

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 8th May 2025 beginning at 7:00pm at Nelson Institute

Present: Cllr R Powell (Chair)
Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd
Cllr K Allen
Cllr B Miles (arrived 7:03 pm)

Also present:
PCSO: Vicky Williams

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received by A John.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

The report was presented. The following was also noted:

Members asked if another venue had been considered for police events given the proposal to close the library. It was noted that another venue had not been considered but news of the plans to close would be shared with relevant officers.

An update on previous queries was requested. PCSOs present agreed to share request with relevant officers. Members noted that a drug warrant was issued in March in the Nelson Ward.

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

There were none to consider.

It was noted that CCBC are to repair the damage to the cenotaph surroundings that a resident had raised.

4 Vacancies

Members agreed to promote the vacancies online.

5 To receive an update relating to Nelson Institute.

Members noted the following:

- The clerk is pursuing support from Bute Energy and contractors in managing the building.
- LA engineers have been on site to review the masonry of the exterior of the property.
- Correspondence from M James advises that the outer leaf of masonry on the rear elevation exterior to of the property appears to be detached from the main building and Heras fencing to cordon some of the car park is required. Members resolved to follow the advise.

The Chair agreed to contact potential suppliers. The Clerk agreed to contact Bute Energy.

Members discussed the potential for business development grants.

6 To Receive an update on agreed actions

There were no updates to other actions.

7 To Receive and approve minutes:

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The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to some amendments/additions:

- 6: It was noted that the fires were not controlled and were extinguished by the fire service.
- 6: There are *plans* instead of rumours for a further substation
- 9: Cllr Allen *stated* that a watching brief was not present.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

8 To receive a report from the Chair

There was no further information to consider.

9 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. Members approved the financial statement for the period 24-25.

Members resolved to pay for flowers for 2 former members as a token of their appreciation.

- c. Planning. These were noted.

Cllr Allen raised the noise concerns and stating that companies involved Cllr Miles stated that she has asked the planning committee to consider the planning application in relation to the development at the substation (Case Ref. 25/0243).

10 To consider next actions in relation to Nelson Library

An update was provided. The following was noted:

- A petition was launched to seek support for the library to remain open.
- Cllr Miles was asked to attend a meeting with Cllr Morgan to discuss the plans for the library but there were no suggested changes to the proposal following the meeting.
- A recent report was published following the closure of the consultation.
- The wider public in Nelson have been invited to contact the leader and cabinet member, independently, to request changes to the plans.
- A meeting with residents in Abertridwr regarding similar concerns about Abertridwr library has also taken place. It was noted that they have a substantial user base of over 600 like Nelson library.
- A joint-scrutiny meeting is to take place on Monday. The Committee will make recommendations to the cabinet but cabinet are not obliged to accept them.
- Members were reminded of the initial discussions with the Management Committee of Nelson Community Centre, when an agreement was reached in principle to work together to support the building should the library close.

- If CCBC make a decision to close the library it will consider it surplus to requirements, decommission the site and close it by 31/8/25.
- There will be an offer of an outreach service for Nelson which may or not be accessible from the building Nelson library occupies.
- The outreach service is planned to operate in its place but this would be periodical and would likely only include a collection and delivery service.
- There is a chance that 3-year-old IT equipment could remain but would be wiped clean.
- It is likely that volunteers would be needed to run an independent library.
- It was confirmed that the library stock would remain.
- 'Tenancy at will' would be considered prior to completion of the asset transfer subject to appropriate plans and approval.

Members resolved to hold a meeting with the Management Committee of Nelson Community Centre and to invite GAVO and the Coalfield Regeneration Trust as soon as possible from 27th May 2025 should a decision be made to close the library.

11 Blue Plaque to commemorate birthplace of Sir Tasker Watkins

Members noted that residents had commented that there was not a historical blue plaque to commemorate the birthplace of Sir Tasker Watkins. They noted that the process could be to consult with the relevant resident and request a blue plaque from CCBC. Members resolved to request advice from CCBC initially.

12 To agree Activities Schedule and related actions

Members agreed to manage the following events/activities:

- A summer Newsletter to be delivered by Royal Mail or alternative by 6th July 2025.
- Songs of Praise: 13th July 2025 at St John's
- Summer Show: Saturday 9th August 2025
- Activities meeting to be held on Thursday 5th June at 6pm at Nelson Institute. Members resolved to invite former members to support.

