

## **Nelson Community Council**

Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

Cllr. G Davies  
Cllr. A Gray  
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd (Chair)  
Cllr A John  
Mr L John (Clerk)

Also present:

PCSOs: J Price, S Coomer  
L James- CCBC Officer

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr B Miles, Cllr L Dufty and, Cllr S Morgan.

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

Members noted receipt of the report and were invited to ask questions.

The following was noted:

- Other wards in the area had lower crime rates in July
- Some of the incidents were referred to including an incident involving youths where a name is known but the address is incorrect and an incident of the theft of a trailer.
- The police were asked about an attempted break in on Mountain Way. It was explained that that would be covered in the next report.
- There were 3 extra crimes in August.
- Some of the incidents were referred to including 5 ASB reported incidents, one involving a derelict house which it, is confirmed, is privately owned. An isolated incident was mentioned but was not for discussion.
- Details of the community events that the police attended and the schedule for police surgeries were highlighted

Members asked if the speed limit on Nelson Road is to be considered. It was confirmed that it had been reviewed by CCBC and reduced in parts as per the correspondence linked to the new default speed limit.

**3 To Receive an update on agreed actions**

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

**4 To consider actions related to summer activities**

Members agreed that there had been some successes within the Summer Activities and that the Summer Show in particular was a success. Volunteers including judges, Bethel Chapel volunteers and the caretaker at the school, were praised for their contribution.

Members agreed to meet as an Activities Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6pm, prior to the next meeting.

**5 To Receive and approve minutes:**

**a. Ordinary meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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

**b. Activities meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023**

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

**c. Notes of Community meeting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

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

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

There was no report to consider.

**7 To receive any feedback relating to PEDW consultation process**

Members noted that the Council's representation was now on the PEDW website. Members agreed to share the response online for residents.

Residents raised some concerns. The following was noted:

- A resident explained that it was expected that planning committee members would walk with residents on the proposed site to discuss concerns but that did not happen.
- Details of the RCT planning committee meeting were shared. It was noted that the impact on some communities were omitted. One of the speakers was cut short speaking and limited to 5 minutes only. It was a normal committee meeting and not specifically held for such a big development. It suggested that Members have supported the application without considering all the evidence of impact.
- Residents questioned if CCBC planning were qualified enough to create a Local Impact Report.
- The development will affect a lot more communities visually but they seemed not to be aware of it.
- Other surveying is being completed to, it is assumed, consider other developments.
- It was expected that residents could walk and observe PEDW's site observation.

It was confirmed that National Grid would be in attendance the next meeting to brief the Council on developments.

Residents asked if signage could be installed to indicate speed limits and the Llanfabon area. It was explained that this was up to CCBC but that the Community Council would consider supporting formal requests.

**8 To receive information and consider any action relation to Community**

## **Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Lisa James was introduced. A brief overview of CIL was given. The following was noted:

- It is a tax on new development to raise funds for infrastructure introduced in Caerphilly in 2014.
- The categories for development were explained and the rates differ through the County Borough. The rates were explained. The Community Council receive 15% of the income received.
- The money should be spent on infrastructure. Some examples included school equipment,
- It was suggested that if the Council had ideas on expenditure then CCBC could facilitate conversations about the project which could include
- The fees can be accumulated but must be spent within 5 years.
- The amounts that have been shared with Community Councils were shared.

Members asked about recent developments but many were subject to exemptions including social housing and self-build properties.

L James agreed to share information related to CIL that had been received and suggestions of projects.

### **9 To consider Activities schedule**

This had been included on the agenda in error.

### **10 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](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.

c Members noted planning applications submitted during the period.

### **11 To consider actions in relation to Nelson Institute:**

#### **a. Lease**

Members noted the recent history of the property that had been provided by the Coalfield Regeneration Trust. Members added that it is thought that some key documentation is held within the chamber. The Clerk agreed to review the correspondence and copy for members to review prior to seeking any further advice.

Members asked if there had been an update to from CCBC about the expected work required in the library car park. It was noted that there was still no response but Ben Winstanley who is Head of Land and Property Services has been contacted and is due to respond.

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

Some had been considered earlier in the meeting.

## Appendix

Meeting	Category	Action	Resp.	Status	Note
16-Mar-23		Support to maintain toilet facilities to be requested from Bute Energy	RP		
11-May-23		Seek further information about newly acquired defibrillators and ask about potential for access to more	RP		
11-May-23		Contact Ty Du developments about plan for road	LJ		Need to clarify which road specifically it relates to. Members discussed that it is usual for the road not to be adopted. Road clarified.
13-Jul-23		Engage WD in six month audit	LJ		Ongoing
13-Jul-23		Review energy rates to ensure value for money	LJ		Ongoing
14-Sep-23		Write to Summer Show contributors to thank them for their support	LJ		

Signed.....  
**CHAIRMAN**