

Nelson Community Council

Ordinary Meeting held on 13th June 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm at Nelson Institute

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

Cllr B Miles declared an interest in the item around planning related to a local quarry.

1 To Receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2 To Receive a Report from the Community Police Representative

Members noted that a report had not been received and there were no police present. The clerk agreed to phone them to confirm correspondence is being received.

Members commented that had been a break-in at Llancaeath Junior School during the holidays. CCTV captured the perpetrators. The school has not pursued the prosecution has not been and an update on finding the other perpetrator would have been useful.

Members commented on an increase crime in the village and were concerned that the police were not present.

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

There were none to consider.

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 location of new defibrillators and agreed, in principle, to support 2 new devices at Bwl Road and Tyler's Arms.

5 To Receive and approve minutes:

a. Ordinary meeting on 16th May 2024

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

Matters arising:

Bryncoch Kennels

It was noted that there has been no application for change of use, but it seems obvious that it is being used differently as a care home. Members noted that a change of use application should be made if the premises are changing from a kennel to a care home. A Councillor expressed concern that there seemed to be a change of use without permission. Councillors discussed the evidence required to make a complaint to CCBC.

b. AGM on 16th May 2024

- The minutes of the meeting were noted.

Matters arising:

Vacancy

Cllr Miles agreed to approach an interested party for the existing vacancy and ask him to apply by submitting a form.

Community Centre

It was confirmed that a date will be agreed for the AGM next week. Cllr Dufty agreed to ask if minutes of meetings could be shared.

Llanfabon Infants Governor

Cllr John agreed to be nominated as school governor.

6 To receive a report from the Chair

The recent D-Day event was referenced. It is thought that it was very successful and appreciated by members of the public. Members were thanked for their attendance and for the quick planning that took place to make the event possible.

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 exemptions for the 20 mph zones and there was no concern about increasing the limit on any local roads.

Members noted that there is a new barrier which has reduced access for higher vehicles at the Co-op on Mafon Road.

Members noted that One Voice Wales were hosting an online event with a guide to Community travel on 18th June.

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

- c. Planning

Members noted the planning applications submitted during the period.

It was noted that a letter relating to Bryn Quarry has been sent to residents but not to Nelson residents or stakeholders like the Community Council. The letter commented on the benefits to the community initially.

A pre-planning application is to be put in to extend the works of the quarry. A number of residents and other community councils have made comments about the application.

Cllr Davies continued by saying that multiple requests have been made at meetings, without response, to understand the volume of material that is being transported to and from the site as concerns remain of the heavy vehicles travelling through the village. The Council was urged to complain about the proposal as it is likely to increase heavy traffic.

The Council agreed to strongly object, through the clerk, to the proposal through the consultant, Highways.

It was noted that a survey had been undertaken to understand the volume of traffic through Nelson and the results were inconclusive as the number of vehicles going to Bryn Quarry were not monitored. There have been 2700 heavy vehicles noted during 1 week.

The non-notification of blasting was referred to. It had been explained that it has claimed that it cannot be disclosed because of the nature of the blasts.

Members commented on the planning application for the removal of a boundary wall in Llanfabon and a member raised concern at the extension of the development as there was no mention that the wall would be removed.

It was explained that the County Councillor on the planning committee can be shared information relating to developments in neighbouring local authorities in some circumstances.

8 To consider talk from the Health Board on the 10-year strategy

Members discussed offering to host a meeting with residents.

The Clerk agreed to ask the Health Board for a meeting early one evening. It was suggested that it is likely that the local school could host.

Members discussed the need of a sound system for events and public meetings. The Clerk and Cllr John agreed to consider options.

9 Consider Town and Community Council Fund

Members discussed the Town and Community Council Fund. It was noted that the funding is discretionary, and the referenced fund is likely be at that specific local authority.

The Community Empowerment Fund was discussed. It was confirmed that there is no funding left in this financial year.

A member asked if the Community Council could be informed of projects like this that the County Councillor may be involved in. It was commented that it was published online but it was accepted that it should be reported to the Community Council also.

10 Consider Activities update

It was noted that work has been done to edit the current newsletter due to be complete next week.

It was agreed for the clerk to continue to edit newsletter and contact the Chair with a draft and advice on whether a further meeting is required.

Members discussed summer events for local children. Some options were suggested including promoting and supporting other local activities, funding access to others and providing activities through local organisations. It was agreed for the clerk to contact Caerphilly Adventure Group to see if they could provide activities and for the Chair and clerk to make a decision on how to proceed.

Members discussed the Songs of Praise event. It was noted that Calfarria Church were reluctant to host because of a lack of attendance by members and the wider public. Members will ask other churches to host and confirm.

11 Consider standing orders

Members commented that there was some concern about making decisions for the year with such low numbers at the annual meeting. Members acknowledged that the meeting was quorate, however. Members resolved to approve the model standing orders subject to the same amendments made in the last version.

Members discussed the collection of food bins as they had not been collected this week. It was noted that there has been an increase in volume of food waste being collected. The message from the County Council is to continue to leave them out and they will be collected.

Appendix

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. Mem-

				bers 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.
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.
18-Apr-24	Seek quotes to provide new condition survey for building	LJ	Ongoing	Have contacted near approx.20 suppliers as recommened 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.
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 con-

				tact details to help resolve the metal window shutter issue.
13-Jun-24	Research sound systems	AJ	New	
13-Jun-24	Check if tables can be borrowed from Maesycwmmmer Community Centre	LJ	New	
13-Jun-24	Ask interested party to apply for councillor vacancy	BM	New	
13-Jun-24	Ask Community Centre if minutes can be shared	LD	New	
13-Jun-24	Contact Caerphilly Adventure Group to see if they can offer any activities during the summer	LJ	New	