

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 11th December 2025 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

Cllr B Miles
Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd
Cllr K Allen (Chair)
Cllr C Maskell
Cllr A Cook
Cllr L Dufty

PCSO Adam South

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

There were none received.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted the report.

Members asked about the attempted burglary in Ynys-Las. There was no update available but queries would feed-back to colleagues.

Members discussed the theft of copper from the synchronous condenser site and asked if the theft was the same incident as one reported at the substation.

Members asked if the *AiL* deliveries had taken place. It was unclear whether the police would have provided an escort as it can sometimes be managed by Highways only.

The PCSO agreed to relay the queries for feedback to the clerk.

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

Members discussed the Christmas lights and concerns raised by residents.

It was noted that the Council were ordered to remove the catenary lighting but the implications were not fully considered.

Members discussed options for lighting and Christmas trees.

Members agreed to:

- Speak to the contractor about the provision of additional lights
- review with CCBC and Contractor
- Discuss options with shop owners before next year's installation

Members raised the issue of the blocking of a local path that used to have bollards to prevent vehicles. It was noted that a resident is using the path with a vehicle. It has been reported to Rights of Way who were to challenge the owner on use of the path. Cllr B Miles will follow up on the request.

4 To Receive and approve minutes:

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

Matters arising:

Nelson Institute

There has no further update from the boxing club.

Members agreed to:

- Invoice no.37 and no.33 for the ground rent from next year

The Clerk agreed to:

- consider a template lease for the boxing club.
- review the lease for detail of when the rent is due

Christmas Shop Window Competition

Members discussed the Christmas shop window competition. Members agreed to vote and feedback ASAP so that the results can be announced quickly.

The clerk agreed to announce the winners and share the prize-winning cheques.

Christmas event

- Members discussed delivery of the invites and agree to complete delivery of the outstanding schools/nurseries.
- It was confirmed that Magic Stu (he will attend school from 3:45pm) has been booked to attend following a confusion with dates that required a cancellation of the original act.
- Members agreed to pay a £50 cancellation fee
- The Clerk agreed to contact A Gray to invite her.
- L Duffy agreed to attend from 5:30pm and would support with the carol
- A Cook agreed to ask Aldi for support.
- Members agreed to obtain the equivalent of 6 bottles of mulled wine; and 24 mince pies (AC), an additional 50 selection boxes (LJ), and paper cups (LD to obtain)
- Members agreed to consider a donation to Treharmony at the next meeting.
- Members agreed to donate the following:
 - £50 to A Portlock
 - £60 to Bargoed Salvation Army band

5 Actions

Updates to agreed actions were noted.

6 To receive a report from the Clerk

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

- a. Details of correspondence available online [here](#)
- b. Planning applications for the period
- c. Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.

Members express concerns about the planning process and noted Bute Energy applications were not appearing on the weekly list. Residents were not being informed either. Cllr Miles agreed to follow up but it is understood applications based on existing applications will not appear in the shared emails.

Members agreed to meet in January to review defibrillator provision relating to defibrillator provision.

Members agreed to meet in January to develop content for the notice board.

7 Nelson Institute

Members agreed to put an expression of interest to the Pride in Place Impact fund.

Members agreed to develop (modernise and refurbish) the top room for sports, and the downstairs room for commercial purposes, on the understanding that this could be withdrawn at some point.

Members agreed to consider a community mapping exercise with support from the Coalfield Regeneration Trust.

8 Activities

There was nothing else to discuss in this item.

9 Clerk position

Members agreed:

- To advertise the position as soon as possible in the new year.
- To advertise for 3 working weeks with One Voice Wales, CCBC and the Job Centre Wales.
- To appoint E Ap Dafydd, K Allen, and B Miles as an Appointment panel with others invited as observers if they want.
- To agree a task as part of the interview process at the next meeting.

Members discussed the Facebook page and agreed to maintain the page for community and Council news and edit the page to be clear on purpose.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.