

## Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 beginning at 7-00 pm. at Nelson Institute.

Present:

Cllr. G Davies  
Cllr. L Dufty- Chair  
Cllr. S Morgan  
Cllr. E Ap Dafydd  
Cllr. A Gray  
Mr. L John (Clerk)

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. B Jenkins, Cllr. B Miles, Cllr. R Powell and Cllr. A John.

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

Members acknowledged receipt of the report.

**3 To Receive and approve the minutes of the following minutes:**

**a. 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022:**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

**Matters arising:**

Colliers Holdings

The location of the development was confirmed. It was also confirmed that the vehicular access would be widened on Nelson Road and the exit and entrance would be at the same point.

Members continued to discuss the location of some of the development and its proximity to the visitor centre at Parc Penallta.

**Planning**

Members discussed planning applications. The clerk agreed to forward the weekly planning list of members

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

There was no report to share given that the Chair had given his apologies.

**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 resolved to make the payments stipulated.

c Planning applications, available [here](#)

Members noted planning applications submitted during the period.

d Activities

**i. Songs of Praise**

The following was noted:

- Some members commented that it was disappointed only 3 members were able to attend.
- The Chairman's collection raised £71.45 towards kick off for Cancer.
- Generally, it was very successful. Gifts were given to the organist and the hosts.

## **ii. Summer Funday**

The following was noted:

- The Co-op are happy to provide refreshments in the Community Centre
- Parent Network and Caerphilly Cares will also be present to promote their organisation and the support they can give.

## **iii. Summer Show**

Members noted the following:

- Cllr G Davies agreed to source a judge for the photography competition
- The process of cleaning cups is ongoing.
- The need to design and order the new trophy commissioned in memory of the former clerk. A Councillor agreed to link with Cllr R Powell.
- Members resolved to convene as an Activities Committee on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm at Nelson Institute.

Members discussed the use of Whatsapp and the need to ensure all members were included in key messages.

Apologies were offered in advance for the Activities meeting by Cllr A John and Cllr S Morgan.

Cllr S Morgan also offered apologies for attendance at the summer events.

## **iv. Newsletter**

Members raised concerns relating to the recent publication. The following was noted by some of the members.

- Omissions relating to an allotment association, schools and Christmas activities
- Spelling and grammatical mistakes so more proof-reading is required
- Some errors on the entry form
- A lack of photos on the design.

Members resolved for the clerk to make contact with Hollybush Allotments to offer an apology.

## **6 Report of the Internal Auditor**

Members acknowledged receipt and approved the report.

## **7 2021/22 Statement of Accounts**

Members acknowledged receipt and approved the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return 21/22.

## **8 Nelson Institute**

S Morgan declared an interest personal and prejudicial interest and abstained from the discussion.

- a. Members noted the following from the recent meeting held at Nelson Institute on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

- Cllr R Powell, Cllr E ap Dafydd, L John, A Ford and M Williams were in attendance.
- The issue of the carpark and related verge being above the damp proof course was discussed. It was agreed that there is an issue and A Ford agreed to discuss solution with Highways. A Ford has subsequently given feedback to say that he is contacting another department as it is not owned by Highways. The clerk agreed to continue to pursue A Ford for resolution. Members resolved to invite A Ford to a future meeting of the Council.
- The issue of the roof design contributing to damp within the building. M Williams agreed to discuss with colleagues and feedback. Members noted that the feedback subsequently was that there was no budget to support repair. M Williams said that discussions when the Lease was granted, would have included the condition of the building, which is why there is a peppercorn rent. Also, rental income would have been included within the lease to provide financial assistance when required.

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

### **- Cenotaph**

Members discussed a suggestion by the member of the public to move the soldier. Members suggested that the over-hanging branches could be need to cutback. It was confirmed that CCBC own the land that the cenotaph is on.

Members confirmed that the tree could be cutback but CCBC cannot trim until September because of the bird nesting season which is also affecting litter picking.

### **- Handball Court**

Members were informed that a group has formed to use the handball court. They are ambitious and have asked for support from the Council. The Council discussed the need for a Grant Aid application. Members discussed other means of support including Chair's Allowance and the Community Empowerment Fund. The process of the Community Empowerment Fund was explained. The successful bids were referred to. It was confirmed that it is available to constituted groups.

Members resolved to support the use of Chair's Allowance subject to the agreement of the Chair.

### **- Community Empowerment Fund.**

Members asked to be informed of Community Empowerment Fund applications that had been approved by County Councillors.

### **- Liaison Group**

Members noted good news that a group is to be re-established to consider the impact of Bryn Holdings. A member commented that it is important that Nelson are involved because of the heavy traffic that the village is subjected to.

### **- Mafon Road traffic speed**

Following a concern raised by resident, members resolved to ask the traffic department on Mafon Road to conduct a speed test/survey.

Members also discussed the speed on Caerphilly Road. Members resolved to request a reduction of the speed limit to 40mph owing to the potential for

increased traffic due to developments and the volume of surface water that is present frequently on the road.

- Dog fouling

Members of the public have suggested that there are not enough dog bins on Cae'r Gelennen up to the Community Centre.

Members resolved for the Clerk to request extra bins of CCBC.

Members discussed that the issue may not be related to the number of bins.

- Overgrown hedges

Members were reminded that hedges cannot be cutback during bird nesting season.

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