



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

28th August 2013

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 28th August 2013 at 7pm at Graig 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.
- 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. Council are unhappy that NCC consider this light is not a safety issue. 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. This item will be removed from future reports unless there are further problems or there is progress to report.
- 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.
- 8. 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. **It has been confirmed the boundary is owned by NCC who are to carry out remedial work to make the area safe until a permanent solution can be organised by them.**
- 9. Orchard Close Trees** - Following a meeting with residents by the Chairman and Clerk it was agreed that Council would gather quotes for lopping the largest of the trees. Work has been carried out to the Caerphilly Road side of the trees to enhance pedestrian safety.
- 10. Planter at Lower Machen** - Cllr Fry to obtain quotes for repair or removal and report back to Council.
- 11. 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 has chased but the head of the Passenger Transport Team and he has replied to say that in principle there are no objections from his department but that he has to take up the matter with Newport Bus who would have to agree to the extra stop as they run the service for that route. The Passenger Transport team is investigating this with Newport Bus at present and a reply is expected shortly.**
- 12. 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. The site has been visited by the Chair and Clerk and the offer of a meeting has been made to the resident who put in the initial complaint. Clerk and Chair to follow up.

13. 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 pavers and detritus which is a safety issue for pedestrians. **The reply from NCC is that the area is not adopted, therefore the Clerk is investigating whether this is the responsibility of NetworkRail.**

14. 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. Photographs have been taken showing long grass and weeds on the footpath from Penylan to Woodland Drive and maintenance has again been requested from NCC.

Grosvenor Road Footpath - Following a complaint from a resident Council has reported problems with motorbikes and youths using this footpath and causing disturbance. PCSO Evans to investigate and Cllr Harris to speak with a NCC footpaths officer to attempt to find a solution.

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