

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 11th June 2026 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd (Chair)
Cllr A John
Cllr A Gray
Cllr B Miles

PCSOs:
N Bateman
R Platt
C George-Roberts

K Bithell, Welsh Power
Paul, Welsh Power
Tim, Knights Brown

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received by Cllr A Cook, Cllr K Allen, Cllr C Maskell, and Cllr L Dufty.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted the report, and the following:

- A decrease in crime and as behaviour
- Shop-owners have reported a significant decrease in anti-social behaviour
- Identified young people had received orders not to enter the area
- A national initiative to reduce knife crime was referred to

It was announced 2 new CSOs will be starting in the area around September. Dates will be shared in the usual channels.

Members asked about car crime and referred to 2 incidents. It was confirmed that updated information is usually shared with those reporting the crimes. A leaflet relation to car crime prevention will be shared with Members.

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

Work has commenced on new school building. An update was provided. It is a 2-year project. The top building will be closed at the Llancaeach Junior site from September to enable savings.

Members commented on the library car park., and noted that the car park may not be the responsibility of CCBC. Clarity is being sought and B Miles will pursue it.

Defibrillators

The 4th cabinet has been delivered and will now be installed at Trafalgar Park. CCBC will help install it, hopefully this week. A battery is required at Llanfabon Infants site and the Community Council have been approached to support. The school will be asked to contact CCBC in the first instance.

Members noted an update relating to a petition to request the re-opening of the Nelson train line. Work is being done to understand the feasibility of 4 stations on the line. Transport for Wales, and the local MS is involved.

4 Welsh Power update

K Bithell presented. The following was noted:

- There have been 4 AiL movements which have been successful. The equipment is trans-shipped in the layby near Llanfabon Road for transport to the site. There are 2 more to follow in early July.
- Compensation is agreed between the AiL company and affected businesses.
- Timings are very strict, and may operate at times when the site is not operational because they are exceptional.
- The building is complete (the external fabric), and most of the equipment is in the building.
- The internal fit-out is progressing.
- Final foundations of the site are nearing completion which means some of the noisier work is coming to an end.
- The site is being secured with fencing to start shortly.

Members referred to a resident concern about timetable slippage with some work noted outside of planning restrictions. It is thought that the work is likely to be related to a delay in AiL movements. There was a delay which meant some work occurred out of hours.

It was noted that an extension of the working hours detailed in Construction Traffic Management Plan was requested pre-Christmas which provides flexibility to undertake non-noise generating activities inside the facility. There should not be plant movement around the site. Members invited escalations to K Bithell for investigation if there are breaches to the plan. It is expected that the traffic reduction will be very significant when the site is operational.

It is hoped to start commercial operation around 19th February 2027. There are some critical activities to complete still.

It is confirmed that National Grid lease the land, the facility is owned by Welsh Power (the SPV- Cilfyndd Grid Services Ltd). Welsh Power operates and maintains the site. The plant is designed to run continuously and provides several core services.

The long-term plan is to return the field currently used as a car park and other facilities to a green field, and re-create the dry-stone wall. Fairview House is used as a site office but is largely unchanged. It will be returned to a domestic dwelling (as per planning conditions) and sold. The upstairs of the property is still a domestic dwelling and no work can be completed there.

Further to a question about the roller-shutter doors and related noise. It was noted that if the doors are open then there would be noise but it is not intended to have them open when the site is operating. The site is acoustically treated with high specification roller-shutter doors.

It was noted that the employed contractor was unable to maintain the hedges before nesting season commenced and it was accepted that they could be neater. There is excessive vegetation over Council highways also.

Welsh Power confirmed that they have no knowledge of any surveys being undertaken by National Grid.

There is an opportunity for the project delivery team and other volunteers to provide volunteer work. Members were invited to consider projects that the team could support with.

Welsh Power agreed to provide a further update in our meeting on 10/9.

5 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 21st May 2026

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to Cllr E ap Dafydd being the Chair.

Matters arising

- T Coles has confirmed attendance at Songs of Praise. The school should be able to commit also.
- Members agreed to link with the local churches to choose hymns as soon as possible
- Members noted Treharmony cannot attend, and agreed to ask the local male choir to support. Cllr A Gray agreed to ask.
- Members noted that a judge for needlework and printing category has been sought but that members may need to judge if one cannot be located.

b. AGM minutes 21st May 2026

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

Matters arising:

- Cllr A Gray agreed to undertake appointed roles.

6 Defibrillators

Members had discussed this previously.

7 Training Plan

Members agreed to complete a skills analysis as provided and maintain the item on the agenda.

8 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 agreed to meet to agree Audit 2026-27 on Teams when it is ready.

Members agreed to allow use of the building to a local group next week subject to ensuring security of the building.

9 Nelson Institute

Members discussed concerns about the long-term plan and some members (Cllr C Maskell- prior to the meeting, and Cllr Gray who strongly objected) objected to its use as a commercial space.

Members agreed to:

- Appoint Ferrier Hart Thomas Ltd to support with process.
- Request a meeting to agree specification for contractors

10 Activities

This had been discussed previously.