

Nelson Community Council
Ordinary Meeting held on 9th November 2023
beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

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

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

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

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted receipt of the report.

Members referred to recent village incidents and agreed to request further detail of incidents in future. The suggestion was made that the report has a lack of detail which could be useful.

Members noted actions of a member to ensure the police were able to provide a wreath at the forthcoming Remembrance Service.

3 To Receive an update on agreed actions

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

Toilets- Members discussed the potential to re-open the facilities. Members reported that the debt is still being repaid. RP agreed to speak with George Benson for an update.

Energy- Members discussed some ongoing challenges with accessing accounts.

4 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 12th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record

Matters arising:

- Planning (page 2, 4)

Members referred to planning applications made by Bryn Holdings. Cllr G Davies attended the planning meeting and gave feedback and commented that the quality of the sound was poor. There was no mention of the impact of Nelson (apart from the bog and water tract). It was confirmed that the process was for retrospective planning, i.e. the works have already taken place. There were some concerns raised that the quality of the soil is unknown. It was noted that one of the conditions of planning was that should NRW find contamination then a licence would be required.

Members questioned the planning process. The application was to extend the base to hold more waste materials. It appears planning is being applied for in stages. Members discussed the need for advance warning of planning applications in order to make representations.

Residents commented that planning authorities may be approving applications without considering the full impact of residents. Residents of the area are all affected and there will be a cost in terms of house prices. Residents would like an inquiry of some kind.

Cllr Davies referred to outstanding planning enquiries made at CCBC Liaison Committee relating to the lightning conduction of the synchronous condenser. It was suggested that a lightning detector test was to take place imminently. The increase in volume of stone being released from the quarry had also been questioned. No feedback has been provided.

Residents noted enquiries made of National Grid and subsequently to CCBC and RCT about Clifynydd substation but no feedback has been received. Residents raised concerns about the representations made by CCBC about planning applications. Residents referred to a recent meeting with a Council meeting.

Residents commented on the reactor noise that it was claimed would not occur. The noise comes in waves and is most audible during the night. Residents referred to recent interactions with National Grid where it has been suggested sound recordings taken during a week at a significant cost would be required to evidence the noise pollution.

Residents were referred to the work of the standards committee and the code of conduct that councillors should adhere to if there were concerns.

It was agreed that the Clerk would forward all planning application information on receipt and copy in Councillors on representations made.

b. Activities meeting on 12th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to the amendment relating to the band name- Salvation Army.

c. Grant meeting on 12th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record

5 To receive a report from the Chair

There was no report

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](#)

Members referred to the conduct of Chair at liaison committee,

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

c. Members noted the planning applications for the period.

7 To consider actions in relation to Nelson Institute:

a. Members discussed the need to review the application for hire of the building in conjunction with the terms and conditions. The clerk agreed to share.

b. Maintenance of 35 Commercial St

Councillors confirmed that the fittings are the responsibility of the tenant including the shower and water heater.

8 Community Infrastructure Levy Funds

Members discussed upgrading the path Heol Fawr to end of Dinefwr Terrace. Members suggested that the responsibility should lie with the Local Authority to maintain the path.

Members resolved to defer to the next meeting.

Members discussed the old notice board by the Co-op and resolved to remove it. AG/RP agreed to review to check how easy it is to remove.

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

Some had been considered earlier in the meeting.

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN

Appendix

Meeting	Action	Resp.	Status	Note
16-Mar-23	Support to maintain toilet facilities to be requested from Bute Energy	RP		9/11 Members agreed to request an update from Caerphilly Taxi Association
16-Mar-23	Seek an update on dispute to remedy damp issue on side wall	LJ/AG	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. 21/6/23 BW to get back to me. 30/6/23 Spoke with BW, he is awaiting a decision. Members resolved to ask CCBC to review the property condition survey. Will review survey with Alun Ford and check if

				update is needed. 9/9/23 Awaiting response from B Winstanley. 07/11 BW confirmed that he is awaiting update from AF 09/11 BW confirmed work to start 10/11.
11-May-23	Seek further information about newly acquired defibrillators and ask about potential for access to more	RP		9/11 RP confirmed that they were all in working condition. The football club has 1 at the moment. RP to enquire of how many he has access to.
13-Jul-23	Engage WD in interim audit	LJ		Ongoing
13-Jul-23	Review energy rates to ensure value for money	LJ		Ongoing
12-Oct-23	Contact Phil Hill about training.	LJ	Ongoing	PH confirmed that he can support training with travel expenses only. but it would have to be of an evening from 1800 (me to set up), 1830 prompt start (they arrive from 1815). 2000-2015hrs finish depending on those who want to have a go on doll/s and amount of question from the 30. We must confirm 48hours before the actual numbers booked. Any sessions below 14 at this time will be cancelled or postponed until the community commits to this free session. 9/11 Clerk to ask PH to suggest dates for training.
12-Oct-23	Review terms & conditions relating to Nelson Institute and agenda a relevant item at the next meeting	LJ	Ongoing	Terms & Conditions were provided. 9/11 Application for use by craft group to be shared.
9-Nov-23	Check how old notice board could be removed.	RP/AG	New	

