

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 14th October 2021 beginning at 7-00 p.m.

Virtual meeting held via ZOOM

Present: Cllr. R Powell (Chair)
Cllr. E Ap Dafydd
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. A Gray
Cllr. L. Dufty
Cllr. B Jenkins
Cllr. B Miles
Mr. L John (Clerk)
J Price (Police Representative)

Apologies for absence: Cllr S Morgan

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Councillors acknowledged the apologies of Cllr S Morgan.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

J Price referred to the previously provided report and the detail of the crimes reported.

It was noted that the team are providing crime prevention advice and kits to nurseries as there has been an increase of burglaries at these establishments in the area.

It was confirmed that the Community team of 5 there covers 4 wards mainly and may also provide support to other areas, on demand.

Councillors expressed concern about the increase in violent crimes at Maes-y-derwen and asked about the demographic of the perpetrators. It was clarified that the incidents categorised 'violence without injury' may be crimes such as the use of offensive language so may be misleading. It was confirmed that the accused are from Caerphilly Borough.

Councillors asked if there had been an increase in the volume of calls from residents at Maes-y-derwen. It was noted that there are not any notable increases and there are usually calls but some are related to missing people or other minor concerns.

J Price agreed to clarify the incident of the burglary at the Community Centre.

Councillors asked about the community cohesion indicators. It was confirmed that the indicators suggest the community is presently stable.

It was confirmed that there was a minor number of incidents of a racial nature.

3 To Receive and approve the minutes of the 9th September:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting on 9th September 2021 were approved.

Matters arising:

2690/Jul: Councillors discussed the Community Centre minutes and asked for clarity around committees and finances. It was explained that these were detailed in subsequent meeting minutes.

It was confirmed that there are 7 members of the Community Centre Committee. Some of the detail related to the personnel was also provided. It was confirmed that there are vacancies still. It was resolved that copies of subsequent meetings minutes would be provided regularly.

2698/Jul: Councillors reported continued concerns of interruptions, now from Welsh Water and ongoing parking concerns. Councillors commented that the leak cannot be found and there has been a recommendation that individual households install their own piping. Councillors commented that infrastructure in the village has not been updated for a considerable amount of time but this issue relates to water supply not drainage.

Councillors agreed to request an update of the review processes that CCBC are undertaking.

Councillors thanked the local County Councillor for her assistance in supporting local residents with a problem recently that was omitted from the last meeting.

2699/Jul: It was confirmed that the door would be replaced on 23rd December. The contractor agreed to provide earlier if possible.

2690/Jul: Councillors agreed that it was not acceptable to bulk-deliver free school meals in advance especially when there are perishable goods involved. It was confirmed that Cabinet had made the operational decision.

5/Sept: Councillors discussed the re-opening of the Institute. Councillors resolved to delegate responsibility for agreeing the Risk Assessment to Councillor Miles and Councillor Dufty with support from the Clerk on Tuesday and contact the groups involved.

4 To receive a report from the Chair

The chair provided a verbal report. The following was noted:-

- Mini and Junior teams- there has been 1 taster session so far that was not well-attended. Another session will be organised.
- Bute Energy have requested use of the Institute on Wednesday 10th November from 9am to 8pm. Councillors resolved to charge £10 per hour owing to their status as a private company.
- Toilets. The following has been noted:
 - o The revenue has been reported as July- £17; August- £43.50; September- £41.00

- No electric bill has been received yet.
- A Water bill has been received for the period 21/7 to 11/10 of £29.51.
- Early indications are that that costs will be covered.

5 To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk provided a verbal report. The following was discussed: -

- Halloween Competitions. B Miles to organise.
- Armistice day
 - Councillor Dufty will confirm the arrangements for the service. It was confirmed that the local pastor would not be able to service.
 - Councillor Powell agreed to make enquiries for painting of the cenotaph railings. It was noted that the caretaker had cleaned the cenotaph and surroundings.
- Councillors agreed to convene to consider activities on 21st October 2021 at 6pm.
- Councillors discussed the planning applications. It was confirmed that an the planning application from Bryn Holdings would be considered by CCBC Planning Committee in November.
- Details of correspondence available online [here](#)
- Planning also available [here](#)
- Finance. Councillors noted that an internal audit is currently taking place with a report to follow.

6 To consider Grant Aid process

Councillors resolved to follow the suggested structure:

- To be considered bi-annually with a deadline in March September
- No more than £200 per application
- Criteria based on impact of residents
- Completion report is required to demonstrate value for money in the form of receipts/evidence of impact.
- A closed meeting to consider applications would be required.

7 To consider Community Empowerment Fund

It was confirmed that:

- County Councillors would apply jointly
- The first deadline is 31st October 2021.
- The Community Council could not apply directly
- The types of projects that this could include would be those environmental; promoting social cohesion; focussing on those isolation and inclusion, digital inclusion; physical & mental health and wellbeing
- Application through application form with endorsement from County Councillors
- The minimum and maximum amounts were clarified.
- Councillor Miles agreed to forward any additional information
- Details of appeals processes are not known at this time
- County Councillors are involved in endorsing applications not appraising them.

8 This item was considered above

9 To receive any questions from members of the public/report by Members

There were none to consider.

Any Other Business

Councillors were reminded that the Town and Community Councils Liaison Committee - AGM and autumn virtual meetings would take place on 20th October 2021 at 7pm. It was also noted that the Standards Committee will also be reconvening.

Members resolved to agenda Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation for the next meeting.

Meeting closed 9:00 pm

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN