



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

25th September 2013

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 25th September 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. Increased problems with dog fouling have been addressed by Cllr Cornelious.
- 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. 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. This will be checked on again within the next week.
- 7. 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. The Community Council has paid to have the steps and path cleared to ensure pedestrian safety.
- 8. Orchard Close Trees** - The quote for lopping the largest trees came in at £900, Clerk to return to NCC in an attempt to persuade them to reconsider taking action on safety grounds. **The Clerk has been advised that an officer will attend to inspect the trees in the near future and advise of their safety status.**
- 9. Planter at Lower Machen** - Discussed at this meeting.
- 10. 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 Clerk has now been able to contact Newport Bus directly and put forward the request. A response is awaited.**
- 11. Visibility Issue at Camellia Drive in Afon Village** - Following NCC's response that visibility is not an issue, Chair & Clerk made a site visit and believes there is an issue. Complainant contacted and offered a meeting to discuss a way forward.
- 12. 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 but has also returned to NCC for reconsideration. Due to

this being the former main route into the village, it is believed it must be NCC's responsibility. Following returning to NCC to confirm ownership, details are being checked with the City's Legal Department as there is still some confusion on NCC's part as to whether they will accept responsibility. They acknowledge prior responsibility but feel that this may have been "stopped up" at some point after the main route into the village was changed.

13. 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. Following a further email from NCC stating the same information as above again. The Clerk has replied that the photographs provided showing the paths very overgrown were taken some 2 weeks after the inspection and called for the issue to be revisited once again!

14. 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. The Police have attended the area but there was no issue at the time. Cllr Harris has visited the complainant and offered support. A close eye will be kept on the situation, and a log of any further trouble kept for future reference should the problem escalate.

15. Static Speed Camera on Caerphilly Road - Following Council's request for a static speed camera at the Caerphilly RD/Close junction, and the response that it would not be deemed necessary, the Clerk requested information from the mobile unit to see if Council could petition for a static camera on community safety grounds. Clerk to chase response

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