulate the Appointments sub-committee including the Chair, Vice Chair and 2 selected Members (Cllr Gray and Cllr Davies agreed to be involved) and the appointment of the Clerk was delegated to the Committee. The applications were previously circulated and Members agreed to interview 4 candidates (PB, RL, LJ and VS). Members will consider a suitable pre-interview exercise (30 mins) and prepare a list of questions for use in the interviews (30 minutes). Interviews will be held in the Community Centre (kindly offered by Cllr Morgan) on the 27th May (Clerk to send out letters)

Agree the Clerk would write to ex-Cllr Jones and Blackman thanking them for their contribution to the Community Council during their term of office.

2673 Consider use/limitations for Purchase Card.

Cllr Miles reported to the meeting that she had not made much progress (lack of response from provider) so it was agreed to defer to a future meeting

2674 Receive feedback from Members who had met Interserve regarding the Public Toilets

Cllr Powell confirmed that work was progressing and the Taxi Association had arranged for CCBC to place an order for the door. Community Council had previously agreed to fund the door although there may be some support from Interserve -to be confirmed). Members agreed when it was ready there would be an official opening and hopefully include an article in the Newsletter.

2675 Update on Summer Newsletter and events

The Clerk informed the meeting that most articles had been received although there were still a few outstanding. Members were encouraged to send any photographs in support of the articles as their inclusion makes the newsletter more interesting.

Members discussed the feasibility of holding the Summer Show as normal but were concerned regarding the uncertainty going forward so agreed to hold a virtual event (the same as 2020).

Cllr Gray suggested that the Community Council have a memorial for Alan Hoskins who had been Community Council Clerk for over 20 years and had sadly passed away recently.

It was agreed that one of the cups for the Summer Show could be engraved with his name (either an existing cup or a cup for a new category). The detail will be agreed at the next Activities Committee meeting.

2676 Consider any questions from Members of the Public/Updates from Members

Cllr Morgan had provided an update earlier on the regarding the Community Centre, confirming it was in a strong financial position and was ready to open with works undertaken on kitchen etc. so it would be better placed to hold a larger range of events.

Cllr Davies enquired regarding the Holistic Therapy venue in the village obtaining a Drinks Licence. Members thought it may be so they could offer pamper sessions.

Members noted there was a new Hairdressers in the village

Cllr Gray confirmed she had received a quote for the rear door from a local company who had agreed to supply at cost (this item will be Agenda'd for the June meeting)

The Clerk informed Members that he made enquiries regarding the next phases of the parking/parking restrictions exercise would take place. CCBC confirmed they would respond in due course.

Members noted the ongoing issues with the bridge on Shingig Road and would welcome a weight restriction if it reduced the heavy traffic through the village.

Meeting closed ... 13th May 9-30 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN