

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November 2019 beginning at 7-00 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. G Davies (Chair)
Cllr. L. Dufty (Vice Chair)
Cllr. R Powell
Cllr. B. Miles
Cllr. A Blackman
Cllr. E Ap Dafydd

Mr T White (Clerk)

1 x Member of Public

Apologies for absence

Cllr S Morgan
Cllr. Z. Jones
Cllr. A. Gray

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Declaration of Interest:

Members should make their declarations of personal or prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting for Agenda items when they are aware beforehand that these apply, or otherwise do so either before or during discussion (as is most appropriate) if they become aware that any such interests may relate to a matter then being considered.

2451 Receive apologies for absence

The Chair took the opportunity to welcome the 2 new Members who completed their Declarations of Interest and Members Allowance payment form

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr S Morgan
Cllr. Z. Jones
Cllr. A. Gray

2452 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

No Police attendance but Cllr Dufty presented the report on their behalf

Crimes for October –

Nelson – 19
Hengoed – 45
Maesycwmmmer – 14
Ystrad Mynach – 52

Some of these crimes are:

Theft of vehicle x 2
Theft of a pushbike
Theft of fuel from petrol station
Section 165 vehicle seizure – No insurance
Neighbour disputes
Harassment / malicious communication – x 2
Assault
Disqualified driver & unfit through drugs.

One crime is violence against a person - it relates to a male youth acting anti socially around the Welsh Water site but because he has given the security guard a bit of lip it is recorded as violence against a person.

ASB for October –

Nelson – 0
Hengoed – 4
Maesycwmmmer – 1
Ystrad Mynach - 8

2453 To receive any questions/comments from members of the public who are present

The resident questioned the new Members on their political affiliation

Cllr Blackman confirmed she had stood as an Independent

Cllr Ap Dafydd confirmed he had stood for Plaid Cymru

Cllr Miles, in answer to a question, confirmed the proposed Council Tax increase would be 6.95% and that the reported under-spend was actually Capital which was already allocated to specific projects

2454 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

- **To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 3rd October 2019 - approved**

2444 Cllr Miles to check when public meeting will be held

2447 Clerk to check cost of uncontested election

- **To receive and approve the minutes of the Activities Meeting 3rd October 2019- approved**

Songs of Praise was a great success

Probably need additional trough for cenotaph

Include photograph of cenotaph in newsletter if available

Members agreed to pay Elsie Evans £75 towards her expenses for the day

2455 To Receive a Report from the Chair

Cllr Davies provided an update on the Children's Christmas event. Event on 13th December starting at 5 pm with Father Christmas at 5-30. The Chair requested that Members assist with the decoration of the Chapel.

Cllr Davies also confirmed the Carol Service will be held on the 14th December with a Male Voice Choir, Lewis School/s and Llanfabon singing on the evening. Unfortunately we could not accommodate the full ladies choir as there were 75 choristers.

Cllr Davies asked the Clerk to enquire regarding Code of Conduct Training for all Councillors

Cllr Miles and Cllr Davies will be administering the Christmas Window competition with prizes as in previous years with decorations in place by the 5th December and judging by Councillors on the 12th

Cllr Powell enquired if the roundabout could be closed for the duration of the Remembrance Day Service (enquiries to be made next year)

2456 Report from Clerk

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a PLANNING

Planning Weekly List 24/10/19

Case Ref. 19/0826/FULL Site Area: 360m²
Location: 33 Heol Isaf Nelson Treharris CF46 6NS (UPRN 000043007933) Proposal:
Construct two dormers to east elevation
powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk: 01443 864424 Case Officer: Mr C Powell
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311722 (E) 195220 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Planning Weekly List 16/10/19

No Applications

Planning Weekly List 09/10/19

Case Ref. 19/0792/COU Site Area: 2789m²
Location: Huntersmoon Dynevor Terrace Nelson Treharris CF46 6PD (UPRN 000043089463)
Proposal: Change the use from residential to mixed use of residential and wellness, hairdressing and beauty industry use
powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk: 01443 864424 Case Officer: Mr C Powell
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311341 (E) 195264 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Planning Weekly List 02/10/19

No Applications

Planning Weekly List 24/09/19

No Applications

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st October to 31st October included below - all other transactions included on bank statement)

D Gray Cleaner (Nov)

78.17

De Gray (replacement Cheque for October)	78.17
PlayWorks (Nov)	114.80
WAO	184.10
Banchaere Illuminations UK Ltd (replacement)	508.80
CCBC (Gutters)	1,211.60
Poppy appeal (2018 - previously unpaid)	40.00
Poppy appeal (including lamp post poppies)	140.00
Masterfoil (Winter Newslettter)	375.00

c CORRESPONDANCE (correspondence not provided with the Minutes will be available in the Chamber for Members to view prior to the meeting plus copies will be available at the meeting)

Vacancies Councillors
Copy available at meeting

Independent Remuneration Panel Consultation
Copy available at meeting

Diversion of footpath 9 and 10
Copy available at meeting **Clerk confirm location**

Vision ICT website update proposal
Copy of e mail **Clerk to obtain quotation from CCBC**

Aneurin Bevan Engagement event
Copy available at meeting

Nelson Public Toilets (Business Case) **(Cllr Miles to progress as deadline is in December - Clerk offered to assist)**
Copy available at meeting

Nelson CCTV provision
Copy available at meeting

South Wales Fire and Rescue (consultation)
Copy of e mail

OVW Training Sessions
Copy available at meeting

Environment Act

Copy available (Clerk to provide report)

Understanding Welsh Places

Copy available at meeting

Winter weed control

Copy available at meeting

One Voice Wales VE Day 75

Copy available at meeting **(defer to Activities Committee)**

State of the Nation Report

Copy of letter (link available at meeting)

Ty Ddu Development

Copy available at meeting

The Clerk also reported the following correspondence that had been received recently:

Trago Mills Christmas Offer **(Clerk place on Notice Board)**

Pre Planning consultation on development of land at Brooklands Cottages Nelson **(Concerns were raised by Members regarding drainage and overdevelopment of the land) Clerk to raise with Developer and copy CCBC**

CCBC budget consultation **(Clerk to raise the following issues)**

the removal or downgrading of CCTV in Nelson

Increase in bulk collection charges as this could lead to an increase in dumping

closure of HWRCs as it could lead to an increase in dumping

reduction in cleansing resources

reduction in schools funding

reduction in highways maintenance budget

increase in school meals charges

any increase in charges for Pest Control

Reduction in Community Safety or Environmental Enforcement

increase in Council Tax

2457 To receive update on current Councillor vacancies

The vacancies had now been filled in uncontested elections and we are awaiting the costs from CCBC which will have to be funded from the Community Council Budget.

2458 To receive a Six Month Financial update

The Clerk provided Members with the 6 monthly financial update which indicated a projected under spend for this year. It was agreed that some of this would be taken up with Grant Aid Applications, Maintenance work/redecoration to the building and an allocation for the Election of new Members.

Even after taking these into account it was likely there would be an under spend and Members were asked to consider what this should be spent on.

It was also noted that the Community Council held a considerable reserve, some of which would probably be spent on the building, plus the need to keep a reasonable reserve to cover unforeseen expenditures or emergency items.

2019/20		6 MONTH EXPENDITURE/PROJECTION			
	BUDGET	6 MONTH			
Proposed Budgets for 2019-2020		EXPEND	EST EXP		
Clerical/Administration (including insure)	5000	£ 797.15	£ 7,600.00		INCLUDING ELECTION COST
Salaries (including PAYE)	7000	£ 4,880.08	£ 3,700.00		CHEQUE CANCELLED IN 2018/19
Grants and Grant Aid	2000	-	2,000.00		
Building Maintenance	3000	£ -	£ 3,500.00		GUTTERS AND DECORATION
Summer Events	3500	£ 1,277.00	-		
Annual community Show	1500	£ 294.00	-		
Other Community Activities	4000	£ 602.98	£ 3,400.00		
Other Expenditure	3500	£ 800.00	£ 1,500.00		
Members expenses	2000	-			
	£ 31,500.00	£ 8,651.21	£ 21,700.00	£	30,351.21
Total:	0				
ADDITIONAL INCOME					
potential property income	£ 5,200.00				
boxing club income	£ 800.00				
VAT reclaim	£ 500.00	Balance on Deposit a/c		£	50,000.00
total	£ 6,500.00				
Additional income (50%)	£ 3,250.00	over budget			

2458 To receive update on Civil Parking Enforcement

Members noted the contents of the report presented to CCBC in October which included recommendations for removal of yellow lines where they were no longer required.

It was also noted that any other changes to TRO's would be undertaken over the longer term and would be prioritised by CCBC Members and require additional consultation

2459 To appraise Members of the requirements of the Environment Act.

The Clerk provided Members with information of the requirements for Community Councils to provide a report on how they deal with and promote Biodiversity within their areas. Agreed the Council would support Grant Aid applications that incorporated biodiversity and would incorporate information in future Newsletters. The Clerk will produce a more detailed report in the new year.

2460 To receive update report on Public Toilets

Cllr Miles updated Members on the requirement to provide a Business Case by December. Cllr Miles also reported on the option for applying for Lottery Funding, up to £100,000 which could be used for Capital or Revenue over a 5 year period. Members agreed to make an application if appropriate.

A report was also provided on the option for conversion of the Toilets to an automated facility (approximate cost £65,000) although Cllr Miles is still awaiting the annual maintenance charge together with the practicalities of utilising part of the building as a commercial outlet.

Members agreed to incorporate consultation regarding PC's in the Winter Newsletter, Cllr Miles will proceed with the submission of the Business Case and that the Community Council allocate up to £5,000 to progress Planning and any other expenditure required to determine the feasibility of the Public Toilets

Meeting Suspended and reconvened

2461 Report from Members serving on external organisation

No reports provided

2462 Grant Aid Applications (Section 137 LGA 1972 or as detailed below)

	Historical Society	approved £150 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act
1976, s. 19		
	Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir	approved £150 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act
1976, s. 19		
	Heol Fawr Allotments	approved £150 Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s. 23
	Hollybush Allotments	approved £150 Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s. 23
Act	Llanfabon (maintenance of graveyard)	approved £300 Local Government 1972, s. 214 and Sch 26
Act	Friends of Llanfabon School Cllr Duffy and Cllr Miles declared an interest	approved £214 Local Government Section 137

Meeting... 14th November closed at 9-10 pm
reconvened and closed at 9-30pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN