

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 8th November 2018 beginning at 7-00 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. L. Lewis MBE (Acting Chairman)
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. L. Dufty
Cllr. B. Miles
Cllr P Baldwin (Vice Chair)
Cllr R Powell
Cllr S Morgan

PCSO Genna Price - Gwent Police

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence,

Cllr. A. Gray
Cllr Z Barnett- Jones

Declaration of Interest:

No declarations

2289 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr. A. Gray
Cllr Z Barnett- Jones

2290 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

PCSO G Price reported:

1 warrant had been executed in Nelson

Halloween event held in Church (and funded by UWHA and Co Op)
had been very well attended

Speed checks had been undertaken in Shingrig Road

Cllr Morgan asked if there had been a 'spike' in the crimes reported in Nelson and asked if CCTV footage could be checked for evidence

Concerns were again raised regarding drug dealing in Wern Park

2291 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 11th October 2018

Matters arising:

2261 – Clerk reported on correspondence between CCBC and Community Council regarding representation on newly formed Discussion Group for Bryn.

Cllr Davies confirmed that she had been in correspondence with the Leader.

Cllr Miles confirmed she could speak at the Planning meeting but had to keep an open mind if she was to vote

Clerk write to CCBC Leader regarding concerns on the winding up of the Bryn Liaison Group without consultation and the forming of the Bryn Discussion Group with limited Terms of Reference and no representation from Nelson

2282 - Christmas Show on the 14th December, Leaflets to be distributed in Schools and Cllr Gray to purchase Selection Boxes.

- To receive and approve the minutes of Activity Committee 4th October 2018

2292 To Receive a Report from the Chair

The Chair was not in attendance

2293 To receive a report from the Clerk

a PLANNING

Up to 19th October

Case Ref. 18/0847/NCC Site Area: 254m²
Location: Plot 2 Land At Grid Ref 311590 195097 Heol Fawr Nelson (UPRN 000043174791) Proposal:
Vary condition 02 (Approved plans) of planning consent 17/0822/FULL (Erect a two storey, 4-bed detached house with single storey rear extension and attic rooms in the loft) to increase size of porch and rear extension, change from 2 smaller windows front stairwell to 1 larger window and change to double cabrio roof window at front
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311596 (E) 195091 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Up to 9th October

Case Ref. 18/0784/FULL Site Area: 203m²
Location: 43 High Close Nelson Treharris CF46 6HJ (UPRN 000043008217)
Proposal: Erect two storey side extension
Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01443 864347 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311100 (E) 195371 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 18/0836/CLPU Site Area: 343m²
Location: Oaklands 58 High Street Nelson Treharris CF46 6HA (UPRN 000043007450)
Proposal: Obtain Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed conversion of conservatory structure and roof to match main building
Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson 01443 864347 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311001 (E) 195540 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Case Ref. 18/0843/NCC

Site Area: 39043m²

Location: Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm Gelligaer Road Gelligaer Hengoed CF82 8FY (UPRN 000043086592)

Proposal: Vary condition 8 of planning consent 18/0085/NCC (Vary condition 8 of planning consent 15/0488/RET (Retain development previously approved under planning permission 11/0224/FULL for the construction of an anaerobic digestion facility with changes to construction details relating to the position of the digestate tanks, digestate lagoon, surplus gas flare, silage clamp and associated works and to change the use of the existing in vessel composting building to an anaerobic digestion reception building and an in vessel composting facility) to enable the continuation of restricted Saturday and Bank Holiday hours (which have been operated under for the past three years) to enable collections to take place on Sundays

Case Officer: Mrs R Amundson

01443 864347 amundrh@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: St Cattwg

Map Ref: 312485 (E) 196441 (N)

Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council

Expected Decision Level: Delegated

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st October to 30th October 2018 included below - all other transactions included on bank statement

D Gray Cleaner (November)

75.83

PlayWorks (November)

106.00

Finance update (6 months)

2018/19 EXPENDITURE TO DATE (6 months TO October)

Budgets set for 2017-2018			Budgets for 2018-2019			Expenditure 2018 to date		Estimated outstanding	Variance	
Clerical and Administration (including insurances)	£	8,000.00	Clerical and Admin (including insurances)	£	7,500.00	£	1,868.07	£	2,000.00	£ 3,631.93
Salaries (including PAYE)	£	6,000.00	Salaries (including PAYE)	£	7,000.00	£	2,759.28	£	3,000.00	£ 1,240.72
Grants and Grant Aid	£	2,000.00	Grants and Grant Aid	£	2,000.00	£	1,000.00	£	1,000.00	£ -
Annual Play Scheme	£	500.00	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	£	3,000.00	£	1,224.46	£	1,000.00	£ 775.54
Annual Play Scheme Salaries	£	4,500.00	SUMMER EVENTS	£	4,000.00	£	2,494.68	£	-	£ 1,505.32
Annual Community Show	£	1,000.00	Annual Community Show	£	1,500.00	£	1,296.40	£	-	£ 203.60
Other Community Activities	£	3,000.00	Other Community Activities	£	3,000.00	£	2,987.00	£	1,000.00	£- 987.00
Other Expenditure	£	4,500.00	Other Expenditure	£	3,500.00	£	1,225.53	£	3,000.00	£- 725.53
Totals: £ 29,500.00			Total: £ 31,500.00			£ 14,855.42	£	11,000.00	£ 5,644.58	
Expenditure from Reserves/Income £ -						£ -	£	-	£ -	
								TOTAL	£ 5,644.58	

Precept based on Current Rate		ANTICIPATED INCOME	
	£	27,600.00	28000
Estimated other income: (Including VAT claimed)	£	3,000.00	4800
Total:	£	30,600.00	32800
Variance:	£	-£ 900.00	

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The following correspondence has been received

CCBC Event review seeking CC contributions
copy provided at meeting (report sent prior to meeting)

Members noted the request and the fact that no events were actually provided in Nelson and they agreed they could not legitimately use money raised from Nelson Council Tax payers to fund events in other parts of the borough..

Public Rights of Way at the Ty Du site, Nelson
copy provided at meeting

Cllr Morgan provided an update and confirmed the ROW would be protected

One Voice Wales Conference Dates for 2019
copy provided at meeting

Armistice Parade arrangements
copy provided at meeting

Community Council Liaison
copy provided at meeting

Additional poppies for cenotaph
copy provided at meeting

The placing of additional poppies at the Cenotaph was endorsed by Members and it was noted that enquiries to the RBL had identified they had sold out of the poppies that affixed to lampposts

Funding - Christmas Fair at Llanciach Fawr
copy provided at meeting

Welsh Council Audit Response
copy provided at meeting
Members noted the response from the External Auditors but it was still unclear if the issue of funds via Grant Aid was unlawful if there were other legal provisions for issuing funding

Defibrillator Appeal Wales
copy provided at meeting

Members confirmed that one had already been intalled

Traffic Monitoring Information update
copy provided at meeting

Community cleansing
copy provided at meeting

Bryn Liaison Committee
copy provided at meeting

2294 To receive report from External Auditor and consider recommendations

Members noted the recommendations of the External Auditor and:

- Agreed the Chair and Clerk would discuss the recommendations relating to Internal Audit with our Internal Auditor.
- Questioned the fact that they had not properly approved the budget at the meeting where the Precept was set (it was agreed that a change to the wording of the recommendation may resolve this issue)
- Questioned the issue regarding providing Grant Aid to allotments as opposed to funding using alternative powers was legitimate.

2295 Finance update to October (6 months) see projections below:

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The Clerk pointed out that it is always difficult to provide projections as there could be legitimate unforeseen expenditure incurred in the second half of the year.

The above being said we have included all anticipated expenditure for 2018/19 and as we had allocated a significant budget this year for possible spends on repairs to the building (but had the roof repaired for under £1,000) plus the rental property is likely to be occupied for the full year then it looks as though we will be projecting a £4,000 to £5,000 under spend.

It was also noted that this under spend (which Members may review in the new year with a view to identifying any possible projects) is in addition to the contingency reserves held which equates to approximately £30,000.

Members noted the contents of the report, agreed to review the situation in the new year and keep reserves at their current levels to cover any major expenditure on the building, etc.

2296 To consider any issues relating to Winter Events

All items for Winter Newsletter to be provided to Clerk by end of October

It had not been possible to arrange a Choir for a Christmas Carol Service

Shop window Christmas decorations competition - Cllr Miles and Cllr Davies will notify shops with judging taking place before the 13th December

2297 To consider contributions to the CCBC Events Budget

Members noted the request and the fact that no events were actually provided in Nelson. Members agreed they could not legitimately use money raised from Nelson Council Tax payers to fund events in other parts of the borough

2298 To note the reports from Independent Remuneration Panel and Welsh Government Review of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk had provided Members with a copy of the recommendations in each report in advance of the meeting

Members noted the contents of both reports

2299 To receive reports from Members serving on external organisations

Cllr Davies confirmed the CC Liaison meeting had been changed to the 21st November so the Leader and CEO can address the meeting

Cllr Morgan confirmed there will be a CCBC reduction in budget funding for Community Centres. It was also confirmed that the play group would cease using the Community Centre which will have a serious adverse effect on funding.

No members of Public present

Meeting... 8th November closed at 8-45 pm

signed.....**CHAIRMAN**