



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

25th January 2012

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 6.30pm at Graig Community Hall Bassaleg.

(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. Clerk has also asked that consideration be given to installing traffic priority signs where the road narrows under the viaduct, no response has been received to date, Clerk still chasing a reply.

Rhiwderin Community Centre Lease – Was discussed during a meeting on 11th January, Cllr Cornelious is awaiting a response from NCC and hopes to have a result by the end of February.

Laurel Road Parking Issue – Clerk has been contacted by NCC who have given approval for preventative parking bollards to be placed at strategic points on the greens at the top of Laurel Road provided certain criteria is met. Clerk to action.

Junction 28 Tredegar Roundabout Safety Issues – Clerk has chased for an update on the issue and is awaiting a reply.

Overhanging Tree Branches in Orchard Close and Associated Wentworth Lane Issue – A further resident's letter has been received and responded to. Clerk and Cllr Gregory has met with the owner of the lane to discuss outstanding matters, this will be added to the agenda for discussion.

Planters from NCC – No decisions have yet been made regarding placement and maintenance. This item will be added to the February 11th meeting for discussion.

Speed Reduction for Afon Village – Clerk has again written to NCC asking for a response and advising them of Rogerstone CC's support on this issue.

Rumble Strip on Forge Road – Clerk has chased the City Councillors for an update.

Christmas tree Quality Issue – Assurance has been received that the defective tree will be replaced but not until autumn 2012, Clerk has diarised to chase for an update in September. This issue will be removed from the Clerk's Report until that time.

Caerphilly Close Junction Landscaping Project – This project is temporarily on hold.

Graig Hall – The decoration of the hall is complete, the installation of new windows and doors are being arranged by Cllr Fry as approved.

Play Areas – A task committee has been formed to look over the quotes and suggestions received to plan refurbishment and seek funding for both Rhiwderin and Fort View play areas. The committee to report back to Council with suggestions at the February Planning & Environmental meeting.

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. This will be discussed at the January 25th 2012 meeting to move the matter forward.

Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace – Clerk has been assured paperwork should arrive for completion before the end of January.

St Basils Lytchgate and Brass Memorial Plaques – As the church considers repairs to its boundary wall a priority, this issue will remain on hold for the foreseeable future.

Moving of the Goalposts on the Open Space –Cllr Fry is waiting for quotes for the manufacture of some brackets which will enable the posts to be re-positioned to allow even wearing of the grass. This should be ready for the January 25th meeting.

NO GOLFING sign – The sign has been delivered ready for installation. This will be attended to soon.

Caerphilly Road Issues – Clerk has written to the Police for an update as they are working with NCC regarding extra street lighting along this road.

Community Council Website – The website is being updated regularly with miscellaneous information and copies of Council documents.

Concurrent Expenditure – At a recent Community Liaison meeting at NCC, the NCC Finance Department put forward a formula for a better distribution of concurrent funding. Members of the meeting agreed to accept the formula for this year only but have requested that another solution be found by next year as although the suggested method was fairer it still did not address the imbalances between Community Council allocations nor addressed their current needs.

Extra Litter Bin on Footpath behind bus stop on Forge Road to Churchmead – Clerk has emailed NCC to advise that Council are willing to pay for an additional waste bin at this site after complaints to Councillor Cornelious, provided NCC will commit to adding it to their emptying schedule. Response received states that NCC has spoken with the Schools Estate Manager, and hopes to have the issue resolved via speaking with the children and hope this will resolve the situation. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Cornelious to monitor if this has been effective or further action is needed. Following consultation with the Best Kept Villages Group, the Clerk will attempt to have as many small litter bins replaced with large free standing bins in Bassaleg & Rhiwderin as possible. Clerk hopes to have an update by the date of the meeting.

Footpath and area behind the Tredegar Arms and St Basil's Church & Church Wall – Clerk has written to Greene King to request information regarding the ownership of the area behind the fencing at the rear of the Tredegar Arms pub and the boundary wall which is in need of repair between the pub and the church, and has sent another follow up chasing email, but is awaiting a response. This issue has been added to the agenda for discussion at 25th January meeting.

A-Frame advertisement boards outside Tredegar Arms – Clerk has written to NCC Environmental Department and is awaiting a reply.

Gate Erection at Highfield Lane encroaching on footpath – Clerk has written to the owner of the house in question but has received no response to date. Progress is being made with getting the footpath formerly adopted. Clerk to monitor and keep interested parties updated.

Post box on Laurel Road – Clerk has written to the Royal Mail to request the re-location of the post box at the top of Laurel Road onto a nearby side street to prevent traffic congestion. A response has been received which will be discussed at the January 25th meeting.

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Please note: The contents of this report have been compiled by the Clerk and are subject to change as and when new information is received. This report has not been approved by the Community Council before publication as meeting minutes would be, and is intended only as a useful tool to give information on the current status of ongoing issues to reduce time spent at meetings discussing updates unnecessarily.