

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November 2024 beginning at 7:00pm at Nelson Institute

Present: Cllr G Davies
Cllr A Gray (Chair)
Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd
Cllr B Miles
Cllr S Morgan

Also present- PC T Bolton, N Sargent (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Duffy, Cllr R Powell, and Cllr A John.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted receipt of the report. T Bolton presented. The following was also noted:

- Police will now regularly attend meetings subject to availability.
- There has been a decrease in reported crime incidents in the wider Ystrad Mynch area. Some notable incidences were referred to including a local burglary of some local businesses which is still being investigated.
- Incidents over Halloween and Bonfire night were low compared to previous years.
- There has also been a decrease in incidents in relation to anti-social behaviour.
- The police surgeries are still being held and the next event is Wednesday 20th November at 2pm at Nelson Library.

Members commented that the police did not attend the Remembrance Sunday event but that a wreath was laid on behalf of the police.

It was noted that the police were not able to attend many of the events because of a lack of available resource.

Members commented that the Local Authority closed the road, and it was confirmed that this is normal practice.

An invite was extended to the police the Christmas event at the handball court on 20th December, 6pm.

3 To consider questions from members of the public/reports from members

Members discussed the content of a letter from Heol Fawr Allotment Association. It was noted the Summer Show is open to residents of Nelson and surrounding areas but that there are restricted classes. Following discussion, members agreed to acknowledge the letter and the concerns, reference the current terms of entry and available classes and keep the terms and conditions under review.

Councillors noted that on Monday 2nd December (8:30am to 6pm), part of Heol Fawr Road will be closed to repair a grid cover with the diversion through Ty Du Road which may cause considerable disruption.

Members noted that machinery had been moved especially for the

Remembrance Service on Commercial Street and expressed their gratitude for the sentiment which was well-received.

Cllr S Morgan left the meeting at 8:29pm

Members gave feedback on a recent meeting with Innova regarding a proposal to install battery units. Members agreed to agenda an item for discussion at the next meeting.

4 To Receive an update on agreed actions

An update was provided (see appendix).

5 Nelson Institute

N Sargent was introduced. The following was noted:

- Coalfield Regeneration Trust support organisations to safeguard buildings.
- The key to funding is ownership. The Community Council does not have the same access to funding as other organisations.
- The permissions of the lease may allow other organisations to access funding.

The use of the building and access to funding was discussed.

It was noted that CCBC have confirmed that there is no right to surrender the building and would consider their position if a request is made. Councillors suggested that normal practise is that fair wear and tear is acceptable. If it was requested, a condition survey would be undertaken, and it is likely that a negotiation would take place based on any works that were needed.

- Community consultation would be useful to determine need and want alongside other facilities especially in the light of consultations on the future use of other community buildings.
- The Coalfield Regeneration Trust offered to seek some legal advice if none was available.

Members discussed the opportunities that were available, and the need consider the involvement of other organisations. Members discussed the challenge of another organisation taking on the liability.

Members discussed the proposal of FHT Surveyors. Following a vote, in which Cllr S Morgan abstained, it was agreed to proceed with the proposal.

Members agreed to respond to the CCBC also to request their position as the Council are considering surrender of the lease.

Members suggested a discrete meeting in relation to the building to be held in January.

6 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting 10th October 2024

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

b. Activities meeting 10th October 2024

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

c. Committee meeting 3rd October 2024

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

Matters arising: There were none to consider.

7 To receive a report from the Chair

No further reports were shared.

8 To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk provided a verbal report. The following was noted: -

a. Members noted details of correspondence available online [here](#)

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

c. Planning

Members noted the planning applications submitted during the period.

9 Ty Du Housing Development

Members noted that on 13th November, planning consent was given to United Welsh Housing to build 169 houses at Ty Du. Going forward, the housing association will need to apply for grant funding from the Welsh Government to make the scheme affordable. If successful, tenders will be sought for a builder. An update had been provided to residents as part of the newsletter.

10 Activities

Members agreed to move standing orders to continue the meeting after 9pm. Members noted updated actions as per appendix.

Members commented on the Chain and asked whether it was insured. It was confirmed that we have contents insurance

Appendix A

Meeting	Action	Resp.	Status	Note
9-Nov-23	Check how old notice board could be removed.	AG	Ongoing	GD to ask Co-op. 18/1 GD confirmed that it can be removed, and the Coop manager offered to remove it. Members agreed to proceed. 22/2 Coop have agreed to remove but this has not been done. The clerk agreed to engage a handyman to undertake the work. 23/2 RP agreed to undertake work 14/3 It was confirmed that it has been inspected and will be removed.11/4 Clerk to engage handyman to remove. 12/4 Visited with the Chair. It was suggested that the board is in very good condition and could be utilised as a secondary board to showcase Council activity. Clerk to consider replacement Perspex. Some quotes have been received. AG to enquire about Perspex. It was noted that quotes ranged from £60-£90. Members resolved to attempt cleaning of the Perspex first.
14-Mar-24	Ask George at Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update in writing on current position and outstanding costs	RP	Ongoing	Requested, awaiting response from George. The clerk agreed to contact George for an update. George as responded to confirm that he will be in contact. It was noted that there is a Town and Community Council Liaison Committee meeting next week and an update will be requested. 14/6 Spoke with George. Dispute is ongoing. He will attend our meeting on 11th July so that we can make a decision on proceeding. 11/7 GE suffered major medical event last week, will be available to speak next week. Councillors noted that public toilets in Bargoed have recently been re-opened and how they fund it would be interested. It was noted that Bute Energy have agreed to include the facilities in the community benefit if the project starts. 15/8 Trying to make contact with George. 6/9 Still no contact from George. 9/9 George agreed to attend meeting on 12/9 GE attends meeting. See Minutes.10/10 GE provided an update- a

				Community Interest Company has been established. A copy of the invoice has been received. It was confirmed that LGA 1972 allows for the Community Council to fund public toilets. Cllrs agreed to fund the invoice amount on the condition that it will be refunded should the dispute be resolved.2/11 GE awaiting an update from EDF to release toilets to a different supplier.
11-Apr-24	Ask for information about process to install defibrillator on Council land	LJ	Ongoing	I have sought advice from Emma Sullivan, Community Council clerks and Phil Hill. Am awaiting a response. Chris, a colleague of Phil's is away on leave and has tried to make contact with me. The LA have made contact and are to provide a quote for siting a defibrillator. Quote provided of £653. I have asked for some advice of ongoing costs. Members noted a suggestion that it may be possible to site one outside of the junior school. Members discussed promoting the defibrillators in the village and where others could be sited. 4/7/24 Asked other clerks for advice on ongoing energy costs. LA confirmed that they pay energy costs. Members agreed to support the provision of a defibrillator at the Tylers Arms. The clerk agreed to ask CCBC if they could also site an access point near to the Tyler's Arms. Members confirmed the prices for installation The Council agreed to proceed with installation at Bwl Road. 15/8 Post has been installed. 20/8 CCBC have confirmed that there is no availability to connect to supply near Tylers Arms. 27/8 Contact with Jack's Appeal and with electricians for a quote to install. 4/9 Invoice received for defib and cabinet. 9/9 Contact with recommended welders fro bracket to attach to post- awaiting quote/invoice. 10/10 Cllrs agreed to pursue bracket following quote and to contact CCBC to see if there is anywhere near the Tylers' Arms to connect to CCBC supply. 31/10 CCBC confirm that there is no suitable place to connect to the supply in that part of Nelson without considerable expense.14/11 The clerk

				agreed to contact G Evans
18-Apr-24	Seek quotes to provide new condition survey for building	LJ	Ongoing	Have contacted near approx.20 suppliers as recommended by chartered body. Will chase and provide feedback. LA are also getting back to me to confirm their own schedule of surveying. Members resolved to proceed with survey given the evidence of request for quotes- FHT Building Surveyors, £2,100.00 plus VAT. It was confirmed that the survey will take place w/c 6th July. Clerk agreed to let tenants know that it will be undertaken. Clerk agreed to let Members know more information when known so they can be in attendance if required. 10/7 initial visit took place, will return shortly. Report will be shared soon and surveyor will attend meeting to share contents. 11/7 S Knott attended meeting. Report to follow. 5/9 S Knott to attend meeting.3/10 Members agreed to request a quote from FHT Syrveyors to carry out interim work. 9/11 response from FHT to consider. Lessee at 35 is happy to meet but would prefer a time straight after work. Natalie of Coalfield Regeneration Trust is available to meet and is hopeful to attend meeting on 14/11. CCBC have said they would consider their options if the proposal was made to surrender the building- have asked Cllr SM for guidance. 14/11 See Minutes for actions
13-Jun-24	Research sound systems	AJ	Ongoing	
13-Jun-24	Ask interested party to apply for councillor vacancy	BM	Ongoing	10/10 Contact details had been shared with a prospective member. It was agreed to promote the vacancy on the newsletter.
13-Jun-24	Ask Community Centre if minutes can be shared	LD	Ongoing	11/7 Last meeting was cancelled.

10-Oct-24	Ty Du Development	LJ	Closed	The Clerk agreed to seek an update. No update yet. BM suggested she had one. 14/11 Updated provided at meeting.
10-Oct-24	Book children's entertainer	LJ	Closed	Simon Sparkles is booked. Have asked for entertainment to start at 4:15 and finish for 5pm.
10-Oct-24	Confirm venue for Christmas event	LJ	Closed	Linked with school who have mentioned caretaker overtime implications. Will liaise with AG. LJ to confirm that NCC will offer AP a donation for his time and confirm with school.
10-Oct-24	Purchase selection boxes x 120, mince pies x 5 (little ones x 12) and 5 x wine	LJ	Ongoing	
10-Oct-24	Request help from Royal Oak for Christmas event	RP	Ongoing	LJ to ask RP. 14/11 Asked RP. 15/11 RP agreed to link with pub
10-Oct-24	Confirm Salvation Army and Treharmony participation	AG	Closed	14/11 AG confirmed that this has been completed.
11-Jul-24	Ask for engagement meeting with NHS	LJ	Ongoing	Adele Skinner has offered the following dates: Wednesday 8 January 2025; Wednesday 15 January 2025; Wednesday 22 January 2025. 14/11 Members agreed to host a meeting on Wednesday 22nd January 6pm.
10-Oct-24	Ask Aldi and developers to meet to discuss development	LJ	Ongoing	18/10 Consultants to link with Aldi and get back to me.
14-Nov-24	Nelson chain	AG	New	AG to confirm names and years. LJ to seek quote from a trophy shop