

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 16th January 2025 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 S Morgan
Cllr K Allen (from item 4)

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Duffy, Cllr B Miles, and Cllr A John.

2 To note recent member correspondence and consider actions

Cllr Davies expressed her sadness at Cllr Gray's recent resignation.

Members noted recent correspondence. Members agreed to take up the offer of voluntary assistance for activities.

Members agreed:

- for Cllr Davies to buy and send flowers on the Council's behalf.
- to acknowledge formally Cllr Gray's resignation and thank her for her years of commitment to the community by letter
- to consider at an Activities meeting, other ways to formally acknowledge her commitment
- to formally advertise the vacancy in line with advice from the CCBC Monitoring Officer.
- to arrange an evening meal to thank her on a personal level

3 To appoint a Chair

Following a vote Members appointed Cllr G Davies as Chair.

Members appointed R Powell as vice-Chair.

4 To consider co-option of new member

Members agreed to co-opt Kim Allen.

5 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

A report was not available and the police were present.

Members referenced reports of recent offers to residents to replace drives. Some considered it suspicious. The Clerk agreed to inform the police.

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

Members commented on complaints around dog fouling. Members were asked to encourage residents to CCBC using their website. The Clerk agreed to support by reporting also with specific examples.

The entrance of Ty Du has been highlighted as an area that has need attention of cleansing services. A new bin has been requested at the entrance.

Members discussed the frustration with a minority who do not pick up waste leave bags.

Members discussed a request from a resident relating to the paving stones near the cenotaph. More clarity is needed before seeking help from Parks Services at CCBC.

7 Nelson Institute

Members considered the provided quoted by FHT Surveyors and noted previous discussion.

Members discussed and noted some of the options relating to Nelson Institute. The following was also noted:

- The Council are yet to receive feedback from CCBC regarding options for the lease of Nelson Institute. Cllr Morgan will help to pursue a response.
- Nelson Library is an option for the Council or another community organisation to take ownership of the asset.
- Local libraries are used for many other purposes beyond library provision
- A community asset transfer would involve empowering community groups to control the building and seek finance to promote and sustain their activities.
- A 7-week consultation relating to Nelson Library has started today.
- Hard copies will be available of consultation material in the library and Newsline which is delivered to newsletters.
- There will also be in-person events.
- The lease mandates a good state of repair
- A summary of the quote was provided.

Members agreed to proceed with the quote provided.

8 To consider meeting relating to Nelson Institute

Members agreed to await feedback from CCBC regarding the lease before meeting.

9 To Receive an update on agreed actions

See actions.

Members discussed the siting of a new defibrillator. Members noted the CCBC new policy is to not connect defibrillators to street lighting and the energy supply is the responsibility of the installer. The Clerk agreed to contact Llanfabon Church regarding the siting of a defibrillator.

Councillors gave feedback from a recently attended site visit in Llanfabon at Welsh Power. The Clerk agreed to invite Welsh Power to Community Council meetings. Concern was raised about equipment partially blocking the view of road users. The equipment has been recently moved to mitigate the concern but others are expected to be sited. Feedback is also expected following a query relating to CCTC footage.

10 To Receive and approve minutes:

Ordinary meeting 12th December 2024

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

Matters Arising:

- Members noted that Cllr Miles agreed to follow-up on the use of a grant at Wern Park.

- The disbanding of Bryn Liaison Group is being pursued by a member
- The planning application for extending Bryn Quarry operation is yet to appear

11 To receive a report from the Chair

There was no report to consider.

12 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.
 - Members approved the budget.
 - Members noted the Precept Report and resolved to maintain the precept, and not increase it.
 - Members agreed to renew the banking mandate and agreed for R Powell to be a signatory.
 - Members resolved to terminate the BT contract.
- Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

13 July meeting

Members agreed to hold the July meeting on 24th July 2025 following a request of the Clerk.

14 Activities

Members gave feedback from Christmas activities which experienced lower attendance than previous years. Members agreed for R Powell and L John to donate the remaining selection boxes to local community groups in Nelson and Ystrad.

Members agreed to agenda an item relating to the asset transfer of Nelson Library- to consider an expression of interest.

Appendix A

Meeting	Action	Note
9-Nov-23	Check how old notice board could be removed.	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. 16/1 Members resolved to purchase new perspex to replace current one.
14-Mar-24	Ask George at Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update in writing on current position and outstanding costs	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. 16/1 GE has had progress in resolving the invoice with EDF Energy and is hopeful of installing toilets shortly.

11-Apr-24	Ask for information about process to install defibrillator on Council land	<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 for 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 the defib. is used Jack's Appeal will replace pads free of charge. There is minimum energy usage. Left message for G Evans. 16/1 CCBC no longer allow connect to supply; Welsh Power have agreed to fund Defib but some dispute on where it could be sited as Fairview House has been suggested; Cabinet to be installed 17/1. Clerk to ask Llanfabon Church if that is a potential site.</p>
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18-Apr-24	Seek quotes to provide new condition survey for building	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. 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. 15/12 S Knott confirmed it only agrees investigative work at rear of building, have left message to discuss it. 16/1 Members agreed to proceed with work.
13-Jun-24	Research sound systems	
13-Jun-24	Ask Community Centre if minutes can be shared	11/7 Last meeting was cancelled.
11-Jul-24	Ask for engagement meeting with NHS	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	18/10 Consultants to link with Aldi and get back to me.
14-Nov-24	Nelson chain	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 Llanfabon.	Have left message. 14/1 EaD attended meeting on site. Await feedback. 16/1 Welsh Power have agreed to attend NCC meeting. The clerk to invite to next meeting. A container placed on field is partially blocking view on the road- it has since been turned slightly. They are also due to update residents on where the security cameras face. Old monuments have been located on the Llanfabon site- there is no watching brief. A member has contacted CADW for comment but they claim it does not affect the setting of the listed building.
12-Dec-24	Request support to provide defibrillator/s specifically in Llanfabon	Have emailed National Grid, Bute Energy and Welsh Power. Welsh Power have agreed to provide.
12-Dec-24	Ask CCBC if there is somewhere to connect to energy supply in Llanfabon	Have emailed Gareth Fleming CCBC to ask. 15/1/24 New policy suggests that this is no longer possible.
12-Dec-24	Respond to planning application for Bute Energy preparatory work	Completed. No response to request for digging plan.
16-Jan-25	Chase CCBC regarding Nelson Institute response	
16-Jan-25	Change bank mandate	Section 1- LJ; Section 2A- RP, Section 2B- AG, Section 3- GD, EaD