

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

Cllr. R. Powell (Chair)
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. A Gray
Mr. L John (Clerk)
Cllr B Jenkins
Cllr A John
Cllr B Miles
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd

Also Present: Police- H Widlake, V Williams; OVW- Phil Hill

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. L Duffy.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted receipt of the report. The following was noted:

- Two people have been arrested following a recent incident that resulted in a fatality and the investigation is ongoing. Members discussed the need for traffic calming measures.
- Members discussed the use of some roads for excessive speed. A member commented that the County Councillors should be asked when the road linked to new development will be adopted. It was felt that there is likely to be a delay until the construction works have finished. The Police representatives agreed to provide feedback about the management of the project to the relevant teams.

The clerk agreed to contact Ty Du to ask about the plan for the road.

- The offenders of the reported vehicle theft are unknown at present. Victim packs with crime prevention material have been distributed. Packs are available on request. Members discussed the challenge with the targeted cars and new locking systems.
- Members discussed the anti-social behaviour in the village. It was confirmed that no reports had been received. Residents were urged to report it so that the Police Neighbourhood team can help disperse it.
- Members asked if the use of nitrous oxide was still providing a challenge. It was confirmed that whilst the use still seems prevalent, there have not been reports related to the use recently.

3 To consider Defibrillator strategy

Members welcomed Phil Hill of OVW. A brief was provided of the role provided by OVW and Jack's Appeal, a local charity.

The following was noted:

- Jack's Appeal can support by providing cabinets and replacement parts and the most competitive prices available.

- Some funding may be available but that needs to be checked.
- He can support directly by reviewing suitability of defibrillators
- There is never enough provision and research being undertaken is suggesting that current guidance of number of defibrillators may be reviewed,

Members agreed to continue to seek defibrillators for review by Phil Hill.

4 To Receive an update on agreed actions

An update was received in relation the actions as per actions sheet. See Appendix A.

5 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 13th April 2023

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

There were no other matters arising.

6 To receive a report from the Chair

There was no report to share.

7 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 discussed the Boundary Commission Review. A suggestion has been made that houses on Gelligaer Road should be part of Nelson Ward rather than St Cattwg given the proximity to Nelson. Members agreed in principle to the suggestion.

Members agreed to pause standing orders relating to the requirement to finish early.

- b Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.

bi. Cllr Gray declared an interest.

Members discussed the recent requirement for the cleaner to undertake extra duties to clean following lock replacement. Members resolved to pay overtime of 2 hours at the contractual rate.

- c Members noted planning applications submitted during the period.

8 To consider any actions following an update on Toilet Facilities

There was no further update. Members discussed that the issue of public toilets is being raised in other areas.

Members discussed the request for businesses to support in providing access to their toilets.

9 To consider actions in relation to Nelson Institute:

a. Contact with CCBC re: exterior wall

An update had been provided within the Actions.

b. Security and change of door locks

An update had been provided within the Actions.

c. Request for items to be kept at Nelson Institute.

Members agreed for the 2 groups in question to keep items on site subject to a spare key being made available for the cupboards in question and a list of contents being kept on the outside.

The clerk agreed to send the agreed Terms & Conditions to Members.

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

Residents concerns about Llanfabon development

Residents of Llanfabon attended and voiced concerns about the proposed development in the area. The following was noted:

- Fairview has been purchased by a South West Utilities. It is unclear for what purpose at this stage.
- It is claimed that Bute Energy are offering landowners money in exchange for sale and access to the land and landowners are scared to raise concerns because they would have to sustain the development without any recompense. A lot of money is being offered.
- A request for the minutes of a CCBC planning meeting with Bute Energy that it is thought may have supported the planning have not been provided.
- It is unclear what some of the land will be used for but it is claimed by some that it will become battery units.
- WG and National Grid have denied responsibility for the related planning applications.
- It is thought that the project will blight up to 6 properties
- It is thought that there is no permitted planning for the extension of the substation.
- It was claimed WP Grid have undertaken an ecology report.
- It is thought that organisations have lied to obtain planning permission and will develop differently with impunity.
- It is thought the consultation events did not provide clarity.
- It is thought that CCBC have acted on suspicious information in planning on solar panels as there is unlikely to be a return on investment.
- The consultation process for the existing wind turbine was very short and the installation was of a clandestine nature which is a source of great frustration.
- Correspondence relating to planning was discussed which suggests some unethical practices have occurred.
- An inquiry is needed and further investigation is ongoing.
- Horse riding would not be possible if the development proceeds.
- Concerns were also raised about drainage.

A discussion was held about which organisation has responsibility. Members suggested that there may have been some suspicious land purchasing. A discussion on the land ownership took place.

Members discussed the need for Community meeting. Members resolved for the meeting to take place on an evening on 13th/14th/15th June and noted that Bute Energy had agreed to be present. Residents were asked to prepare questions in advance to give opportunity for the right people to be available to provide the answers.

It was noted that planning application has not been submitted for the condenser yet.

Councillors raised concerns and it was suggested that some would object to the proposals.

Lease of Boys and Girls Club

Members noted that some Community Councillors were trustees of the club and had recently been invited to a meeting by CCBC to relinquish responsibility for it. It was noted that planning permission had been submitted several months ago for development of the land, the keys for which had been relinquished several years previously. The assumption was that the trustees would relinquish responsibility when the keys were handed in.

Members noted the distress caused that they potentially still maintained some liability for the property and discussed the implications for them including that the building was destroyed without permission.

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN

Appendix A

Action	Resp.	Status	Note
Commission new locks for internal downstairs doors	LJ	Complete	Formal quote received; payment made. Awaiting date for works. Work completed.
Support to maintain toilet facilities to be requested from Bute Energy	RP		
Contact Cllr Nigel George to demand representation of Nelson Community Council on the Bryn Liaison Group	LJ	Ongoing	Cllr George has confirmed that the Terms of Reference is the responsibility of the Cabinet. I have asked him if he can consider amending them.
Review risk assessments in place at Nelson Institute	BJ	Ongoing	D Gray to provide cleaning details.
Seek an update on dispute to remedy damp issue on side wall	LJ	Ongoing	Confirmation that CCBC adopted the land in 2012. Meeting is being arranged between Alun Ford and David Haines. DH to attend site Thursday 20th April and will update on works to be completed. Awaiting contact from David.
Contact H David MS to offer support for further investigation in relation to lamping and speed concerns raised by Mr Richards of Llanfabon.	LJ	Complete	Hefin David's office have sought clarification that the responsibility for speed control is CCBC's and have advised further contact with County Councillors.

Request information (through FOI process) to clarify history of ownership of leaseholds in Nelson Institute.	LJ	Ongoing	Request made (reference 16964030). Sent 17/4. Acknowledged 19/4. 20 working days is 16/17 May.
Schedule Community meeting of Nelson re Wind Farm development	LJ	Ongoing	Awaiting feedback through RP of availability of Bute Energy representatives.
Invite L Cadwallader to attend a future meeting of the Council	LJ	Complete	I have asked if he can attend June or July meeting. He cannot attend June or July but has committed to October.