

## Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received by L Dufty.

**2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative**

Members noted the report.

Members also noted:

- There was evidence of a recent accident/incident on Mabon Road near Heol Islwyn.
- There is ongoing anti-social behaviour in and around the Co-op. This was observed by a Councillor at 6:20pm this evening. The Clerk agreed to ask the police for support. It has been reported by the Co-op.

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

Members discussed the concern of *school wars* that has been publicised. It was noted that there no evidence that events have taken place locally

**4 This item was on the agenda in error**

**5 To Receive and approve minutes:**

**a. Ordinary meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to an amendment of the following:
  - *A recent incident where lights and a generator appeared to be melting was discussed. to: A recent incident where lights and a generator appeared to be on continuously.*
- The defibrillator was sited at The Railway not the Hollybush.
- The rent to be invoiced is *ground rent*.

**Matters arising:**

- The Clerk has requested speed monitoring of Mabon Road and agreed to ask Cllr Miles to request also.
- The Clerk has requested support from CCBC to discuss options around Wern Park without response, and agreed to ask Cllr Miles to request also.
- There is no update on the condenser site.
- The Clerk agreed to invite Welsh Power to the next meeting.

## **6 Defibrillators**

Members noted the following:

- There are 2 defibrillators to be installed on Mountain Way and possibly at Heol Islwyn.
- The Clerk agreed to confirm any leftover funds from the defibrillator donations.
- Members agreed to consider the investment of bleed control kits with any remaining funding.

## **7 One Voice Wales subscription**

Members considered the annual subscription and agreed to subscribe for the year 2026-27.

## **8 Training Plan**

Members agreed to complete a skills analysis as provided by the next meeting. The Clerk agreed to develop a form for this purpose.

## **9 Annual pay increment**

Members considered the following documents:

- Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25
- Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26

Members agreed to award the annual pay increases and relevant backdated pay for staff.

Members agreed for the salary of the Clerk's salary to move to Spinal Column Point 10 (2024-25) and 11 (2025-26) and issue relevant backdated pay.

## **10 Councillor expenses**

Members considered Councillor expenses and agreed to return the form to the Clerk for 2025-26.

## **11 To receive a report from the Clerk**

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

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

## **12 Nelson Institute**

Members noted that CCBC had contacted the Council to inform them that contracts were being prepared for the Pride and Place grant.

Members noted:

- that residents may want the building for community groups and discussed potential use.
- It would be useful to consult with residents.

Members agreed to ask the Coalfield Regeneration Trust of the viability of an asset mapping exercise.

Members agreed to pursue feedback from a recent meeting with the chartered surveyors.

### 13 Activities

The following schedule and related actions were agreed:

- Songs of Praise, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm
  - Clerk to contact the church, school and Treharmony
  - Members to consider gifts for contributors
  - BM to consider programme
- Summer Show, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August (2026)
  - The Clerk to send Programme/application for review
- Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas event 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026
  - Christmas lights- Members are invited to a workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
  - The contractor is to be invited to a meeting to discuss options

#### Newsletter

- To be delivered 4-5/7/26
- Start requesting content w/c 4/5/26
- Content to include usual items and:
  - Bike marking event
  - Planning
- All content to be received by 5/6/26
- Meet to review content and edit 16/6/26
- Final copy by 19/6/26
- Printed by 3/7/26
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### 14 Clerk position

Members noted that interviews were ongoing.

Members agreed for K Allen to share the people's Charter

Members asked about the process of changing agreed minutes. The Clerk agreed to confirm the process.

### 15 Grant Aid

C Haskell declared an interest as an allotment tenant. Members agreed to seek advice and support from the allotment associations for help in improving the village.

Members agreed to approve the payment of £250. Members agreed to agenda an item to review the policy related to grant payments.