



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

25th April 2012

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 25th April 2012 at 7pm at Graig Community Hall Bassaleg.

(Item No 5 on the agenda)

Viaduct Way Issues – NCC have advised that Bellway Homes still have not completed remedial works for the adoption to take place but have indicated a commitment to doing so. No date for completion has been given for adoption as it is dependent upon the developer to complete the works beforehand. Clerk will continue to request updates on a monthly basis.

Rhiwderin Community Centre Lease – The latest communication from NCC looks very promising and it is hoped that a contract is being drawn up at this time.

Laurel Road Parking Issue – The new notice board has been erected but not yet decorated. No response has been received to the Clerks communication to NCC regarding the option of a dedicated parking bay on the triangular green side or the erection of the wooden bollards to the green with the notice board and post box on it to date, Clerk will continue to chase for a response. Due to the current workload, the Clerk has not yet been in touch with the residents who agreed to act as representatives in trying to find a solution to the parking problems, but will do so asap.

Junction 28 Tredegar Roundabout Safety Issues – No update has been obtained on this issue, Clerk will continue to chase.

Overhanging Tree Branches in Orchard Close and Associated Wentworth Lane Issue – Still no response to the request to erect bollards at either end of Wentworth Lane, Clerk will chase.

Speed Reduction for Afon Village & Laurel Road – Council have received an email from NCC stating that to reduce the speed to 20 mph along these roads would be too costly and surveys completed do not highlight the areas as having sufficient problems to warrant the reduction. Clerk has written to request that the issue be re-visited should money become available and Council will review again in August.

Rumble Strip on Forge Road – NCC confirmed they have requested funding for this from Welsh Government. If successful, the replacement is hoped to take place in July/August, but is not certain until extra funding is obtained.

Caerphilly Close Junction Landscaping Project – This project is temporarily on hold. Cllr Cornelious is petitioning the City Council to have the junction improved by adding an extra lane for traffic exiting left onto Caerphilly Road from Caerphilly Close, no news on this yet.

Graig Hall – A quote for the deep clean has been accepted and work will take place in early May. The blinds quotes are still being reviewed.

Play Areas – Cllrs C Williams, Whitfield, Gregory and the Clerk met with a representative of Groundworks Caerphilly who is now working with Council to help with funding of the Fort View play area. The meeting was very positive and it is hoped funding can be obtained from a number of sources.

Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane – Clerk has received the necessary paperwork back from residents who kindly helped gather evidence forms and will move forward with the process week commencing 23rd April. No forms have yet been received for the path opposite Garth Terrace, but as the Highfield Lane adoption is more pressing, Clerk will concentrate on this path first and return to work on the Garth Terrace path once things are properly underway.

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.

Caerphilly Road Issues - Cllr Gregory has spoken with another NCC official who has agreed a number of issues need along this road need addressing and has passed the information on to the appropriate departments to be dealt with. It is hoped that adding his weight to Council's concerns will prompt for the issues to be dealt with. Cllr Gregory and the Clerk will continue to chase until a proper response has been obtained for the issues highlighted.

Community Council Website – The website is being updated regularly with miscellaneous information and copies of Council documents. Cllr Smart has agreed to assist with keeping the site updated.

Litter Bins – A full inventory of litter bins in the villages is being undertaken with a view to increasing or replacing a number of bins with larger models where necessary.

Footpath and area behind the Tredegar Arms and St Basil's Church & Church Wall – Still no response has been received after a second letter and a number of emails have been sent 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. Clerk will continue to pursue.

Gate Erection at Highfield Lane encroaching on footpath – The formal adoption if the lane is underway (please see item above on adoption of footpaths). No response has been received to a second letter sent to the owner of the new property at the top of the lane despite confirmation of receipt of the letter has been verified. The metal gate has been amended and now opens fully.

Road Markings in Rhiwderin – Clerk has written to NCC Highways to request that the road markings in the village on Harlech Drive/Tredegar Street be reinstated due to amount of traffic unfamiliar to the area visiting the TaylorWimpey site. Although this has not been an issue to date as local traffic know the road layouts, it could pose a potential problem and cause accidents to motorists unfamiliar with the area. No response has been received to date.

Former Garthfield Cottage Development – Clerk has written to NCC to request a planning enforcement officer visit the site as the access for the new development is obviously being brought out onto Caerphilly Road rather than Caerphilly Close as per planning permission. No update from NCC to date but Clerk will chase for an update in time of the meeting. **Confirmation from the Enforcement Department of NCC states that the development is being monitored. It confirms that although site traffic is using Caerphilly Road as access at present, when the development is completed – which should be in a few weeks – that permanent access for the development will be onto Caerphilly Close not Caerphilly Road.**

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