

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 9th February 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 Dufty
Cllr. B Miles (joined late as per the minutes)
Mr. L John (Clerk)

Also present: PC T Bolton

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Morgan and Cllr. B Jenkins.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted receipt of the report and thanked the police for their comprehensive report.

The following was also noted:

- The breakdown of crimes in the local area were provided
- Crimes in Ystrad Mynach include those linked to the custody suite
- Patterns linked to some local incidents were discussed

Members asked how effective CCTV footage is. It was suggested that the cameras can be old or poor quality but if people cover their faces forensic evidence is also needed to make identifications.

- ASB calls were referred to.
- The *Your Voice* process was described. It was noted that this would shortly be published to seek people's views.
- Other community initiatives were noted.
- 2 more Community Support Officers are to start at Ystrad Mynach.

Members asked about the issues that are raised at the PAC meetings. It was noted that traffic and parking issues are usually raised but single-issue incidents are raised to the police separately.

Members asked if the police would consider alternative times and dates for the meetings. It was noted that the feedback would be considered but the evenings are more challenging because of increased demands on police time.

Members asked about the incidents at Maes y Dderwen. Members noted that there are no particular concerns. The number of incidents is variable and normally remain contained at the site.

Members asked about Nelson Fair. It was confirmed that the Police would be supporting.

Members discussed incidents of people racing around the village. It was noted that there had not been any reports. People are encouraged to report it so that the police can respond.

Members discussed responsibility for illegal parking. It was confirmed that the Police do not issue parking fines but can remove vehicles that are creating an obstruction.

3 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 9th February 2023

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

- The Minutes should clarify that the Council was represented at the funeral of the late Colin Luckwell, prominent member of the community and, formerly, Nelson Community Council.

Matters arising:

- A member commented on the discussion that was held relating to the Council budget. Members agreed that it was necessary to refurbish Nelson Institute as per the property condition survey that had been undertaken.

4 To receive a report from the Chair

The Chair provided a verbal report. The following was noted:

- Contact with Caerphilly Taxi Association has been limited recently.
- The Chair will continue to try to make contact with George Edwards and Bute Energy who have been approached to support.
- Members discussed the use of Chair's expenses to subsidise the high energy bill. It was clarified that expenses are taxable and can be spent at the discretion of members to fulfil their duties.

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 correspondence during the period.

- 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.

It was noted that there were no planning applications received during the period.

Members discussed an application that had been made last year to extend the working hours at the site of Bryn Holdings. Members noted that this had been considered by the Planning Committee and refused.

6 To consider any actions following an update on Toilet Facilities

Members had discussed this within the Chair's report above.

7 To consider actions relating to a new defibrillator

It was noted that Nelson FC has secured a defibrillator for Wern Park which had been donated from Transport for Wales. Members discussed a plan for further provision of defibrillators in the community.

The following actions were agreed:

- The Chair agreed to request detail of the specification of the defibrillator and ask if there are others that could be acquired.
- Clerk to speak to OVW contact about the viability of the acquired defibrillators
- Clerk to link with defibrillator managers in the village
- Clerk to approach businesses about siting defibrillator.

Cllr B Miles joined the meeting.

8 To consider actions in relation to Nelson Institute:

a. Contact with CCBC re: exterior wall

It was noted that there was no update. It was resolved for the Clerk to seek advice from the Leader of the Council.

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.

Following a discussion on the security of the building, Members resolved for the Clerk to pursue quotes for

- Combination lock for internal door.

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 raised concerns about the lack of transparency. It was resolved for the Clerk to continue to seek clarity.

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

- Members received an update in relation Llancaeath Junior School- staffing changes were noted.

The issue of traffic and road safety at school opening and closing times were discussed. Members discussed the ongoing school initiatives. It was confirmed that Highways had looked at ways to minimise. A meeting has been offered to discuss enforcement. Cllr. Miles agreed to pursue and include other Members in any agreed meeting.

- Right of Way through Ty Du development
Members noted that with life-saving rings which have been thrown into the man-made lake. A County Councillor agreed to report it. Members reported that there had been similar vandalism in Wern Park previously.
- Members discussed the condition of the old Notice board and agreed that it should be removed or improved. Members agreed to check access to in the first instance.
- Members were informed that Cllr. E ap was now representing residents as an Independent.
- Bryn Liaison Group- A member shared that they visited the site on 27th January in their role representing Nelson residents in their role. Feedback on the work that had taken place on the site was provided and that there had been extensive work since the last visit.

Members discussed the Terms of Reference of the Group. It was noted that the continuity of members was discussed and agreed that it would be reviewed by committee. The following was also noted:

- There was a dispute about the terms of reference including the concerns around the increase in traffic through neighbouring villages especially Nelson.
 - The next meeting is due to take place in 4 months
 - There is currently no Community Council representation on the Bryn Liaison Group, as such. Members resolved for the Clerk to seek clarification.
- A Councillor gave feedback on an interview recently given to school children about the role of a Community Councillor.
 - Concerns have been raised about the litter roadside on Gelligaer Road. Members agreed to log a service request to clean it up.

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN