

County Borough of Caerphilly

Nelson Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. A. Gray (Chairman)
Cllr. G Davies
Cllr. K. Jones
Cllr. L Lewis MBE
Cllr. G Mahoney
Cllr. S Morgan
Cllr. P Baldwin
Cllr. A. Blackman
Cllr. B Miles

Delphine Brown (Clerk)

In attendance: CSO Wayne Powle

Apologies for Absence: None

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Davies declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust and CCBC Standards Committee.

Cllr. Gray declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

Cllr. Jones declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

Cllr. Morgan declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee and the Nelson Development Trust

Cllr. Blackman declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr. Baldwin declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust and to the Nelson Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr. Jones declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Nelson Development Trust.

Apologies for Absence:

None

1789. Report from the Police representative:

CSO Powle attended in place of Inspector Muirhead and presented the Police report for June 2015. Crime incidents in May were 20 in Nelson compared to Ystrad Mynach 34, Hengoed 24 and Maesycwmmmer 5. CSO Powle was questioned why Nelson crime incidents were higher than Maesycwmmmer? It was suggested it was possibly due to Maesycwmmmer having a smaller population and not having a town centre.

Anti-Social figures for May were Nelson 8 compared to Ystrad Mynach 36, Maesycwmmmer 2 and Hengoed 8. Anti-Social behaviour and crime has decreased in 2015, ward team have focussed on dealing with issues quickly positively.

The Youth involved in ASB has been taken to Ystrad Mynach Police Station where he signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract, or ABC. Should he break this contract the next step will be a full ASBO.

Following a number of burglaries, social media has been used to give crime prevention advice to as many residents as possible. Officers are still conducting enquiries.

Theft from vans on the night of the 06th May, during which four vans were entered and had items stolen from inside. Vans from various locations around the village. CCTV has been extensively checked and house to house enquiries are ongoing.

Patrols around Wern Parc area were stepped up following the thefts of wheelie bins from Wern Crescent.

Concerning Fly Tipping on Heol Fawr in an attempt to highlight the issue social media is being used and the area is now being patrolled more frequently. PC Powle will provide more details.

Parking outside Domino's Pizza parlour is being monitored.

Nelson CSO working with CSO for Cifynydd (South Wales Police) to run joint patrols to tackle off road bikes in Llanfabon area.

When a convenient date can be decided another meeting to be held to discuss the parking at Llanfabon Infants School, the previous meeting did not go ahead due to public transport issues, however Cllr S. Morgan advised he had met with the Inspector regarding troublesome properties within Nelson the details of which were given to the Inspector for perusal and also re-emphasised the ongoing parking issues in Nelson to the Inspector. PC Powle advised there will be more parking tickets issued in an endeavour to tackle the problem and that a parking operation will soon be under way aimed at education and enforcement, the details are to be announced via social media.

Police surgeries are to be held at the Library and Creativ Tea Café Gallery will be advertised via Social Media and community message board. Street surgeries were suspended because of the General Election but are due to re-start later in June.

CSO Powle departed at 07:20 and members thanked him for his attendance.

Following CSO Powle's departure a discussion ensued about parking issues within Nelson to which Cllr. S. Morgan highlighted suggestions during discussions he is currently engaged in, as an attempt to address the many parking issues. Cllr. L. Lewis MBE suggested investigations be made as to the feasibility of parking on levelled ground past the Nelson Inn by the old cottages, Cllr. S. Morgan advised he would make enquiries.

Following clarification from May 14th minutes as to why Cllr. A. Blackman apologies were not accepted Cllr. A. Blackman requested on occasion where apologies are not accepted the Councillor concerned is advised in writing, all members agreed to adopt this process. It was also agreed to Agenda clarification on reasons for refusal of apologies for discussion at the next meeting scheduled in June 2015.

Members expressed their concerns following discussion with local retailers after the conclusion of the Urdd Eisteddfod, regarding the lack of predicted trade, members of the public had also expressed their dissatisfaction to members at buses not stopping within the town. It was agreed the Clerk D. Brown would form a response to the organisers of the Eisteddfod highlighting the issues. Cllr. L. Lewis MBE advised during a recent discussion with a local resident the re-opening of the public toilets seems to have reignited a contentious issue, due to the fact it seems many members of the public were under the false impression CCBC were responsible for funding the re-opening of the toilets. It was agreed an article clarifying NCC were responsible for the funding of the re-opening of the facility would appear in the Newsletter.

1790. Minutes:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th May 2015 Received and Approved
- Minutes of the AGM Meeting held on 14th May 2015 Received and Approved
- Minutes of the Grant Aid meeting held on the 20th May 2015 Received and Approved
- Minutes of the Activities Meeting held on the 20th May 2015 Received and Approved

1791. Matters arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising.

1792. Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman had nothing to report. It was unanimously agreed that a donation of the usual amount of £50.00 would be made to Mayors Charity, Cllr. A Gray (Chairman) sends her apologies ahead for the upcoming mayors Charity launch, Cllr. L. Lewis (Vice Chairman) confirmed he would be in attendance.

1793. Report from the Clerk:

a. PLANNING:

The following planning applications relating to the Nelson area were received:

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| 1. | 15/0270/Full | Mrs M Barrar | Erect a dormer extension to roof at 95 Heol Fawr, Nelson, Treharris CF46 6NP. |
| 2. | 15/0298/Full | Mr N Lee | Remove existing conservatory and erect a single storey extension on same footprint at 8 Lon-y-Wyn, Nelson, Treharris CF46 6PB. |
| 3. | 15/0321/Full | Mrs T Matthews | Convert existing stables into 2 holiday cottages at Highfields Barn, Heol Fawr, Nelson, Treharris CF46 6PL. |

It was resolved that no comment or objection be made in relation to the above applications.

For information: the following applications were approved by the County Borough Council:

15/0250/RET	Mr J Amos	to retain garage at the rear of the property at 18 High Street, Nelson.
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For information: the following applications were refused by the County Borough Council:

None received

b. ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved:

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| 1. | D. Gray | Cleaner Salary (May) | £68.03 |
| 2. | D. Brown | Clerks Salary (April & May) | £656.90 |
| 3. | Leeson Emery | Photographer (Gavin Gwynne event) | £50.00 |
| 4. | British Gas | Electricity (institute for April) | £24.82 |
| 5. | FOL | Grant Aid | £120.00 |
| 6. | Hollybush Allotments | Grant Aid | £145.00 |

c. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

1. Derek Vaughan
Poster/Calender
2. Cllr. A. Blackman
Minutes and Accounts of Centre Management Committee for March

3. GAVO
One Beat Roadshow
4. One Voice Wales
Community Asset Transfer
5. Cllr. Anne Blackman
20's plenty for us
6. Helen E Coates
Bands in the Park Concert Programme
7. Cllr. S. Morgan
Nelson Notice Board (agenda item)
8. CCBC Communications
Armed Forces Day 2015
9. Wicksteed
Newsletter
10. Darren Williams
Newsletter
11. One Voice Wales
Clarification on register of Interests.
12. Cllr. S. Morgan
Shingrig Allotments update (agenda item)

1794. Nelson Community Notice Board

Following concerns at the disrepair of the Community Notice Board Cllr. S. Morgan requested the consent of all members to take over the responsibility and ownership of it, It was unanimously agreed in principle (pending clarification and consent of the previous owners) to do so and to source funding from the Area Forum Budget to repair or replace

the Notice Board, Cllr. S. Morgan and Cllr. A. Blackman will pursue and advise members accordingly.

1795. Shingrig Allotments

After reviewing the Grant Application for the Eco Toilet submitted by Shingrig Allotments and the supporting documentation, members commented on the meticulous accounts and Information that was provided by the allotments secretary Pierre Bernhard-Grout. It was suggested a sharing of this information by hosting a meeting may benefit other allotments in sourcing a grant, which will also provide support to the excellent work of Shingrig Allotments and other Local Allotments.

1796. Nelson Community Centre Committee Nomination

Following Cllr. A Gray (Chairman) nomination as Nelson Community Centre Committee member, members expressed concerned that despite being advised that Cllr. A. Blackman would remain on the committee as a county councillor representative information provided since has confirmed that this was not in fact the case and the information had been provided in error. It was agreed had this information been provided at the time of nomination the outcome would have been different. Clarification was sought by the Clerk Mrs D. Brown who confirmed Most Standing Orders state that a decision cannot be rescinded for a period of six months but in view of the circumstances involved in this case it was suggested that the matter with a motion is to be put to the Council that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the appointment to be considered in the light of corrected information that has subsequently come to light. It was unanimously agreed to approve the motion and to proceed to vote on the appointment again. Cllr. S. Morgan nominated Cllr A. Blackman to resume her position on the NCCC which was supported by Cllr. P. Baldwin, Cllr. B. Miles and Cllr. G. Mahoney. Cllr. A. Gray (Chairman) and Cllr. L. Lewis MBE (Vice Chairman) voted against. It was moved that Cllr. A. Blackman be reinstated on the committee. Cllr. G. Miles and Cllr. K. Jones and Cllr. A. Blackman abstained. Cllr. A. Gray expressed her displeasure at Anouska Beaumont's tone in an email expressing her concerns at Cllr. Ann Gray's appointment, and felt the re-appointment of Cllr. A. Blackman was a move backwards.

Cllr. G. Mahoney left as he had requested prior to the meeting and at the approval of the Chairman Cllr A. Gray.

1797. Reports from Nominated Members of External Organisations:

Minutes and accounts of a Community Centre Management Committee were received and the content noted.

Cllr. A. Gray (Chairman) updated members on the situation at Lanfabon Junior School where a member of staff sadly had to have hours reduced by two days a week following a fall in numbers of children at the school.

Cllr. G. Davies reminded members of a table top sale on the 19th June 2015 in support of the Boys & Girls Club.

Cllr. S Morgan updated members that proposals to build a cinema at Bargoed had been cancelled following a review of costs.

Cllr. S Morgan requested members opinions on Nelson RFC who are seeking an application on leasing the second playing field at Ilwyn yr Eos. It was generally felt the playing field should remain predominantly in the public domain but its continued and occasional use of the field for Nelson RFC was agreed.

Following the closure of Salem Chapel and the donation of the commemorative plaque to Llancaeath Junior School, it was suggested enquiries be made with Cadw to establish whether a grant can be secured to ensure the safe removal of and installation of the plaque. The Clerk Mrs D. Brown will pursue with enquiries.

1798. Questions/Comments from members of the public present:

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm

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