



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Clerk's Report

31st July 2013

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday  
31st July 2013 at 6.30pm at Rhiwderin Community Centre, Bassaleg

### (Item No 4 on the agenda)

- 1. Play Areas** – The planning application for Fort View has been approved and the funding request has been submitted. A decision is awaited before the issue can be progressed.
- 2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – Clerk working with NCC for formal adoption. During May's meeting Cllr Haigh informed Council that there is a problem with a hedge planted at the top of Highfield Lane which he is dealing with and will inform Council of the outcome. Clerk to make further investigations if possible.
- 3. Bryn Hedydd and footpath from Bryn Hedydd to Caerphilly Close clean up** – Due to confirmation that this area is unadopted, Clerk to investigate whether adoption can be achieved. No update available.
- 4. Grit bin on Caerphilly Road** – City Cllr Cornelious has received confirmation that the replacement is listed with NCC to be changed in the autumn when the bins are filled ready for winter. This item will remain on the report until the bin has been replaced.
- 5. Street Light opposite Garth Terrace** – The light has been identified as one which is turned off at night. City Cllr Cornelious has been advised by NCC that there is no safety issue with this light being switched off at night. Clerk is still requesting that this light be kept on and another less important light be switched off in its place. City Cllr Williams is exploring on Council's behalf.
- 6. Pot holes on Penylan Road** – This has been reported to the contact centre. The Clerk has been made aware that some holes have been filled but others remain. Cllr Cornelious confirmed that NCC will not repair the pot holes at the bottom of Penylan Road until the problem of the water ingress from the fields has been solved as the holes would open up again very quickly.
- 7. Footpath from Penylan Close to Fort View Park** – More trimming was necessary. The Clerk has asked the contractor to return and carry out more work which should be carried out on 27.07.13.
- 8. St Basil's Shops Parking Restriction** – Clerk has requested that NCC consider placing a 2hr parking restriction on the parking bays in the area of the shops. This is resulting from complaints that elderly residents are often unable to park to use the shops as some cars parked in the area either belong to neighbouring residents or to people who leave their cars there all day as they car-share. Cllr Cornelious has chased this up but it appears NCC will not take this forward due to lack of funds. This item will be removed from future reports.
- 19. Footpath between Friendly Fox and Pentrepoeth School** - Council has raised the issue of safety as the boundary fence between the path and the Garthfield Cottage development is broken. Concern is that schoolchildren could wander through the fence into the development where there is the potential to fall down considerable drops into the site. Cllr Cornelious has explored with NCC who is responsible for the maintenance of the fence and had been told it lies with the owner of the site. Further investigation has been undertaken and it is possible that NCC may own this footpath according to the Clerk's land registry search evidence. This has been passed on to NCC who are checking and may well take responsibility. A definitive answer is expected by mid August.
- 10. Orchard Close Trees** - Following the recent meeting, it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk will visit the homes and speak with the residents. In the meantime a local contractor will be engaged to trim back the trees at the pinch-point near the pelican crossing and clear the detritus under the trees to widen the footpath a little. This should take place on 27.07.13. Once complete the Chair and Clerk will speak with residents. with another meeting planned for the autumn.
- 11. Planter at Lower Machen** - Cllr Fry to obtain quotes for repair or removal and report back to Council.

**12. Request for bus stop at Viaduct Way** - following a request from Cllr Stokes, the Clerk has contacted NCC regarding the possibility of introducing a bus stop at Viaduct Way and is awaiting a response. Clerk to chase.

**13. Visibility Issue at Camellia Drive in Afon Village** - Following a request from a resident the Clerk has written to NCC to attempt to resolve a visibility issue on the junction of Meadowlands Drive and Camellia Way. The house to the left of the junction has a hedge which restricts visibility which appears to have been planted beyond the original boundary of the garden. NCC's response is that the area has been checked and there is no visibility issue, This item to be discussed at the meeting.

**14. Pedestrian Underpass at Pentre Tai Road** - Clerk has written to NCC requesting they carry out maintenance to the underpass as there are loose and uneven paviors and detritus which is a safety issue for pedestrians. A reply is awaited, Clerk to chase.

**15. Overgrown Verges on Caerphilly Road** - The Clerk has written to NCC to request that maintenance be undertaken on the verges opposite Garth Terrace following a resident complaint. No response to date, Clerk to chase.

**16. Footpaths in Bassaleg** - Following a request from Cllr Whitfield, the Clerk has requested that NCC and NCH carry out maintenance to the footpaths connecting streets in Bassaleg between Caerphilly Road and Woodland Drive. NCH have agreed to inspect and maintain the paths belonging to them and NCC have reported that they have inspected their paths but none require any work. This item will be discussed during the 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 and reduce time spent at meetings discussing updates unnecessarily.