

## Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present: Cllr. G Davies  
Cllr. A Gray  
Cllr. E Ap Dafydd  
Cllr. R Powell- Chair  
Cllr. L Duffy  
Cllr. S Morgan (joined late as per the minutes)  
Mr. L John (Clerk)

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. B Miles and Cllr A John.

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

Members noted receipt of the report.

**3 To Receive and approve minutes:**

**a. Ordinary meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The minutes of the meeting were approved subject to the following:

2. CCTV not CCTC

9. Cllr. Ap Dafydd is now representing residents as an independent.

9. members gave an interview 'by school children' recently.

**Matters arising:**

- Planning application for extending hours at Bryn Quarry was deferred not refused. A Member raised the issue that the Planning Committee had not received contact from the Council following agreement at a meeting to raise an objection. The Clerk agreed to evidence the original contact.
- Members resolved for the Clerk to highlight actions completed between meetings and make it a standing item on the agenda.
- The Clerk resolved to include numbers on the minutes.
- Members commented on the detail of the Minutes and asked for more detail.

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

There was no other report outside of an update received elsewhere in the Minutes.

**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 the plans for the land at the former rectory at High Street.

Members noted that a report would be provided at the next meeting for members to provide information about the Remuneration.

Members noted the correspondence during the period.

Members discussed a recently attended Active Travel Plan meetings and noted the increased focus on sustainable transport. The new development along Nelson Road.

b Finance available [here](#)

The members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.

c Members noted planning applications submitted during the period.

Cllr Morgan joined the meeting.

Members commented on the number of houses being developed at the old rectory site and that there had been a number of iterations of the plans. Members discussed the need for affordable housing and the limitations in private developments.

**6** To consider any actions following an update on Toilet Facilities

The Chair provided an update following communication with Caerphilly Taxi Association. The following was noted:

- The meter still has not been replaced
- It is still switched off so there is no further consumption of energy
- The bill is still being paid slowly.

Members discussed contact from Bute Energy. It was confirmed that Bute Energy had offered support and resolved to request support to re-open the toilets. Members discussed how the meter could be tested. Members discussed the high rate of energy incurred and discussed the potential for installation of a solar supply system to provide energy for hot water, light and dryer. The voltage required was discussed.

It was confirmed that a change of meter has been requested. It was resolved for the Chair to continue to liaise with Caerphilly Taxi Association.

**7** To consider actions relating to a new defibrillator

Members discussed the need for awareness training for defibrillators in training and how capability could be increased through the village.

Members resolved for the Clerk to ask the contact for OVW to speak at a future meeting.

Members agreed to seek demand for training from residents.

**8** To consider actions in relation to Nelson Institute:

a. Contact with CCBC re: exterior wall

The history of the neighbouring development was discussed. It is understood that CCBC have taken some responsibility because they regulate the car park. The dispute is still ongoing at CCBC.

Members reiterated concerns at the delay and resolved for the Clerk to seek an update.

b. Security and change of door locks

The Clerk updated members of quotes that had been received relating to a new internal lock for the main room on the ground floor.

Members resolved for the Clerk to pursue new internal lock/s at a cost of £230.00.

Members raised concerns about the use of the room and agreed that the revised Terms & Conditions will be issued following the installation of the new lock.

c. Lease

The Clerk updated members on the information that had been received around the lease. Members noted that the advice given was to seek legal advice about the position.

Cllr. Morgan declared an interest and left the meeting.

Members discussed the ownership of the building and how there are concerns about the transparency of the transactions relating to the building.

Members resolved to seek full history of the ownership and leasing arrangements through the Legal department of CCBC.

Members resolved to contact the tenants of properties for 33 and 37 to inform them of the potential to seek legal advice.

**9** Employment Contract

Cllr Gray declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

Members resolved to issue the employment contract which had been adapted from a CCBC model contract.

Cllr Jenkins agreed to review the risk register and COSHH register for the building.

**10** One Voice Wales Membership

Members resolved to continue membership of One Voice Wales through payment of membership fees. It was agreed that the organisation is a good source of advice and supports risk management.

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

- Damage to the cenotaph had been reported by a resident which he is seeking to repair.
- Residents raised concerns about fly-tipping behind the old police station. Members suggested that the land in question may be private land.

It was resolved for the Clerk to report to Enforcement at CCBC for their investigation.

Penuel Chapel pulpit

Residents discussed a request by a resident to consider the salvage of a pulpit that appears to have been discarded.

Bryn Group Liaison Committee

A subsequent meeting of some Committee members has been held where concerns were raised around the lack of continuity through the process changing representation of residents. The challenge of recruiting residents was also discussed.

Members discussed their action to date.

The next meeting is due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Members commented that concerns remain about the lack of Nelson Community Council representation. There are increasing concerns about the increase in large vehicular traffic throughout the village because of the enterprise.

Members continued to raise concerns about the transparency of CCBC given that members of the public are not allowed to attend these meetings.

Members resolved for the Clerk to write to the Cllr George Committee to demand representation on the Committee.

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