

## Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

Present:

Cllr R. Powell  
Cllr G Davies  
Cllr A Gray  
Mr L John (Clerk)  
Cllr S Morgan  
Cllr E ap Llwyd Dafydd (Chair)  
Cllr A John

No declarations of interest were received.

**1 To Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr L Dufty.

**2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative**

Members noted that there were no police present and no report had been provided.

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

Members thanked residents for attending PEDW hearings.

Residents shared the following:

- Hearings are not recorded and minutes have not been taken.
- 80% of the Commoners have *signed* but is it not know who they are
- A turbine will be erected above Llanbradach and footpath will be moved and there is concern that there is no permission
- National Grid appear to have completed drilling processes.
- CCBC have rejected a request previously to limit the speed outside a resident's house to 20mph. 20mph signs have now been erected. It is understood that communication has been exchanged between the 2 neighbouring local authorities with agreement to revert to National speed limit. There are currently contrasting limits in each direction. There has been involvement by local members to contact the local planning authority to ask for the reasoning. A response is awaited.
- A planning application to move the boat was referred to at the hearing. There is no information about the implications for moving the boat. The intention is to erect the pylon first and then apply for permission to move the boat which does not seem rational.

Members also reported that were no objections at the hearing and that a resident had contributed.

**4 To Receive an update on agreed actions**

An update was received in relation the actions as per actions sheet. See Appendix A.

**5 To Receive and approve minutes:**

**a. Ordinary meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to the

changing the wording in items 11-16 to: 'This was not considered' as members had not agreed to defer the items.

**Matters arising:**

- The clerk agreed to provide more clarity in the minutes, generally, especially in relation to the meeting ending.
- It was confirmed that Community Infrastructure Levy is provided for development that will affect the community infrastructure and normally reserved for residential developments.
- Item 7- Members discussed the need for consideration of the Gwent PSB at the correspondence stage as it related to correspondence received. Cllr Morgan suggested that Cllr Davies was using the meeting to interrogate him. Cllr Davies strongly objected to the lack of response, the suggestion that there was an interrogation and the suggestion that there needed to be a discrete agenda item to discuss it. Cllr Davies suggested that Cllr Morgan was verbally intimidating her.
- Cllr Morgan put forward a motion to remove the Chair which was not carried forward.

**6 To receive a report from the Chair**

There was nothing to consider.

**7 To receive a report from the Clerk**

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

- a. Details of correspondence available online [here](#)
- b. Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.
  - Members resolved to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-25.
  - Members resolved to maintain the Band D equivalent at £18.24 for the precept 2024-25.
- c. Members noted that there were no planning applications submitted during the period.

**8 Welsh Language Scheme**

Members noted the following:

- The consideration of a Welsh Language Scheme had been on the agenda previously and deferred.
- It is not mandatory to provide a bilingual service and adoption of a scheme is optional
- A scheme for Nelson may be similar to neighbouring community and town councils.
- It will be discussed at the next Town and Community Council Liaison Committee.

Cllr. S Morgan left the meeting at 7:49pm.

Members resolved:

- For the clerk to ask for examples of schemes adopted in neighbouring Councils.

- To form a committee to consider whether to adopt a Welsh Language Scheme and propose the detail.
- To meet as a committee at Nelson Institute on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm.

**9 Village Improvement projects**

- To consider next actions for developing Nelson Institute

Members resolved to form a committee to consider next actions for developing Nelson Institute and meet at Nelson Institute on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm.

**10 To consider holding Nelson Community Council meetings at Nelson Library**

Members agreed that this item could not be considered as the proposer was not present.

**11 To receive an update on Toilets facility and consider contribution to support**

Members noted:

- that the dispute with the utility company is ongoing
- it is not viable to run the facility with current costs
- a 20% reduction on the last bill has been agreed and they are waiting for that to be implemented. Further agreement of 20% discount on future bills has been requested but may not be sufficient.
- The issue is not the usage but the rate that is being charged.
- CCBC own the facility and let to Caerphilly Taxi Association.
- EDF are the only company that CCBC work with currently.

Members resolved to:

- Ask Caerphilly Taxi Association to provide an update in writing (Cllr R Powell)
- Seek advice from Ofgem about business rates (Cllr A Gray)

**12 To consider feedback from Defibrillator awareness training and next actions**

Members noted:

- The training was successful
- It was well-attended (around 30) and participants gave positive feedback
- Training is not mandatory but provides for confidence and awareness

Members resolved to:

- Pursue similar training events twice annually and ask for suggested dates.
- Target local businesses and individuals
- Donate to relevant charities in lieu of payment for provision of training for future training

**13 To consider a Press and Media policy**

Members noted:

- Recent requests were not responded to.

Members resolved to:

- Direct requests from the press to the Clerk where possible
- Adopt the Policy example no.4

**14 To receive update in relation to hire of Nelson Institute**

Members noted:

- The craft group would like to continue to use the room on the first Saturday of each month and have made an application.
- The agreed Terms & Conditions provides discretion to charge for hire
- There is a concern that number of tables used could affect emergency exits

Members resolved:

- To charge £10 per hour to hire the room
- To ensure table set up is 4 additional tables only
- To request empty of the cupboard and return of the keys related to the cupboard

**15 To consider request for support to re-floor 35 Commercial St**

Members noted that the floor needs repair and that walls contain damp. Members resolved to inspect the property to understand work needed and consider next actions.

**16 To consider request for hire**

This was considered in item 15.

**Appendix A**

Meeting	Category	Action	Resp.	Status	Note
11-May-23		Seek further information about newly acquired defibrillators and ask about potential for access to more	RP	Ongoing	9/11 RP confirmed that they were all in working condition. The football club has 1 at the moment. RP to enquire of how many he has access to. 14/3 It was acknowledged that the one at the Vegetable shop is now not active. Members agreed that it was ideally situated centrally in the visit. A member noted recent fundraising activity to fund at the Hollybush. RP agreed to speak with the Dynevor Arms and ask if they would take it over.

12-Oct-23		Review terms & conditions relating to Nelson Institute and agenda a relevant item at the next meeting	LJ	Ongoing	Terms & Conditions were provided. 9/11 Application for use by craft group to be shared. 15/11 Informed by craft group that main keyholder is changing. 2/12 Informed by craft group that the intention is to stop using the room. More info to be provided.18/1 Group to be invited to apply to use room on Saturdays. 22/2 Clerk to pursue the application before a new event is held and request access to the cupboard. 27/2 Application complete and to be considered- cupboard to be used by Saturday group.
9-Nov-23		Check how old notice board could be removed.	RP	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.
18-Jan-24		Improvement projects	Members	Ongoing	Members agreed to contribute ideas
22-Feb-24		Write to PEDW inspector	LJ	Complete	Write to PEDW inspector to ask for access to a physical location to support residents at hearings. Feedback on PEDW who are working on a CCBC venue probably Ty Penallta. 7/3 PEDW confirmed location identified in Treforrest and participants have been informed.
14-Mar-24		Inspect 35 Commercial St	RP	New	Inspect site to understand concerns and work needed.
14-Mar-24		Contact clerks to ask for examples of Welsh Language Schemes	LJ	New	
14-Mar-24		Contact OFGEM to ask about crite-	AG	New	

		ria for business rates (in relation to toilets)			
14-Mar-24		Check payment has been received for TCCLC	LJ	New	
14-Mar-24		Ask George at Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update in writing on current position and outstanding costs	RP	New	

Signed.....  
**CHAIRMAN**