

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 26th October at 7pm at Graig Community Hall Bassaleg.

Clerk's Report – 26th October 2011

(Item No 4 on the agenda)

Viaduct Way Issues – NCC have advised that the adoption has not been settled as the original developer – Bellway Homes have been slow in completing the remedial works needed before completion. NCC is chasing this up, Clerk will chase for an update in November. Clerk has written to NCC requesting that consideration be given to installing traffic priority signs where the road narrows under the viaduct.

Rhiwderin Community Centre Lease – A copy of the current lease has been obtained. The Clerk has again chased for a decision regarding a new lease. Cllr Cornelious is also pushing NCC for a decision.

Riverbank Clean-up – Ongoing, the Environment Agency have advised Cllr Gregory that the work is due to be completed by the end of the month. **Cllr Gregory has received confirmation these works are now complete.** This issue will now be removed from this report.

Forge Road Parking Issue – NCC has denied permission to place planters either side of the bus stop to help prevent parking on the grass verges, no parking signs have been erected and the situation seems to have improved. This item will be removed from future reports.

Laurel Road Parking Issue – To date, requests to put planters at strategic points or wooden bollards to prevent green areas being parked on have been denied. Clerk has emailed NCC to request that this decision be re-considered in light of wooden bollards being allowed on Risca Road. Awaiting a response.

Junction 28 Tredegar Roundabout Safety Issues – NCC have advised that this issue will be considered over the next few weeks, Clerk will chase again in November.

Overhanging Tree Branches in Orchard Close and Associated Wentworth Lane Issue – The trees have been trimmed in accordance with the report produced. Some further work may be necessary to the canopy overhanging the garden in Orchard Close. The permissive pathway sign has been ordered, and the Clerk is waiting to speak to the owner of the lane regarding his responsibility of registering his permissive pathway rights on the lane with NCC.

Planters from NCC – NCC decisions regarding the locations of the planters have been received and discussed; no decisions have yet been made regarding placement and maintenance.

'Go Slow' Signs for Afon Village – Clerk to write to NCC again to urge reconsideration of 20mph speed limit on through road due to children's play area and Rivermead Centre. Also to seek support from Rogerstone Community Council.

Rumble Strip on Forge Road – Latest communications via City Councillors report that the issue will be addressed, but no date has been given.

Christmas tree Quality Issue – Assurance has been received that the defective tree will be replaced in the autumn.

Caerphilly Close Junction Landscaping Project – This project is temporarily on hold and will be discussed during the meeting.

Graig Hall – Cllr Fry is approaching one of the companies who quoted for windows and doors and giving them the opportunity to submit a more competitive quote.

Griffin Hedge – The hedge has been cut, this item will be removed from the Clerk's Report.

Play Areas – The Clerk is awaiting schemes by two playground equipment suppliers and will submit them to Council when both received. These schemes can then be used to support any applications for funding. Clerk and Chair to meet with Newport City Homes regarding the grass cutting responsibilities in Fort View park and future plans. The swing has been installed at Fort View Park.

Notice boards – The notice board proposed for installation alongside the church wall opposite Churchmead has been approved by NCC. The notice board proposed at the top of Laurel Road has been approved but only if Council canvass the residents to see if they wish to have it erected.

Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace – Clerk is working on adoption and getting the area maintained.

Footpath Opposite Friendly Fox to Pentrepoeth School – Clerk has received confirmation that this matter is being attended to and is awaiting confirmation that the matter has been dealt with.

Community Council Logo – Cllr Powell is assisting with the design – ongoing.

Conifers at 50a Caerphilly Road – Clerk is awaiting confirmation that the issue has been attended to. To date the issue remains.

Broken Styles on Footpath Near Old Alcan Site – Clerk has written to NCC Footpaths Officer to request repair of broken styles in the fields which form our boundary with Rogerstone at the back of the site. Again as no action has been taken Clerk has chased and is awaiting a response.

St Basils Lych-gate and Brass Memorial Plaques – The Clerk has spoken to Cannon Williams about the possibility of working together to make some restoration works to the lychgate and the possibility of moving the brass memorial plaques inside the church. He is meeting with his Church committee in late September and will come back to the Clerk with comments and suggestions for moving forward. Clerk to chase for a response prior to the forthcoming Council meeting.

Beech tree damage beside Duffryn Close – Clerk has contacted NCC to request that an old beech tree that sustained damage during the recent storms in the woods besides Duffryn Close is examined and remedial steps to ensure public safety are taken. **NCC will look at the condition of the tree and if necessary take steps to make it safe. There is an ownership issue on the land so steps will only be taken if absolutely necessary.**

Christmas Lighting Celebrations – A task and finish workgroup made up of the Clerk and 3 Councillors are working to put together a programme of events to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas lights, some progress has been made. **This will be discussed under Projects at the meeting.**

Moving of the Goalposts on the Open Space – Cllr John is looking into the possibility of purchasing a bracket for the goalpost which will allow it to be turned 180 degrees to prevent the grass becoming so damaged.

NO GOLFING sign – The clerk has ordered a sign to replace the existing sign on the open space and is awaiting delivery.

Caerphilly Road Issues – Clerk has written to NCC regarding the safety of pedestrians using the footpath between the Foss-y-Fran junction and Friendly Fox Public house. The response received has been added to the agenda for discussion.

Community Council Website – Clerk has updated the website with the Graig Hall's table of regular events and has set up the Booking Clerk of Rhiwderin Community Centre as an administrator with rights to input and update diary events for the Centre.

NCC Streetscene Representative at Meetings – Clerk has emailed a request that the Streetscene Dept of NCC consider sending a representative to attend end of month meetings and is awaiting a reply.

Fly Posters – Cllr Caston has removed posters accumulating on the fence of the open space in Bassaleg once again. Clerk has written to NCC to advise that posters are returning to the fence opposite the Tredegar Arms public house. Also to advise Zumba class instructor that it is against Council policy to erect signage on the fence.

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