

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2021 beginning at 7-00 p.m.
Virtual meeting held via ZOOM

Present: Cllr. E Ap Dafydd
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. A Gray
Cllr. L. Dufty
Cllr. B Jenkins
Cllr. B Miles (Chair)
Cllr. S Morgan
Mr. L John (Clerk)

No declarations of interest were received.

- 1 **To Receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received by Cllr. R Powell and accepted.
- 2 **To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative**
There was no report to consider.
- 3 **To Receive and approve the minutes of the 11th November:**
The minutes of the ordinary meeting on 11th November 2021 were approved.

There were no matters arising.

Activities Meeting 1st & 2nd December

Members asked if a decision could be re-visited at a subsequent meeting. It was clarified that, normally, a Council decision that is taken to a vote cannot be revisited for 6 months. Members agreed that the vote in question, however, was made in a sub-committee and actual decisions are ratified by the full council.

Members discussed the purpose of meetings and how the meetings in question should be reflected in the minutes.

The clerk agreed to provide separate minutes for the two meetings and to revise them as discussed. The clerk agreed to provide related correspondence.

Members resolved that consideration of these minutes would be deferred until the next meeting.

- 4 **To receive a report from the Chair**
There was no report to consider.
- 5 **To receive a report from the Clerk**
The Clerk provided a verbal report. The following was noted: -
 - a Details of correspondence available online [here](#)
 - b Finance. Members noted that an internal audit had taken place with only minor recommendations. The clerk agreed to follow-up on a payment from Interserve that appeared to be missing from the accounts.

c Planning also available [here](#)

Members discussed the planning applications:

1. Shingrig Road- No further information was available but it was noted that information would be available on the public planning portal.
2. Members discussed the Commercial Street application and asked if it referred to an office for a local Senedd member. No further information could be provided.

d Activities

Members acknowledged recent Activity meeting actions.

i Newsletters

Members expressed concern over delivery of newsletters. The clerk agreed to confirm delivery date as soon as possible.

Members discussed the use of Royal Mail and agreed that it had not proved cost effective previously. Members agreed to review what the paper boys/girls could provide but to contact Royal Mail to consider it as an option.

ii Christmas Event

- Members agreed the following:
 - o To submit the order for flyers for the Christmas event (250)
 - o Members confirmed the entertainment and venue.
 - o To ask a member of the public to perform as Santa.
 - o To make arrangements for managing visits to Santa through use of the pews.
- Members agreed to promote the events through social media.
- Members discussed the use of a flyer to promote the carol singing but decided against it
- Members agreed the need to adhere to social distancing guidelines and maintain social distancing during the Santa event.
- Members agreed to confirm the use of the hall during next week.

iii Christmas Competitions

- Shop Window
 - o It was confirmed that voting could be completed online.
- Christmas competition for residents.
 - o Members agreed to promote the competition through promotion of the other events.
 - o Members agreed the closing date of 24th December.
 - o Cllr Dufty agreed to support the process of uploading the entries.

6 To consider expenditure on IT equipment

Members considered a proposal to purchase 2 Windows laptops for use by the clerk and members. It was agreed that these would assist in the Council being able to continue to offer virtual meetings and for the clerk to perform his role.

Members resolved that the Clerk purchase 2 laptops as discussed with a budget of £300 each and that should the amount differ then the Chair be delegated responsibility to agree a higher amount.

7 To consider the draft 2022/23 Budget

Members noted receipt of the draft report.

8 To consider process & requests for hire of Nelson Institute

Members discussed the following:

- Concerns around security of the building given the current situation with keys and the need to consider costs for replacing locks.
- The need to have a charging policy to reflect use by organisations who are profit-making.

Members resolved that a sub-committee be formed to consider the issue in the new year. Every member is entitled to attend. Members resolved that Brett Jenkins complete a security review in January.

Members agreed to suspend standing orders that would normally require meetings to end at 9:00 and would suspend them until 9:15pm.

9 To consider Chair's charity donation related to Summer Show

Members considered their original agreement to make a small donation for each received entry to a charity of the Chair's choosing. Members agreed to donate £200 Taff Bargoed Foodbank.

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

There were none to consider.

11 Grant Aid Consideration (closed part of the meeting)

This was undertaken following the meeting and documented separately.

Any other business

Members noted recent representation at a CCBC Standards meeting and that the next CCBC Standards meeting is to be held on 18th January 2022.

Members discussed an issue related to drainage on Mountain Way. At present, no one is appearing to claim responsibility for land where water is entering Mountain Way from a brook. No further action needed presently.

Meeting closed 9:15 pm

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN