County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 14th April 2016 beginning at 6.30p.m.

Present: Cllr. A Gray (Chairman)
Cllr. Lewis MBE, (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. S. Morgan
Cllr. G Mahoney
Cllr. A Blackman

Mr T White (Clerk)

Apologies for absence,

Cllr K. Jones

Also in Attendance Inspector Muirhead
Mr. John

Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Sean Morgan

Nelson Community Centre Management Committee

Lease on unit within Institute Building

Cllr Ann Gray

Nelson Development Trust

Relative to employee

Cllr Gill Davies

Nelson Development Trust

Caerphilly CBC Community Council Liaison

CCBC Standards Committee

Cllr A Blackman

Nelson Community Centre Management Committee

Sight Cymru

Neighbourhood Watch

1892 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies accepted from:

Cllr K. Jones

The Chair agreed to amend the Agenda sequence as there were only 4 Members in attendance at prior to 7 pm

1893 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

Minutes of Activity Committee 3rd March 2016
Accepted

Minutes of 10th March 2016
Accepted with the following minor adjustments:
Ty Ddu development for 600 properties
Community Centre Kitchen to be installed

1894 No Matters arising

1895 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative:

Inspector Muirhead confirmed there had been 23 reported crimes in the Nelson Ward in the preceding month which was about average for this time of year. The crimes mainly consisted of things like criminal damage and other low level issues plus a couple of incidents of shoplifting.

Parking in the village was an ongoing problem and the Inspector confirmed his officers had been ticketing offending Drivers.

The Inspector confirmed a new messaging system had been introduced to replace OWL, it was called 'GWENT NOW' and subscribers will be contacted shortly. It was thought that text contact would also be used to ensure contact for those who did not have access to a computer (Inspector to check).

Cllr Blackman raised concerns regarding illegal parking in Commercial Street and the length of zig zag lines (it was confirmed these were to accommodate restrictions on the road).

Cllr Morgan confirmed that engineering designs would be incorporated into the crossing by the chip shop with the use of bollards to slow traffic.

Cllr Mahoney again raised the issue of the 101 call that was not followed up with the shop owner (Inspector Muirhead agreed to follow up and report back)

Cllr Gray questioned if any action had been taken regarding the report of s smell of cannabis - Inspector Muirhead confirmed officers had been in attendance but nothing had been noted.

Cllr Lewis raised concerns regarding parking outside the Nelson Inn and the dangers that posed to other road users. It was agreed the **Clerk would try and ascertain the owners of the land** the old cottages were located on.

1896 Consider response to LDP

It was the general consensus of Members that the plans constituted overdevelopment of the village of Nelson and that lack of infrastructure, particularly the road network required to deal with additional traffic, was an issue of major concern.

The Council would welcome smaller scale development but again this should be supported by improvements to the road network to sustain additional traffic not only from Nelson but also from proposed developments in other villages where traffic would need to travel through/around Nelson to gain access to the A470

It was also agreed that an objection should be raised to any development that would result in the loss of open green spaces around the village.

All Members supported this submission (with the exception of Cllr Blackman who abstained) and it was agreed the clerk would submit this response on behalf of the Community Council.

1897 Consider response to Consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill - Community Council Section-

requested by PB but not considered

1898 Draft Summer Newsletter

consider at Activities Committee meeting 11th March

1899 20 mph Speed Limit

Members agreed in principal to the introduction of 20 mph speed limits to certain part of the village but before consultation is undertaken with residents it was agreed the **clerk would write to CCBC** to try and ascertain the criteria for such restrictions

1900 Report of Chair

Cllr Gray reported the Notice Board was now fully functional and asked the Clerk to acquire magnetic pads so notices can be affixed to the metal back.

It was agreed a key for the board would be kept in the chamber so any Member could place notices on the board.

The Chair confirmed a donation of £100 to the Mayors Charity.

The Builder will be investigating the cause of the damp in the hairdressers and submitting a quote for remedial works.

It was agreed an Activities Committee would be arranged for Wednesday 11th April 2016 at 6-30 pm to discuss

Summer Play
Summer Newsletter
Summer Show

1901 Report from Clerk

a PLANNING

No Applications for Nelson - week ending 29th March

No Applications for Nelson - week ending 22nd March

No Applications for Nelson - week ending 15th March

No Applications for Nelson - week ending 7th March

No Applications for Nelson - week ending 1st March

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st March to 31st March 2016 included below) - all other transactions included on bank statement

D. Gray, Cleaner (April)	£ 71.50
Steve Kelland (emergency repair)	£162.97
A Gray (Christmas prize)	£ 10.04
CCBC Election	£269.45
British Gas	£523.38
Heol Fawr Allotments (grant aid)	£300.00
Shingrig Allotments	£300.00

Hollybush Allotments	£300.00
T White, Clerk(Dec,Jan, Feb and, Mar)	£1377.44
HMRC (T White)	£344.20

c CORRESPONDANCE

The following correspondence has been received

Consultation on Draft Local Government Bill Wales

Copy attached (Agenda item)

Draft Public Service Ombudsman (Wales) Bill - consideration of consultation

Copy attached (with link)

Consultation Planning Policy Wales, Chapter 6

Copy attached (with link)

Mayors Charity Concert

Copy attached

Play Wales event

copy attached

Summer Play (GAVO update)

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Agreed Clerk would write to GAVO to determine if any progress had been made

The Clerk updated Members on another possible option 'Summer Sport' which could be provided by CCBC Sports Development and the **Clerk would invite a representative to attend** the Activities committee Meeting

Gwent Police command and Control Computer System

copy attached

M4 Corridor, Newport update

copy attached (with link)

Policy Brief Community /Town Councils

Policy Watch copy attached

Play for Wales spring 2016

Copy attached

Local Government Ethical Framework

Additional correspondence for consideration

Agreed to pay One Voice Wales

Agreed for Clerk to write to CCBC to agree for release of CILL funds

Thanks you letters from:
Bargoed and district Arts Society for Grant Aid £50
Wales Air Ambulance for Grant Aid £25

1902 To Receive Reports from Members who serve on External Committees/Organisations

Cllr Blackman provided copies of minutes for 10th March 2016

Cllr Gray and Cllr Jones provided an update on the fund raising evening for NDT which was a great success

Cllr Morgan confirmed that £800 from the Area forum Budget had been match funded to raise an additional £2500 for fencing at Nelson Rugby Club An additional £100 each was awarded to Llancaiach and Llanfabon Schools.

Cllr Jones provided copies of an historical article from the Echo regarding the Handball Court

It was confirmed the Blue Cabins were part of the WHQS housing improvement scheme.

Both Schools registered their thanks for the funding they had been allocated

Cllr Morgan confirmed that consideration was being given to allocating Youth Worker provision in the village

Cllr Mahoney confirmed that Llanfabon School Environment project was ongoing.