

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 12th December 2024 beginning at 7:00pm at Nelson Institute

Present: Cllr G Davies (Chair)
Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd
Cllr R Powell
Cllr B Miles

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Dufty, Cllr S Morgan, Cllr A Gray and Cllr A John.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

A report was received during the meeting and the content noted.

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

- Correspondence has been sent to the Clerk about the vacant Councillor position. The Clerk apologised as it had not been received. Members advised that a brief application was necessary and agreed to agenda an item for the next meeting.

- Concerns were noted from members of the public about the equipment that has already been sited in Llanfabon in preparation for development.
 - o The house that has been purchased is not being used and 2-story portable units have been sited. The permission to use the field was given following the permission to change the use of the house.
 - o The work was not supposed to have started until water pipes had been moved. The remaining fenced off holes meant the large vehicles carrying the units could not enter the field.
 - o The road was blocked for a period whilst a digger was used to moved fencing and covered the holes. Workers claimed they had a right to shut the road for 10 minutes which it is thought is only true if planned and with signage.
 - o Residents were informed that a supervisor would be on site at Fairview House to manage concerns but there was no one present when the road was closed.
 - o It is claimed that National Grid have informed residents that Fairview House will not be returned.
 - o There were bright operating lights being used (now switched off), which affect visibility at a junction, about which a complaint has been made.
 - o Reference was made to a road closure that was not planned.
 - o There has also been some near-missed related
 - o Members agreed to support residents where possible.
 - o The car park has now been completed which has alleviated problems with parking.

Cllr Miles joined the meeting.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Matthew Tucker of Welsh Power to:

- relay resident concerns about the road closure and developments and ask for more consideration of residents and adhere to the construction traffic management plan.

- ask about provision for a defibrillator, potentially, at Fairview House.
- invite him to meet with the Council for an update.
- ask for contact information for the site supervisor.

Members remarked that development should be undertaken according to the construction traffic management plan which is available on CCBC's planning portal.

- It was noted that Bute Energy have applied to undertake pre-construction assessments and are creating trial pits and other processes involving earth wires. A list of scheduled monuments has been noted but no plan of where they are digging. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council to request a plan.

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Members considered the provided quote and noted that other suppliers had declined to provide a quote. Members agreed to proceed on the basis that the investigative work included the front and rear of the building.

5 To Receive an update on agreed actions

An update was provided (see appendix).

Members agreed to ask Llanfabon suppliers to provide defibrillators.

The Clerk agreed to link with Members to agree a time to meet on Friday 20th December to set up for Christmas event.

6 To Receive and approve minutes:

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

There were no matters arising.

7 To receive a report from the Chair

There was no report to consider.

8 To receive a report from the Clerk

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

- Members noted details of correspondence available online [here](#)
- Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.
- Planning
Members noted the planning applications submitted during the period.

Members discussed the closure of Lewis Girls' School and were sympathetic to staff who now face a period of uncertainty. Members noted that school staff had engaged in strike action on Wednesday.

It was noted that the consultation was ongoing for plans related to the cycle path. The route was discussed.

Members asked whether there would be provision for green space at the newer development at Tawel Fan. It was unclear if anything is mandated.

Members discussed Wern Park development and promises to re-develop the site which has not materialised. Cllr Miles commented that she would follow-up with the LA, on the delay in the football club developments.

Members were reminded that the Bryn Liaison Group has disbanded but large vehicles persist and seem to be increasing in the village. Cllr Davies is challenging the decision.

Members asked about a planning application to extend the quarry operation. It was confirmed that there was nothing considered at a Planning committee meeting held last night.

9 Activities

Actions were noted above and in actions update.

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. 8/12 GE apologised for the delays that EDF Energy are still creating a delay. It was agreed to advise GE to contact OFGEM who had originally suggested to pay and resolve the issue later.

11-Apr-24	Ask for information about process to install defibrillator on Council land	LJ	Ongoing	<p>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. 29/11 Confirmed with Jack's Appeal the costs- £821 Defib; £575 cabinet. plus cost to install. Taylour's Electric have installed others. The pads need to be renewed every 2.5 years at a cost of £71; The batteries have a 4 year warranty but can last longer and cost £271. If they defib. is used Jack's Appeal will replace pads free of charge. There is minimum energy usage. Left message for G Evans.</p>
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18-Apr-24	Seek quotes to provide new condition survey for building	LJ	Ongoing	<p>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 Surveyors 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. 29/11 S Knott is awaiting more information relating to quotes. 9/12 S Knott provided quote. 14/12 Agreement of quote subject to confirmation that it includes investigative work at the front and rear of building.</p>
19-Apr-24	Seek quotes to replace floor and windows; and seek help to fix back window gates	LJ	On hold	<p>Quote received to replace flooring- £994 for full downstairs flooring to include fitting. Awaiting quote for windows. Have asked local metal shop to quote to fix window gate. EaLD noted that he had replaced the padlock on the shutter. LJ to chase metal shop. Members discussed a quote to replace windows on the front of £3879. Members discussed a quote to replace flooring of £994.The clerk agreed to seek 2 other quotes/estimates for both pieces of work. Members agreed that the replacement windows should be in keeping with the rest of the village and be non-white. 13/6 Still awaiting feedback on quotes. AG to provide Robert Roberts contact details to help resolve the metal window shutter issue. Below is the choice of standard colours we supply and the job would come in at £4935 inc vat with any of these colours:Black, Irish oak, Rosewood, Anthracite Grey, Chartwell Green. The Council agreed to proceed with anthracite grey. 12/7 Members agreed to proceed with non-white installation of anthracite grey. Members agreed to wait for the building survey before deciding on further expense. 25/7 Stevely's to confirm measurements in further appointment. 31/8 Missed appointment by tenant so re-scheduled 9/9</p>

				Appointment rescheduled- awaiting feedback.03/10 Members agreed to place this work on hold to allow for a plan to be developed on the whole building.
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	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 12/12 RP to link with pub on 14/12/24
11-Jul-24	Ask for engagement meeting with NHS	LJ	Complete	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	Ongoing	AG to confirm names and years. LJ to seek quote from a trophy shop

12-Dec-24	Contact Welsh Power- number of issues inc. relay residents' concerns about preparatory work in Llanfagon.	LJ	New	
12-Dec-24	Request support to provide defibrillator/s specifically in Llanfagon	LJ	New	
12-Dec-24	Ask CCBC if there is somewhere to connect to energy supply in Llanfagon	LJ	New	
12-Dec-24	Respond to planning application for Bute Energy preparatory work	LJ	New	