

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 10th October 2024 beginning at 7:00pm at Nelson Institute

Present: Cllr G Davies (Chair)
Mr L John (Clerk)
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd
Cllr B Miles
Cllr L Dufty
Cllr A John

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A Gray, Cllr R Powell, and Cllr S Morgan.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted receipt of the report. Members were reminded that the police do not now attend our meetings. The Chair highlighted some of the detail of the report.

Members noted that it was disappointing not to be able to ask questions of the police.

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

Members commented on the disruption caused by the sets of works in the village. It was agreed for the clerk to ask Highways why there are 2 sets of works with one set diverting towards another. (Stephanie Crocker).

A member asked on behalf of a resident when the works on Bwl Road would finish. It was confirmed that the Bwl Road works are due to finish by 14th October.

Members asked if there was a process for residents to obtain refunds for events they have planned next year at Llancaiach Fawr. The Clerk agreed to contact Allan Dallimore.

4 Nelson Institute

This item was included in error.

5 To Receive an update on agreed actions

An update was provided (see appendix).

6 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 12th September 2024

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

Matters arising:

- Councillor Davies reiterated a concern that ward members are often not in a position to represent residents because of the Council roles. Cllr Miles explained that, in relation to the Cabinet decision made about Llancaiach Fawr, she reserved judgement until the meeting so that the report could be considered first. She confirmed that she voted to maintain the facility.

Members continued to discuss the challenge. Cllr Miles explained that during planning meetings she has the option to withdraw from the decision-making process. There is also the option to withdraw from the committee.

- It was noted that the regular bus has been withdrawn again. There were new buses due for delivery, but it is unclear when they will arrive. There is a Liaison Committee meeting next week where it will be raised.

b. Committee on 3rd October 2024

These minutes will be available at the next meeting.

7 To receive a report from the Chair

Members noted that the former clerk is unwell and the Council wish him a speedy recovery.

8 To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk provided a verbal report. The following was noted: -

- a. Members noted details of correspondence available online [here](#)
- b. Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period. It was noted that the bank had now updated signatories, work continues with the audit.
- c. Planning
Members noted the planning applications submitted during the period. Members agreed to invite Aldi or the planning consultant to meet with the Council.

9 Ty Du Housing Development

Members discussed the delays in development. It was agreed for the clerk to seek an update from United Welsh. The Clerk agreed to request an update from CCBC also from Council (Alan Dalliemoore).

10 Activities

Members noted that a meeting had been held prior to the meeting with actions and a schedule agreed.

Members referred to the recent CCBC meeting about the Chief Executive.

Cllr Miles confirmed that it was not a secret meeting but there was a confidential item that was not open to the public. Members queried why it was necessary for Cllr Morgan to withdraw from the meeting. Cllr Miles declined to comment on the meeting content.

Appendix A

Meeting	Action	Resp.	Status	Note
9-Nov-23	Check how old notice board could be removed.	AG	Ongoing	GD to ask Co-op. 18/1 GD confirmed that it can be removed and the Coop manager offered to remove it. Members agreed to proceed. 22/2 Coop have agreed to remove but this has not been done. The clerk agreed to engage a handyman to undertake the work. 23/2 RP agreed to undertake work 14/3 It was confirmed that it has been inspected and will be removed. 11/4 Clerk to engage handyman to remove. 12/4 Visited with the Chair. It was suggested that the board is in very good condition and could be utilised as a secondary board to showcase Council activity. Clerk to consider replacement perspex. Some quotes have been received. AG to enquire about perspex. It was noted that quotes ranged from £60-£90. Members resolved to attempt cleaning of the perspex first.
14-Mar-24	Ask George at Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update in writing on current position and outstanding costs	RP	Ongoing	Requested, awaiting response from George. The clerk agreed to contact George for an update. George as responded to confirm that he will be in contact. It was noted that there is a Town and Community Council Liaison Committee meeting next week and an update will be requested. 14/6 Spoke with George. Dispute is ongoing. He will attend our meeting on 11th July so that we can make a decision on proceeding. 11/7 GE suffered major medical event last week, will be available to speak next week. Councillors noted that public toilets in Bargoed have recently been re-opened and how they fund it would be interested. It was noted that Bute Energy have agreed to include the facilities in the community benefit if the project starts. 15/8 Trying to make contact with George. 6/9 Still no contact from George. 9/9 George agreed to attend meeting on 12/9 GE attends meeting. See Minutes. 10/10 GE provided an update- a Community Interest Company has been established. A copy of the invoice has been received. It was confirmed that LGA 1972 allows for the Community Council to fund public toilets. Cllrs agreed to fund the invoice amount on the condition that it will be refunded should the dispute be resolved.

11-Apr-24	Ask for information about process to install defibrillator on Council land	LJ	Ongoing	I have sought advice from Emma Sullivan, Community Council clerks and Phil Hill. Am awaiting a response. Chris, a colleague of Phil's is away on leave and has tried to make contact with me. The LA have made contact and are to provide a quote for siting a defibrillator. Quote provided of £653. I have asked for some advice of ongoing costs. Members noted a suggestion that it may be possible to site one outside of the junior school. Members discussed promoting the defibrillators in the village and where others could be sited. 4/7/24 Asked other clerks for advice on ongoing energy costs. LA confirmed that they pay energy costs. Members agreed to support the provision of a defibrillator at the Tylers Arms. The clerk agreed to ask CCBC if they could also site an access point near to the Tyler's Arms. Members confirmed the prices for installation The Council agreed to proceed with installation at Bwl Road. 15/8 Post has been installed. 20/8 CCBC have confirmed that there is no availability to connect to supply near Tylers Arms. 27/8 Contact with Jack's Appeal and with electricians for a quote to install. 4/9 Invoice received for defib and cabinet. 9/9 Contact with recommended welders fro bracket to attach to post- awaiting quote/invoice. 10/10 Cllrs agreed to pursue bracket following quote and to contact CCBC to see if there is anywhere near the Tylers' Arms to connect to CCBC supply.
18-Apr-24	Seek quotes to provide new condition survey for building	LJ	Ongoing	Have contacted near approx.20 suppliers as recommended by chartered body. Will chase and provide feedback. LA are also getting back to me to confirm their own schedule of surveying. Members resolved to proceed with survey given the evidence of request for quotes- FHT Building Surveyors, £2,100.00 plus VAT. It was confirmed that the survey will take place w/c 6th July . Clerk agreed to let tenants know that it will be undertaken. Clerk agreed to let Members know more information when known so they can be in attendance if required. 10/7 initial visit took place, will return shortly. Report will be shared soon and surveyor will attend meeting to share contents. 11/7 S Knott attended meeting. Report to follow. 5/9 S Knott to attend meeting.3/10 Members agreed to request a quote from FHT Surveyors to carry out interim work.

19-Apr-24	Seek quotes to replace floor and windows; and seek help to fix back window gates	LJ	Ongoing	Quote received to replace flooring- £994 for full downstairs flooring to include fitting. Awaiting quote for windows. Have asked local metal shop to quote to fix window gate. EaLD noted that he had replaced the padlock on the shutter. LJ to chase metal shop. Members discussed a quote to replace windows on the front of £3879. Members discussed a quote to replace flooring of £994. The clerk agreed to seek 2 other quotes/estimates for both pieces of work. Members agreed that the replacement windows should be in keeping with the rest of the village and be non-white. 13/6 Still awaiting feedback on quotes. AG to provide Robert Roberts contact details to help resolve the metal window shutter issue. Below is the choice of standard colours we supply and the job would come in at £4935 inc vat with any of these colours: Black, Irish oak, Rosewood, Anthracite Grey, Chartwell Green. The Council agreed to proceed with anthracite grey. 12/7 Members agreed to proceed with non-white installation of anthracite grey. Members agreed to wait for the building survey before deciding on further expense. 25/7 Stevely's to confirm measurements in further appointment. 31/8 Missed appointment by tenant so re-scheduled 9/9 Appointment rescheduled- awaiting feedback. 03/10 Members agreed to place this work on hold to allow for a plan to be developed on the whole building.
13-Jun-24	Research sound systems	AJ	Ongoing	
13-Jun-24	Ask interested party to apply for councillor vacancy	BM	Ongoing	10/10 Contact details had been shared with a prospective member. It was agreed to promote the vacancy on the newsletter.
13-Jun-24	Ask Community Centre if minutes can be shared	LD	Ongoing	11/7 Last meeting was cancelled.
10-Oct-24	Ty Du Development	LJ	New	The Clerk agreed to seek an update.