

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 10th February 2022 beginning at 7-00 p.m.
Virtual meeting held via ZOOM

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

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Powell.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted receipt and contents of the report. It was confirmed that the Police had not confirmed whether a representative would be in attendance.

Members commented on a parking offence that had occurred in January and an observation made by the call centre that the CPOs do not report back on incidents. It was confirmed that because of data protection the Police cannot disclose information relating to a process involving another person.

Members considered if the Police should offer additional presence/surveillance in the village given the higher number of anti-social behaviour incidents. Members discussed the need, the focus of the police on *quality of life* and the potential for ASB crimes to develop into more serious crimes.

Members resolved for Cllr B Miles to contact the Police to enquire about further patrols.

3 To Receive and approve the minutes of the 13th January 2022:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting on 13th January 2022 were approved subject to the following:

6 - The clerk agreed to make it explicit in the minutes that the Community Council had agreed to not increase the precept for the year 2022-23.

Matters arising:

Members discussed the recent incident vandalism Members resolved for the Chair to follow up to provide an update.

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 available [here](#)

The members noted the payments that had been made in the period. Members discussed the missing payment and resolved for the clerk to review the paying-in-book and bank statements and confirm.

c Members noted planning applications submitted during the period.

d Activities

Members resolved for the clerk to contact other Councils and review previous correspondence to understand other suppliers of Christmas lights.

Members resolved to convene an Activities meeting on 3rd March at 6pm.

6 To Consider the role of the Council in applying for Rights of Way

The clerk briefed Members on the request by a member of the public and reminded them on the reason the item was placed on the agenda.

Members discussed:

- the need to protect historical rights of way
- whether adding it to the LDP would protect it in the same way that *right of way* status would
- the role of the Council in the process and the potential administrative challenge

Members resolved for the clerk to confirm that the member of the public is a resident of the Nelson and invite him to a meeting.

S Morgan left the meeting

7 Nelson Institute

a To consider proposal

Members considered a proposal following a security review at Nelson Institute.

Members resolved to:

- Change locks on ground floor internal door (to prevent copying of keys) and rear door (internal thumb lock)
- To manage access to keys with a deposit and clear check-out process
- Establish a fire register to manage occupants
- Establish a diary to manage use

b Process for managing books

Members resolved for the clerk to draft an application form for use for those applying for hire.

Members resolved for the clerk to consider Terms & Conditions for use for those hiring the building which include use of parking facilities.

Councillors considered the need for identified parking spaces and security for car park. No decision was made.

Members noted that the local historical society had now disbanded and noted that there was still items within a cupboard that remains at Nelson Institute. Members resolved for the Clerk to contact the society to request return of the key and to remove their property.

Members confirmed that all considerations for building hire are to be considered by full council.

Members confirmed that there was no contract to collect waste. Members considered their role as landlords and the need to consider speaking to tenants regarding waste.

Members resolved to use the downstairs room at the Institute for their meetings at the Institute.

Members resolved to check the boiler before contact with the electrical contractor.

Members agreed to move standing orders by 15 minutes.

8 To consider proposal relating to provision of laptops

The clerk briefed members on his update to the Chair following their decision to allow the Chair to approve purchase of laptops should there be an increase to the original proposal. Members discussed the increased cost of IT equipment and the need to acquire suitable equipment for the role. Members agreed to the proposal.

9 Appointment of Internal auditor

Members resolved to appoint W Davies as internal auditor for the upcoming year.

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

There were none to consider.

Any other business

Standards Committee- it was shared that a representative from the committee will attend Liaison Committee. The next Liaison Committee will be 2nd March 2022.

It was confirmed that the next One Voice Wales meeting is on 17th February 2022.

It was noted that schools are busy preparing for curriculum for Wales and that local schools have been quite fortunate in having minimal disruption this term in terms of class closures. There are concerns with how learners have been impacted throughout by periods of not being in school.

It was confirmed that there would be a Community Centre meeting in March.

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN