

**Nelson Community Council**

Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 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 B Miles  
Cllr. A John  
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

There were none received.

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

Members noted receipt of the report. Some had found the document difficult to open.

Members discussed the lack of mention of a serious incident on High Close on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The Clerk agreed to ask:

- why the High Close incident was not mentioned.
- Whether a culprit has been arrested for damage to the hairdressers
- How many drivers have been cited for parking dangerously on Commercial Road this week following police presence.

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

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

**Bryn Group**

Members provided feedback on correspondence relating to the Bryn Group. Members noted that the request for representation for Nelson Community Council was made at a recent meeting. It was agreed that the request would be made at Cabinet but that the Chair would not recommend it.

It was noted that:

- Cllr Gray would be invited to the subsequent meeting.
- A register of vehicular traffic was not kept by the business.
- It was confirmed by the business material is accepted by 4 Local Authorities only with only 7 vehicles from Caerphilly.
- Planning for an additional aerobic digester would be applied for
- Hefin David MS had said that the site should be on a brown site.

**Lease**

Members noted that CCBC have confirmed they do not hold the information relating to the sales of leaseholds.

Members discussed the nature of the tenancy agreements. Members raised concerns about the transparency.

The Clerk agreed to look for papers related to leasehold sales and seek advice from JNP about access to free advice.

It was noted that Members had now relinquished responsibility for the site that former Boys and Girls Club occupied.

### **Car Park**

Members noted the continued delay and discussed the next actions.

The Clerk agreed to invite Ben Winstanley to our next meeting.

## **4 To Receive and approve minutes:**

### **a. Ordinary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

### **b. Annual meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

- Cllr. Powell Is not a Governor at Llanfabon Infant School
- A change of wording relating to the election of Chair is required.

### **c. Activities meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

### **d. Activities meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

Members were reminded of the expectation of Councillors to attend events with a reminder that the Songs of Praise event would take a

### **Matters arising:**

#### **a. Boys Club lease**

Members noted discussed that no further correspondence had been received from CCBC as promised and a complaint will be made. A formal response is requested.

## **5 To receive a report from the Chair**

The Chair noted the contribution to the consultation relating to speed limits. The reduction in speed limits from September was discussed which included the reduction of the speed limit to 40 mph on the main bypass. Members discussed the challenge that it presents to residents/

## **6 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. Members provided detail of the planning application which relates to development of the site to allow for more waste to be stored which has been discussed at the Bryn Liaison Group. Members discussed the potential impacts on the local environment.

- 7** To consider any actions following an update on Toilet Facilities  
There was no further update. Cllr Powell agreed to try to make contact with Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update. The Council agreed that they are keen to re-establish the toilets and support Caerphilly Taxi Association.
- 8** Model Standing Orders  
Members resolved to adopt the model standing orders that had been recommended by One Voice Wales.
- 9** Community meeting  
Members discussed the format of the meeting. There is no stage but Members agreed for invited guests to be seated facing residents with a set up of tables. Members agreed the following agenda:
- Meeting rules
  - Introductions
  - Opening of meeting
  - Presentation by guests
  - Prepared questions
  - Questions by residents
- 10** To consider actions in relation to Nelson Institute:
- a.** Contact with CCBC re: exterior wall  
An update had been provided within the Actions.
- b.** Refurbishment of front door  
Members noted that several companies had been contacted  
Members agreed for a Councillor to undertake the work when he could.
- c.** Rent  
Members discussed the Terms & Conditions of rent for a tenant following feedback of a challenging business environment and agreed to amend them. Rent is now payable between, and for, the months of April to February only. It was also agreed to cancel the obligation to pay for the month of June 2023 only.
- 11** To receive any questions from members of the public/report by Members  
Members resolved to consider residents' concerns where appropriate at the beginning of the meeting after the police report in future meetings.
- a. Residents' concerns about Llanfabon development**

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

- Residents had met with National Grid this week who confirmed that CCBC would have been informed of expansion of works. They confirmed they are obligated to support connection with the new development. The National Grid will provide further feedback.
- An ecology report is being prepared on behalf of a resident for solar panels.
- Residents have requested Minutes of meetings with key stakeholders and have been informed it will take 20 days.
- Residents are still struggling to understand who owns certain property as it is not registered with Land Registry.
- Concerns remain about the transparency being demonstrated by the organisations involved. Residents appear concerned about sharing information potentially because of the offers made to them.

Members noted that Bute Energy have confirmed that they have no connection to WP Power.

Members discussed whether the press have published concerns.

The Clerk shared who had confirmed attendance at the community meeting. and who had been invited.

Members asked if questions had been prepared in advance. A discussion was held on the value of providing questions in advance and the types of questions that could be asked. Residents suggested that they expected the meeting to flow naturally.

It was confirmed that the Chair of the Community Council will Chair the meeting.

The details of the meeting were confirmed.

The promotion of the meeting was discussed. It was confirmed that the meeting had been promoted on notice boards and with local businesses. Residents confirmed that they had also promoted across the village.

Members agreed to pay a donation of £60 towards expenses to the caretaker for ensuring access to Llancaeach Junior School for the meeting.

**b. Website**

A local Councillor had commented on the content of the website. The clerk agreed to review.

**c. Nelson Community Centre**

It was confirmed that the AGM had been held. The following positions were agreed:

Chair: Jennifer Spragg;

Vice Chair: Sarah Rawlins;

Secretary: Laura Dufty;

Treasurer: Joy Morgan

Members noted that a break-in causing extensive damage was reported and CCTV has identified the culprit. It was noted that alarm systems will be considered at the next meeting.

**d. Ynys Las grounds maintenance**

Members raised concerns on behalf of the community related to the maintenance of grounds at Ynys Las. Members noted that there had been no grass-cutting because of No ,ow May and it would only be cut once a year.

**Appendix**

Actions

Meeting	Action	Resp.	Status	Note
16-Mar-23	Support to maintain toilet facilities to be requested from Bute Energy	RP		
16-Mar-23	Contact Cllr Nigel George to demand representation of Nelson Community Council on the Bryn Liaison Group	LJ	Complete	Cllr George has confirmed that the Terms of Reference is the responsibility of the Cabinet. I have asked him if the can consider amending them. He has confirmed that there is no intention to change them currently. See correspondence.
16-Mar-23	Review risk assessments in place at Nelson Institute	BJ	Ongoing	D Gray to provide cleaning details- cleaning materials are available at Nelson Institute.
16-Mar-23	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. Contacted Ben Winstanley on advice from Cllr Morgan.
13-Apr-23	Request information (through FOI process) to clarify history of ownership of leaseholds in Nelson Institute.	LJ	Complete	Request made (reference 16964030). Sent 17/4. Acknowledged 19/4. 20 working days is 16/17 May. CCBC claim information not held- see correspondence. Suggest seek legal advice.

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.
11-May-23	Send Terms & Conditions to Councillors	LJ	Complete	
8-Jun-23	Review website content following Councillor feedback	LJ		
8-Jun-23	Invite Ben Winstanley to a meeting to update on the issue relating to the wall adjoining library car park	LJ	Complete	Happy to meet when an update is available.
8-Jun-23	Seek quote or free advice relating to the leasing agreement for Nelson Institute. Look for papers relating to exchanges of leaseholds.	LJ		
8-Jun-23	Seek response from police on members' queries	LJ		

Signed.....  
**CHAIRMAN**