

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 12th June 2025 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

Cllr B Miles
Cllr R Powell (Chair)
Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd
Cllr K Allen
Cllr A John

Also present:
PCSOs: N Bateman, L McKean
Welsh Power: K Bithell, J Rogers

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies received.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Residents raised a concern about a neighbour and asked to speak to the police discreetly about a neighbour.

A monthly report shared at another meeting was shared. The following was also noted:

- There was an increase in incidents in May. However, 5 were linked to the same incident.
- A slight increase in anti-social behaviour was reported.
- There were no concerns in terms of trend.

It was noted that the police had been asked to support local residents in allowing access to footpaths following some concerns about vehicles blocking the paths especially near the Hollybush pub. The police have supported by educating residents and the situation continues to be monitored.

Concerns have also been raised of parking in the estate local to the rugby club on match days. It is not clear what the solution is at present. Members noted challenges also near the local Co-op on Wern Crescent.

It was clarified that CCBC issue fines and not the police for parking on double yellow lines.

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

A member of the public raised a concern about a lack of grass cutting near Wern Park adjacent to the play area.

Members noted the following:

- CCBC have responsibility for cutting grass
- The area of land that would be useful to maintain was identified
- Cllr Miles agreed to request the area be added to a list to be maintained
- Access is available.
- The need to support biodiversity needs to be balanced with maintenance of grounds to support recreational use.

4 To consider actions relating to vacancies

Members agreed to promote existing vacancies.

5 To consider an update in relation to Nelson Institute

Members noted the following:

- A recent meeting was held with Bute Energy to pursue a request for support
- It was advised that this is a joint problem given CCBC is the landlord
- CCBC has agreed to meet; the Clerk agreed to arrange the meeting to include B Winstanley, M James, R Powell and Biles.
- The Clerk agreed to contact the Coalfield Regeneration Trust to support

Members provided feedback from a recent visit to 35 Commercial St. where it was noted that the windows need replacing. Members agreed to replace the front windows in grey.

6 To Receive an update on agreed actions

The following was noted:

- The new plastic/Perspex sheet still needs to be added to the old notice board.
- The Clerk agreed to contact the caretaker of Llancaeath Junior School.
- It was confirmed the schools are likely to commence merging or federating next year, and there would only be a single nomination from the Community Council. L Dufty has left the Governing Body of Llancaeath Junior School.
- Members agreed to fund weed killer purchased by G Staples to support maintenance of the cenotaph.

7 Update from Welsh Power

An update was provided. The following was noted:

- The earthworks are well-progressed. The bare earth looks a little unsightly but the site will improve.
- Major foundations are being progressed. The land is being prepared for the main building. This will be started in 6-8 weeks once foundation materials have been added. Concrete will be provided to the site by lorry.
- The traffic management is being closely monitored with the contractor on site.
- Some abnormal loads will be delivered to the site around October. It was clarified that it will be a very wide load with traffic management. It was explained that some equipment cannot be broken down to transport. These loads will be around 200 tonne each on specialist equipment to support the weigh burden on the road. Information will be shared closer to the time including leaflet drop. It will be very slow moving and move from A472 up Llanfabon Road with about one hour disruption. Diversions will be necessary in conjunction with CCBC and the police. The residents on Llanfabon Road will be most impacted.

Councillors commented that following a previous road closure it had been confusing for residents and perhaps communication and signage could be clearer.

Councillors suggested that clear timings for access would be helpful.

Welsh Power indicated that an hour may be the limit of the time it will take as the road is quite straight. No issues are envisaged.

Councillors raised some concerns and said that there had been some near-misses.

It was noted that there were also National Grid works ongoing. Welsh Power agreed to re-iterate the need for good traffic management and encouraged Councillors and residents to contact Welsh Power.

- The concrete pour will be done over a period of time but will not be continuous. The commercial operation date for completion is September 2026.

Members asked if there had been anything uncovered in the recent earthworks. It was noted that an old structure that had gathered water was found but nothing of interest.

Members asked who would be responsible for connecting the condenser to the National Grid. Members were informed that the National Grid cannot currently accommodate any connections to the grid but it is being extended to support extra connections to the grid. The National Grid are currently working to extend their site to provide the ability to connect.

Members noted that the synchronous condenser will be neutral and not be pushing energy to the grid.

Members asked if communication would be shared about the intensity of deliveries and therefore traffic. It was explained that prior to Christmas there will be an increase in traffic. There will be one remaining AIL (Abnormal Indivisible Loads) delivery after Christmas and a resumption of normal contractor traffic.

It is unclear to what extent local companies have been used although the primary contractor is local. KB will investigate access to that information.

Welsh Power agreed to return to update on 11th September.

8 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 8th May 2025

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

Members noted that they were still waiting for some advice from CCBC regarding the request for an historic blue plaque.

b. Annual meeting on 8th May 2024

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to an amendment clarifying that K Allen was elected as vice-Chair.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

9 To receive a report from the Chair

The Chair noted the need to continue its monitoring of the developments in Llanfabon, maintain contact with developers, and keep residents informed.

Members asked if the library car park could have its lines repainted.

10 To receive a report from the Clerk

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

- a. Details of correspondence available online [here](#)
- b. Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.
- c. Members noted that there appeared to be no planning applications submitted during the period. However, it is thought that Bute Energy has made a submission to increase wind turbine blades, the size of the transformer, and the area used.

Members discussed the planning process and process of 'planning creep' which developers could be exploiting.

11 To consider next actions in relation to Nelson Library

Members gave feedback on a recent meeting. The following was noted:

- The expression of interest has been shared with CCBC
- Nelson Community Council is named as a partner organisation. The Community Centre Management Committee is the lead organisation.
- GAVO can help with a business plan
- A separate body to lease the building was considered. GAVO recommend a incorporated charitable organisation. It is free to register. The process to establish is very slow and could take weeks. The regulations of the Charity Commission are different from those imposed by Companies House.
- Members noted the prospective uses of the building to be discussed when the business plan is formulated.

12 To consider next actions in relation to activities

Members noted the following:

- Cups are starting to be returned.
- There has been a recent activities meeting where actions were agreed.

Members agreed the following actions:

- To meet to agree newsletter content on 19/6/25, 11:30am.