

## **Nelson Community Council**

Ordinary Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 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  
Cllr. S Morgan  
Cllr. R Powell (Chair)  
Cllr. E Ap Dafydd (joined late as noted in minutes)  
Mr. L John (Clerk)

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

There were none to consider.

**2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative**

Members discussed the importance of attendance by a police representative. Members resolved that:

- They should raise the issue at the Liaison Committee meeting to understand if there are similar issues
- Cllr B Jenkins will submit an intelligence log to Crimestoppers as soon as possible. Members discussed the anti-social behaviour by those driving to the Llanfabon area. This includes the littering of drinking and substance paraphernalia and substance use whilst driving.
- Members should contact Cllr B Jenkins if there are other issues to be raised through Crimestoppers
- The clerk will raise questions from Members with the Police if they do not attend at future meetings.

**3 To Receive and approve the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> December:**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were approved.

**Matters arising:**

5di. Newsletters- Members suggested that not all residents were delivered to and discussed the potential reasons for that. The delay in printing and clarity of delivery routes were cited as potential reasons.

Members noted that Royal Mail will deliver to every resident for £260 + VAT and resolved that they would consider this option this year.

5c1. Shingrig Road planning. Members asked if there was any information available related to the application. Members noted that the application was awaiting a delegated decision. Members noted that some of the members had commented that this may mean an increase in parking on Shingrig Road.

5dii. Christmas Event. Members noted that the event was very successful despite the use of a new venue.

5dii. Christmas Competitions. Members noted a low number of entries and discussed using an online poll for this year's competition. Members resolved that they would consider the voting system for future competitions.

#### **Activities Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The minutes of these meetings were approved.

Members discussed the relevance of the correspondence provided. It was explained that the email was the basis for discussion about the Christmas event.

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

Members noted that there is an ongoing investigation into the vandalism that has occurred to the toilet facility.

Members commented that other, similar facilities have also been damaged. It was noted the Chair was in contact with the affected organisation.

Members discussed the cost for the repair of the facility and security options that may deter acts of this kind.

Cllr. S Morgan acknowledged a potential declaration through his membership of the Gwent Police and Crime Panel.

#### **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](#)

Members noted concerns raised around a low a number of respondents to the consultation related to 21<sup>st</sup> Century School proposals.

Members acknowledged that the Education Scrutiny Committee had considered the shared report and the proposal had been approved at this stage.

b Finance available [here](#)

The members noted the payments that had been made in the period. Members discussed a missing payment and resolved for the clerk to contact Interserve to cancel the cheque and reissue.

c Members noted that there were no relevant planning applications submitted during the period.

Members discussed the Ty Du Development and confirmed the number of houses by type that is proposed. Members noted the low attendance at recent consultations and concerns related to the consultation processes. It was confirmed that Welsh Government own the related land.

Cllr. E Ap Dafydd joined the meeting.

d Activities

Members resolved that an Activities meeting would be scheduled in February.

#### **6 To consider 2022/23 Budget & Precept Report 2022**

Members noted that the principal authority is yet to propose a budget and discussed the impact of setting a precept prior to this on the total Council Tax bill for residents. It was countered that it should not have an impact and the precept should reflect the activities and the autonomy of the Community Council.

Members commented that it is a difficult time for all residents to increase costs but a diminishing precept could affect the impact of the Community Council on the community longer term.

It was noted that there would be a scrutiny meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January to consider the CCBC budget.

Members acknowledged:

- the reports provided
- the reserves available

Members resolved to approve the Budget. Members approved the Precept Report with no increase to the precept this year for residents.

Cllr S Morgan left the meeting.

Members discussed the budget for expenses and asked if it could be transferred if it was not accepted. Members noted it was an individual member decision and not a collective decision and that the budget could be transferred if not spent.

- 7 To receive any questions from members of the public/report by Members**  
Councillors considered a request for support to make an application to the local authority regarding a right of way. Members commented that there had been support for applications previously and it should be considered.

Members resolved that the clerk add this item for discussion at the next meeting.

**Any other business**

Members noted that a drainage issue had been initially resolved in Mountain Way.

Members noted that residents had commented that some of the Christmas lights were still on. It was resolved that the clerk make contact with the supplier to ensure they were all switched off.

Meeting closed 9:00 pm

**Signed.....**  
**CHAIRMAN**