

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 11th April 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

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

No declarations of interest were received.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Powell and Cllr S Morgan.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted that a report had not been received. The police representative agreed to investigate re-send.

Members asked if there were any developments related to a recent assault in the village. It was confirmed that the assailant is known and will be dealt with in time when the victim and witnesses are ready to make statements.

The following was also noted:

- It was noted that some anti-social behaviour has been reported in the village. Some of the perpetrators in incidents at the large Co-op have been identified and issued with ASB referrals.
- There have also been some disturbances at Llanfabon Infants School. There has been no damage. It was noted that the CCTV has been upgraded and the police are due to meet with the headteacher tomorrow.
- A vehicle theft was referred to where perpetrators have been arrested.
- Theft from scaffolding vehicles on Mountain View were referred to. A member noted that there were frequent obstructions of the highway from said vehicles.

Members asked if police presence could be helped to deter gangs of youths congregating in public areas at night. It was agreed that the police would monitor.

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

Members commented on Welsh Labour social media posts and a member agreed to clarify the individual posting.

It has been reported that grass has grown between slabs around the cenotaph. A County Councillor agreed to ask the County Council to review. Members considered the value of, and process to acquire remembrance silhouettes. The County Councillor agreed to make enquiries about any planned events or access to purchase items. Members agreed to purchase 2 silhouette soldiers sourced on the British Legion at an approximate cost of £175 each.

Members clarified a query related to refuse collections. It was confirmed that the delays were due to a vehicle breakdown.

Residents were present at the meeting. The following was noted:

- A change of use application has been made by National Grid for the use of a field. Residents raised concerns that alternative land was not being considered and it would affect residents and residents' property valuations. It was noted that there was now a period of consultation relation to the planning application. Residents said they had not been informed.

4 To Receive an update on agreed actions

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

Members discussed the need for new new defibrillators.

Cllr G Davies agreed to ask the Tylers Arms if they would be prepared to maintain a defibrillator at their site.

Members discussed installing a defibrillator near Bwl Road where it meets Shingrig Road. The Clerk agreed to request advice from Phil Hill about the process to request a defibrillator in a public area.

Members considered a resident request to reconsider the decision to charge for use of Nelson Institute. Members also noted the request for storage. Members reiterated that their decision is based on agreed terms and conditions and in-line with other communal premises. Members agreed to give notice to vacate the cupboard.

Members raised concerns about the ongoing delays in re-opening the toilets.

5 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 14th March 2024

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to the below amendments
 - Cllr Morgan put forward a motion to remove the Chair which was not carried forward.
 - Cllr Morgan left at 7:49pm
 - Cllr Morgan suggested that the meeting was being used by Cllr Davies to *interrogate* him. Cllr Davies objected and suggested that Cllr Morgan was verbally intimidating her.

Matters arising:

- Item 10: Members noted and accepted a member request to remove the agenda item *To consider the use of Nelson library for meetings* from future agendas. Members noted that enquiries had been made of the library for use but a promised returned call had not materialised.
- Item 12: A member of the press contacted a member for comment on Council minutes. He was referred to the Clerk as per the agreed policy. He referred to a previous discussion but has quoted a member incorrectly with reference to the process in England.

6 To receive a report from the Chair

The Chair reported that he had reviewed the need for banking hubs as a result of banks closing. It was noted that the public can request them. The Chair agreed to send the links and consider it at the committee meeting to consider Nelson Institute next week.

Members discussed the library and if the plan is to maintain it. It was confirmed that this year's budget has been set and there are no current plans to remove the library.

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](#)

Members discussed the correspondence relating to the honours system. It was agreed that the process should be a considered one where there is personal knowledge of extensive community work and that they should be mindful that residents will have differing opinions.

b. Finance available [here](#). Members resolved for the payments to be made in the period.

c. Members noted that the planning applications submitted during the period. Members commented that the change of use request by the National Grid will have permitted development.

8 To consider Welsh Language Scheme

Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting following the recent committee meeting, to give Members the opportunity to review the proposed document.

9 To consider holding Nelson Community Council meetings at Nelson Library

Members noted that the proposer had requested this be removed.

10 To consider annual membership of One Voice Wales

Members considered the membership. The following was noted- it appears expensive but provides an ongoing means of support, and mitigates risk for teh Council.

Members agreed to continue the membership at a cost of £861.00.

Date	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. A member noted that it is now outside the post office. The Hollybush Inn

				are funding the ongoing costs of a new one at their premises.
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 requested to be used by Saturday group. A letter has been received in response to ask for the Council to reconsider the decisions made at the last meeting. 11/4 Members agreed to refer the group to the terms and conditions, inform that charges are in-line with other buildings in areas and, give notice to empty the cupboard.
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.11/4 Clerk to engage handyman to remove.
14- Mar- 24	Inspect 35 Commercial St	AG/LJ	Complete	Inspect site to understand concerns and work needed. Awaiting feedback. 12/4 AG agreed to attend site with LJ. Actions agreed and detailed elsewhere.
14- Mar- 24	Contact OFGEM to ask about criteria for business rates (in relation to toilets)	AG	Ongoing	
14- Mar- 24	Ask George at Caerphilly Taxi Association for an update in writing on current position and	RP	Ongoing	Requested, awaiting response from George.

	outstanding costs			
14-Mar-24	Ask Phil Hill if he can undertake training twice per year.	LJ	Ongoing	Agreed with Phil. Awaiting suggestion of dates.
11-Apr-24	Purchase D-Day silhouettes	LJ	New	
11-Apr-24	Discuss defibrillator options with Tyler's Arms	GD	New	
11-Apr-24	Ask for information about process to install defibrillator on Council land	LJ	New	