

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting held on 12th September 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. Gray

Mr T White (Clerk)

2 x Member of Public

Chris Savva Gwent Police
Jenna Price Gwent Police

Apologies for absence

Cllr S Morgan
Cllr. Z. Jones

How we will use your information

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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.

2421 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr S Morgan
Cllr. P Baldwin
Cllr. Z. Jones

2422 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Crimes reported for August - 32

Including: Theft of van from Bakery
Shoplifting from Co-op x 4
Tyres slashed - Llwynellyn Terrace
Vehicle damage - Ynys Las
Number plates stolen - Ynys las
Crimes and calls to Maes y Dderwen x 9
ASB calls x 6
Large groups of youths at Handball Court x 3
Complaint that drugs being smoked in Wern Park
Youths in Wern Park

Cllr Miles concluded it had been a quiet summer
Cllr Gray enquired regarding damage to cars in High Street (no reports)
Cllr Davies no issues
Cllr Powell asked for additional patrols in Wern Park
Cllr Gray enquired if there were particular issues with drugs in the village - it was confirmed there were no specific issues and Nelson was no different to other areas across the borough
A general discussion ensued regarding homeless people in the village and the Police confirmed they were dealing with issues.

2423 To receive any questions/comments from members of the public who are present (agreed to defer until after next item)

No issues raised that had not been covered in the summary below

2424 To receive update on meeting with CCBC regarding Parking within the village of Nelson

CCBC summary:

The meeting discussed and reviewed the community concerns related to parking restrictions only listed in the summary document provided by Nelson CC following their public consultation exercise.

CCBC stated that a new approach to Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) reviews for community areas was being considered since the introduction of Civil Parking

Enforcement (CPE). This was because town & community councils and local communities would now be able to consider their parking restriction needs in light of a proactive enforcement regime under CPE. This experience has helped to flush out the opportunities and deficiencies in local areas, as evidenced by the number of requests for enforcement and the requests for changes to TROs the Council has received since CPE went live on 8th April.

The next round of TRO reviews will need more effective engagement with local communities and businesses to ensure any changes achieve the best balance between responding to local requests for changes and maintaining appropriate parking restrictions and enforcement.

It is important to note that the demand for TRO reviews across the county borough means that it could be several years before an area is reviewed again, hence then need for effective engagement with local communities.

The prioritisation of TRO reviews will ultimately be influenced by the Council's Members, and will be discussed at a seminar in October. However, the early engagement by Nelson CC is a positive step that supports your case.

There was good discussion on the requests that came from the public consultation, with the pros and cons of each identified. This will need to be the subject of further detailed discussions to ensure the implications are fully understood by all and to gauge the level of support for them.

A CPE update report has been prepared for the Council's Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee to be presented at their meeting on 29 October. Once available in the public domain, I would urge anyone interested to read it. One of the suggestions for Members to consider, in order to help prioritise the requests for TRO reviews, is to undertake a county wide TRO to remove any uncontentious parking restrictions. This is something Nelson CC should consider alongside the wider TRO review.

Once the TRO review for Nelson commences, there will need to be closer working between CCBC and Nelson CC to agree how best to undertake the higher level of engagement with the local community and businesses required to achieve the desired outcome for a comprehensive TRO review.

NCC perspective:

It was a very productive meeting attended by Clive Campbell, Dean Smith, Brenda Miles, Gill Davies, Ann Gray and Tony White.

It seems that CCBC are keen to find solutions to problems but accept there are so many issues across the borough they cannot all be resolved in the short term

Accepting all decisions will be made by CCBC Members after their seminar in October one suggestion is there could a borough wide Traffic Order to remove

unwanted/unnecessary yellow lines (but there will not be time or resources to incorporate other amendments such as Residents Parking, restricted parking, etc.) and these other changes will form part of the longer term plans.

We must be mindful that yellow lines will only be removed where appropriate (i.e they do not cause other road safety issues and they do not create other problems that are better managed by leaving them in place)

It may take several years to implement other changes which will be undertaken on a village by village basis and in consultation with local communities.

It was pleasing to note that CCBC acknowledged that Nelson Community Council was the first community to undertake this type of exercise and hopefully this would be noted when Members consider the next course of action.

The Clerk reported he had placed the draft minutes on the website in advance of the meeting to try and address concerns being raised by residents. Members questioned if this was appropriate (as they had not been approved even though this caveat had been included). It was agreed the Clerk would take further advices on the matter

2425 To Receive and Approve Minutes:

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
11th July 2019 approved
- To receive and approve the minutes of the Activities Meeting
11th July 2019 approved

Clerk to write letter of thanks

Consider Face Painting option for future fun day

Consider other events at fun day

Consider purchasing tables for use at Summer Show

Missing cup has been located

Newsletter - some issues with delivery (street list for next letter)

Songs of Praise was successful (thanks to Cllr Dufty for production of Hymn Sheets)

Arrange Activities Committee Meeting

2426 To Receive a Report from the Chair

Cllr Davies updated Members on PSB representation and that OVV had agreed to provide a presentation at the October meeting

Cllr Davies asked Cllr Miles if any progress had been made with the Ty Ddu Commercial units. Cllr Miles confirmed there would be public consultation before they conclude a decision on reserved matters. It was also confirmed that would be a minor diversion to the haul route.

2427 To receive a report from the Clerk

a PLANNING

Planning Weekly List 20/08/19

Case Ref. 19/0623/CLPU Site Area: 146m²
Location: 23 Llwynhelyn Terrace Nelson Treharris CF46 6HF (UPRN 00043004983)
Proposal: Obtain a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed erection of single storey rear extension
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones : 01443 864528 jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 310559 (E) 195328 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Planning Weekly List 13/08/19

No Applications

Planning Weekly List 06/08/19

Case Ref. 19/0646/NCC Site Area: 4734m²
Location: The Rectory And School Site High Street Nelson Treharris CF46 6HA (UPRN 000043007832)
Proposal: Vary condition 1 (Commencement date) of planning consent 12/0571/FULL (Convert former rectory into two affordable houses and erect residential development of 6 dwellings) to extend the time period for commencement for a further five years
Case Officer: Mr C Powell 01443 864424 owelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Nelson Map Ref: 311068 (E) 195486 (N)
Community Council: Nelson Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Planning Weekly List 30/07/19

No Applications

Planning Weekly List 10/07/19

No Applications

Planning Weekly List 03/07/19

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Seek approval of reserved matters relating to Phase 1 development of commercial area to comprise 5 buildings of up to 13 number B1 employment units, in relation to these 5 buildings, approval is sought for associated operational and parking areas, landscaping, boundary treatment,

drainage, signage, building and landscaping materials and external lighting under outline planning consent 16/0373/OUT (Provide a mixed use development comprising residential development of up to 200 dwellings, including the development of approximately 50 affordable homes, and the development of 3.8ha (approximately 6,300sqm) of B1 employment units, plus associated access, diversion of haul route, car parking, diversion of public rights of way, drainage, public open space, landscaping and associated engineering operations) Land At Grid Ref 311051 194899 Maion Road Nelson GRID REFERENCE - 311051(E) 194899(N)

Case Ref. 19/0580/FULL

Site Area: 116m²

Location: 14 Wern Crescent Nelson Treharris CF46 6NE (UPRN 000043088134)

Proposal: Install new front bay window with canopy roof over

Case Officer: Mr A Pyne 01443 864523

pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Nelson

Map Ref: 311442 (E) 195537 (N)

Community Council: Nelson

Expected Decision Level:

Delegated

b ACCOUNTS (cheque payments from 1st July to 31st August 2019 included below - all other transactions included on bank statement)

D Gray Cleaner (Sept)	78.17
PlayWorks (Sept)	114.80
Information Commissioner	40.00
PlayWorks (Aug)	115.00
Blanchare Illuminations UK Ltd -replacement cheque	508.80
Zurich Municipal	474.96
Ann Gray (refund of Summer show purchases)	
Various Summer Show/Fun Day expenditure	

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)

Non-Domestic Rate Relief for Public Toilets
Copy available at meeting

OVW Minutes of AGM (RCT Merthyr and Caerphilly) 12th July
Agenda 24th July
Copy available at meeting

Vacancy Llwynelcyn Ward
Copy available at meeting

Public Services Board Annual Report
Copy of e mail (with link) available at meeting

OVW AGM October 5th
Copy available at meeting

P is for People (Welsh Senate for Older People re Public Toilet Provision)
Copy available at meeting

Consultation on Flood Defences
Copy available at meeting

Older People's Commissioner for Wales Impact and Reach Report 2018/9
Copy of e mail (with link) available at meeting

WAO Good Practice Exchange Calendar
Copy available at meeting

Consultation (WG - National Development Framework for Wales)
Copy available (with link) at meeting

Financial Assistance to Churches (Legal opinion)
Copy available at meeting

ICO registration
Copy available at meeting

Shingrig Allotments
Copy available at meeting

Local Health News
Copy available at meeting

Property Condition Survey of Institute and Statutory Maintenance
Copy available at meeting

ICO guidance for Community Councils
Copy available at meeting (**Clerk to check if Vision ICT provide subsidiary e mail addresses for Members or would it be better to set up individual g mail accounts**)

Closure of Telephone boxes
Copy available at meeting (**Clerk write objecting to removal**)

Our Valleys, Our Communities, Our Stations (WG consultation)
Copy available at meeting

2428 Consider additional signatories for cheque signing and banking

Members agreed that Cllr Miles, Cllr Dufty and Cllr Powell would be designated, joining Cllr Davies and Cllr Gray

2429 Consider option for changing dates of October 2019 and April 2020 meeting

Members agreed to change the date of the October meeting to the 3rd
Members agreed to change the date of the April meeting to the 16 th

Clerk to ensure dates are updated on website

2430 Consider advice received from CCBC for the filling of the vacancy of Community Councillor in the Llwyncellyn Ward

Members agreed that the advert be placed on the main notice board and the website with a closing date for a call for election of the 2nd October. It will also incorporate option for expression of interests for co-opting

The meeting was suspended and reconvened to conclude business

2431 To consider update for Public Convenience provision in Nelson.

Cllr Miles updated Members on the offer from CCBC to take out a Tenancy at Will option (as a short term arrangement) but this would preclude the Community Council from making any alterations.

Members thanked Cllr Miles and asked that she respond to CCBC confirming our interest but we would need to develop a business case, consider the financial implications (it could take up 30% of the Precept), consider if this is what the residents of Nelson would want the Council to provide at the expense of other services provided by NCC (if we cannot get full sponsorship) and fully understand the risks and problems associated with providing such a facility.

2430 To receive reports from Members serving on external organisations

no reports

Meeting... 12th September closed at 9-20 pm

signed.....CHAIRMAN