

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 15th 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 A Cook
Cllr A John

Also present:
PCSOs H Schurer, S Coombes
M Tucker, Welsh Power

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received by L Dufty and C Maskell.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted the report. The below was also noted:

- A slight increase in crime types were noted
- Other incidents were referred to including a car theft. It was noted that there is still an ongoing investigation into the tragic house fire in Nelson.

It was claimed that there had been a few car thefts over Christmas not noted in the report. Some intelligence relating to an offender was referred to. Residents are concerned that cars are being tampered with, with no consequences. It was suggested that some residents do not report.

Members commented on an accident on Mabon Road last week which forced the road to be closed. It is thought that there have been additional accidents since Aldi opened. PCSOs present said they would speak to the Ward Manager to try and arrange some speed monitoring. Additional near misses were noted.

Councillors noted that concerns had been raised previously but CCBC Highways at that time did not think any additional traffic measures were needed.

Members agreed to circulate information relating to it so points could be raised.

Members raised the challenge of road closures in the event of accidents/incidents and asked for better communication about closures and re-opening times. Residents raised concerns about the standard of alternative routes. Councillors agreed to liaise with the CCBC, especially to agree the process to signpost alternative routes.

The Police agreed to feedback about the attempted burglary at Ynys Las that it is thought included attempted car theft.

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

Members agreed to follow-up on concerns about the parking lines outside the library.

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 the CCBC Rights of Way team who were to challenge the owner on use of the path. Cllr B Miles will follow up on the request.

4 Update from Welsh Power

M Tucker briefed members. The following was noted:

- The construction project has 4 phases. The earthwork has been completed. Building erection will be completed in 6-8 weeks. Building installation will take place before site landscaping.
- The project is due to be operational in October this year.
- There is presently a lot of movements on site after a quiet period over Christmas.
- Working hours are restricted by daylight hours.
- There are a number of AIL deliveries to take place. There will be some disruption to Llanfabon Road residents who will be asked to move vehicles. These are due to start at the end of February following a delay in the issue of permits. There are 10 deliveries in total. It is likely to take place on a Monday morning.

Members raised concerns about communication prior to the events.

- WP are happy to communicate more with agreed contacts and noted that residents will be informed through door-knocking and distribution of leaflets.

Members raised concerns about lighting during the night which appear very bright in a rural area. WP agreed to

Members raised concerns about lorries driving on the verge on kerbs. MT added that they roads are diligently cleaned of excess mud.

Members raised concerns about cars being parked in front of Fairview House which is affecting visibility. WP will address these concerns.

MT agreed to share a confirmed delivery schedule with the Clerk, for sharing on Facebook as soon as possible.

- The vehicles will consume a full lane on major A roads. The equipment will be stored in the layby and then transferred to the specialist vehicle.

Members asked about damage to the road. It was explained that the final descent up Llanfabon Road will involve a specialist vehicle (an SPMT). It was confirmed that it will only be moved when Highways and Police permit.

Members discussed support for the building. The Clerk agreed to share the building condition report to WP.

The Chair agreed to share additional resident concerns with MT. MT agreed for WP to attend the next meeting.

5 Defibrillator Strategy

Chris Joyce and Lyn Bowen joined the meeting,

Members agreed that there was an insufficient number of defibrillators in the village. A GoFundMe and other donations have raised £4475.

Residents are considering 3 additional defibrillators.

- Residents have offered to host one.
- The Railway Inn have offered to install it.

It is thought that the Sheltered Housing Complex would be a suitable location and have started to fundraise. It is thought that Colliers are also looking to source one.

Chris Joyce added that considerations include:

- the ongoing costs including the cost of the battery
- appointing a guardian (CJ offered to be the guardian)
- the procurement process

Chris Joyce agreed to contact Jack's Appeal to discuss prices.

Members agreed to:

- receive donations, consider receive quotes and purchase 3 defibrillators.
- provide a training session at the rugby club
- for C Joyce to be the guardian of local defibrillators.

6 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 11th December 2025

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to correction of K Allen's name.

Matters arising:

- Members agreed to donate £60 to Treharmony in recognition of their support for the Christmas event.
- Christmas lights. Members agreed to review before next year's installation. Members agreed to invite the contractor to a future meeting to review. Members discussed provision of a Christmas tree. Members agreed to review availability in the village for a tree.

7 To receive a report from the Clerk

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

- a. Details of correspondence available online [here](#)

It was noted that a Joint-Scrutiny meeting is being held on Monday. B Miles intends to speak and has asked CCBC about budget presumptions given that the library position is on hold pending a judicial review.

Members also questioned that revenue from Llancaiach Fawr is not expected until 2027-28. It was also noted that Council Tax is proposed to increase by 6.25%.

- b. Planning applications for the period. Members noted planning applications relating to developments in Llanfabon developments were raised with the Planning team and have been asked to make comments by 21st January. The Clerk has agreed to comment.

- 'Synchronous condenser 250840NCC. The application should be retrospective as the building has already been erected. We do not feel that proper process has been followed'.
- c. Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.

Members considered the precept for the new financial year and agreed not to increase it given the significant reserves (identified for building spend).

8 Nelson Institute

Members noted that there had been provisional approval for the Pride in Place grant subject to further information which has not been requested yet.

9 Activities

There was nothing further to discuss in this item.

Members agreed to agenda the following items:

Wern Park
Selection boxes

10 Clerk position

This is to be advertised as soon as possible.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.