

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 13th March 2025 beginning at 7:00pm at Nelson Institute

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

Also present:
PCSO: T Bolton
Welsh Power: M Tucker, C Bithell (Project Manager)

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Powell.

2 Vacancies

Councillors noted that Cllr S Morgan had resigned. The letter was shared with Members.

3 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

T Bolton presented to Members. The following was noted:

- T Bolton continues to cover Nelson with colleagues.
- J Price is on leave, S Coomer has returned and is on light duties.
- February was a more positive month with reduced numbers in reported incidents.
- Some sex offenders have been 'outed' in some CCBC wards which led to some public order offences. Generally, there have been peaceful protests. The police are keen to protect people's rights to protest whilst
- There have been 4 burglaries in the Ystrad Mynach ward (one in Nelson currently categorised as a burglary with no reported stolen belongings to date). Other incidents in neighbouring
- There were no real emerging crime trends.
- There were only 2 anti-social behaviour incidents which was a reduction from 4 in January.
- There has been a recent arrest relating to drugs but no detail can be shared yet.
- Go Safer speed cameras are starting to change their strategy with a focus on a specific area for week long operations. For roads where limits are due to change soon, advice is given.
- A local operation was referenced, and is ongoing where drivers are cautioned when driving over a certain speed and supported
- Dates for police surgeries were shared in the report.

Members reported that drivers are using Trafalgar Park as a through road to avoid sections of Mabon Road. T Bolton agreed to inform highways.

It was noted that there were no recurring incidents or trends at Maes-y-dderwen.

Matters arising from the last meeting

The following was discussed:

- Llancaeath Junior School: T Bolton is organising a visit to the school.
- An accident near Ashgrove Terrace: There was no further information to share.
- Members commented that the dangerous driving in the lanes near the Llanfabon site could lead to a fatal accident.

M Tucker said that traffic contractors for Welsh Power have been reminded of the need to drive carefully. Welsh Power can erect signage and remind all contractors.

Members suggested that there have been some noted improvements but there are contractors for National Grid there also. Large vehicles are providing a hazard with increasing chances of a serious accident. It was noted that it is difficult to regulate. T Bolton suggested that he would advise Highways and ask if any mitigation can be installed.

- White-painted lines near Heol Fawr. There was no update. Cllr Miles added that she had spoken to Highways who asked for clarity of the location to investigate. (exit of Mountain Way, left up Heol Fawr). It was confirmed that there are no new white lines there.

4 To consider questions from members of the public/reports from members
There were none to consider.

5 To receive an update from Welsh Power
Representatives from Welsh Power. M Tucker presented. The following was noted:

- An overview of the work undertaken so far and the plans were provided.
- The project is well underway now

Cllr Allen commented that the noise level has increased from her property recently.

- Fairview is being used mainly for constructor parking
- Site traffic is likely to remain consistent for the current period.
- Earthworks are being undertaken to establish a level site. This is mostly complete. Work will now start to create a platform, installing stone, before foundations are built.
- Traffic is likely to remain consistent
- TSK will start installing equipment within the building after.
- Project is due to complete in October 2026. There have been some delays from National Grid in supporting the connection.

Members asked when tree-planting is likely to start. It was confirmed it is likely to start towards the end of the project next year to ensure a high success rate (hopefully August 2026). More mature plants will be planted to improve chances of success.

Members asked about a residential water-pipe which has been exposed for several days. It was suggested that manager K Green had agreed to cover it. C Bithell agreed to pursue. It was noted that whoever laid the original pipework did not lay it at the correct depth. The work undertaken will create the right depth to protect the pipework.

As part of the SUDS process the design has to ensure the water is held. The SUDS Pond is being constructed now which absorbs the water to slow the outfall speed. The temporary site drainage is currently in situ. There is a temporary v-ditch in position. The position of the drainage will change to an approved location.

Welsh Power agreed to attend meetings every 3 months.

Cllr Allen stated that a watching brief was not present for removal of some stones. It was noted that CADW had sent an archaeologist and inspected the stones and deemed them natural. Cllr Allen added that a watching brief should still have been provided by Heneb who had identified the site as low risk.

Members thanked Welsh Power for funding a defibrillator. Members discussed the siting. It has been previously agreed to support the siting at the Tyler's Arms. It was noted that we are waiting to hear from the church regarding the possibility of siting near the church in Llanfabon.

M Tucker said that Welsh Power would fund an additional defibrillator if a suitable location was found.

6 To receive an update relating to Nelson Institute.

Members noted the report shared by Ferrier Hart Thomas.

The following was also noted:

- Members noted that the crack at the back of the site is more serious than first thought and recommends remedial action in 3-6 months.
- Members discussed the joint responsibility of the lessees.
- Cllr Miles has met with M James on site. A decision on the lease would be a cabinet decision. There is no right to return the building. The strategy, however, is to reduce building assets so it is thought they may not want to receive the property back. Although it has been suggested that the Nelson Community Council own the leasehold and could be sold.

Members agreed to acquire and review Land Registry documents, and seek legal advice.

Members agreed to contact Mark James to confirm the understanding of the lease.

7 To Receive an update on agreed actions

See *actions*.

8 To Receive and approve minutes:

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

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Members discussed the level of detail in the minutes.

Cllr Davies announced that she will resign her position at the end of March as Chair and Councillor.

Members discussed an invite to a community meeting hosted by Bute Energy. It was noted that the Community Council had been given 2 invites. Members agreed for Cllr Allen and Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd would attend.

It was noted that CCBC Highways were also hosting a meeting relating to access. Cllr Miles is due to attend.

9 To receive a report from the Chair

There was no further information to consider.

10 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 clarified that expenses for the sim card for Cllr Davies is purchased and claimed for, by Cllr Miles.

- c. Planning. These were considered.

11 To Consider nomination to Standards Committee

Members noted the role of the committee and appointment process. Members agreed to nominate Cllr K Allen.

12 One Voice Wales Subscription

Members agreed to renew the subscription of for the year 2025-26

Appendix A

Meeting	Action	Status	Note
9-Nov-23	Check how old notice board could be removed.	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. 16/1 Members resolved to purchase new perspex to replace current one. 13/2 The key has been obtained and measurements taken- perspex to be ordered. 13/3 Board has been ordered. 20/3 Board has arrived.
14-Mar-24	Ask George at Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update in writing on current position and outstanding costs	Complete	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. 2/11 GE awaiting an update from EDF to release toilets to a different supplier. 8/12 GE apologised for the delays that EDF Energy are still creating a delay. It was agreed to advise GE to contact OFGEM who had originally suggested to pay and

			resolve the issue later. 16/1 GE has had progress in resolving the invoice with EDF Energy and is hopeful of installing toilets shortly. 13/2 It was noted that GE reported stone and muck in the toilets when re-opening. The disabled toilet did not have the correct lock mechanism but it is hoped that is resolved now. It was noted that the toilets are to be closed when GE is not available (24/2 to 1/3). Members agreed to ask for volunteers to support, in principle. GD agreed to ask local businesses.
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11-Apr-24	Ask for information about process to install defibrillator on Council land	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 for 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. 31/10 CCBC confirm that there is no suitable place to connect to the supply in that part of Nelson without considerable expense. 14/11 The clerk agreed to contact G Evans. 29/11 Confirmed with Jack's Appeal the costs- £821 Defib; £575 cabinet. plus cost to install. Taylour's Electric have installed others. The pads need to be renewed every 2.5 years at a cost of £71; The batteries have a 4 year warranty but can last longer and cost £271. If the defib. is used Jack's Appeal will replace pads free of charge. There is minimum energy usage. Left message for G Evans. 16/1 CCBC no longer allow connect to supply; Welsh Power have agreed to fund Defib but some dispute on where it could be sited as Fairview House has been suggested; Cabinet to be installed 17/1. Clerk to ask Llanfabon Church if that is a potential site. 26/1 Email to Father Gareth; defib cannot be installed on the building. Awaiting feedback if there is interest to site away from building 13/2 GD to contact Tylers. 13/3 Michael is the landlord.
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18-Apr-24	Seek quotes to provide new condition survey for building	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. 9/11 response from FHT to consider. Lessee at 35 is happy to meet but would prefer a time straight after work. Natalie of Coalfield Regeneration Trust is available to meet and is hopeful to attend meeting on 14/11. CCBC have said they would consider their options if the proposal was made to surrender the building- have asked Cllr SM for guidance. 14/11 See Minutes for actions. 29/11 S Knott is awaiting more information relating to quotes. 9/12 S Knott provided quote. 14/12 Agreement of quote subject to confirmation that it includes investigative work at the front and rear of building. 15/12 S Knott confirmed it only agrees investigative work at rear of building, have left message to discuss it. 16/1 Members agreed to proceed with work. 23/1 Work to be initiated on 21/2. Update in minutes. 13/3 update in minutes.
13-Jun-24	Research sound systems	Ongoing	
13-Jun-24	Ask Community Centre if minutes can be shared	Ongoing	11/7 Last meeting was cancelled. 13/3 LD will forward them.
10-Oct-24	Ask Aldi and developers to meet to discuss development	Ongoing	18/10 Consultants to link with Aldi and get back to me.
14-Nov-24	Nelson chain	Ongoing	AG to confirm names and years. LJ to seek quote from a trophy shop

12-Dec-24	Contact Welsh Power- number of issues inc. relay residents' concerns about preparatory work in Llanfabon.	Complete	Have left message. 14/1 EaD attended meeting on site. Await feedback. 16/1 Welsh Power have agreed to attend NCC meeting. The clerk to invite to next meeting. A container placed on field is partially blocking view on the road- it has since been turned slightly. They are also due to update residents on where the security cameras face. Old monuments have been located on the Llanfabon site- there is no watching brief. A member has contacted CADW for comment but they claim it does not affect the setting of the listed building. 17/1 Welsh Power have been invited to our meetings. 13/2 WP agreed to attend a meeting.
12-Dec-24	Request support to provide defibrillator/s specifically in Llanfabon	Complete	Have emailed National Grid, Bute Energy and Welsh Power. Welsh Power have agreed to fund a defibrillator. 13/2 Agreed to ask Welsh Power during meeting about siting defibrillator on land. Members agreed to invite Welsh Power to our next full meeting.
16-Jan-25	Chase CCBC regarding Nelson Institute response	Ongoing	13/2 No response to date. It is understood there is a list of actions to be undertaken before the terms for a potential release could be shared. 13/3 BM meeting with MJ- see minutes
16-Jan-25	Change bank mandate	New	Section 1- LJ; Section 2A- RP, Section 2B- AG, Section 3- GD, EaD 14/2 To complete with RP