



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

26th March 2014

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 26th March 2014 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

- 1. Play Areas** – Council are lobbying NCC for diverting Section 106 monies and looking into other potential funding streams. Equipment has been removed from Rhiwderin play area and placed in storage until another suitable site can be found. It is very hopeful that NCC will upgrade the play areas in the ward and assist in providing a new area for Rhiwderin.
- 2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – Clerk working with NCC for formal adoption.
- 3. Street Light opposite Garth Terrace** – NCC remains determined that this light is not to be kept on at night. Council is continuing to try to find a solution.
- 4. Footpath between Friendly Fox and Pentrepoeth School** - Ongoing. The City Council have accepted responsibility for the path and steps have been taken to ensure the building site is temporarily cordoned off. Proper permanent measures have still not been taken. It has been noted that the developer has removed many of the trees and shrubs between the development and the footpath, and NCC have promised to speak with the developers to get a permanent fence erected as they agree the present fencing is inadequate and unsightly.
- 5. Static Speed Camera on Caerphilly Road** - It is hoped that the police will have an update on this issue when they attend the meeting.
- 6. Yellow lines near St Basil's shops** - A request has been made that the single yellow lines in the area of the shops also be extended to the one traffic island which to date has not been marked up to improve parking availability for residents using the shopping area. NCC have agreed this should be carried out and it is hoped they will be installed within the next week or two.
- 7. Lighting on footbridge over A467** - Both Clerk and Cllr Whitfield wrote to NCC's Arboricultural Officer requesting trees be cut back to improve the street lighting at the bridge and for a defective lamp to be replaced. This issue is still ongoing. Cllr Whitfield is trying to get the defective lamp repaired but her emails are not being answered to date.
- 8. Trees on open space at top of Laurel Road** - It has been confirmed by the NCC's Tree Officer that damage to the roots of the trees has occurred, and he and Council are trying to find a solution before the trees become so compromised as to become a danger.
- 9. Trees on open space in Bassaleg** - Following inspection by the NCC's Tree Officer, it is confirmed that apart from some light remedial work, the trees on the open space are not at risk. They are inspected regularly as part of NCC's schedule. This item will be removed from future reports.
- 10. Lighting on Laurel Road** - Following concerns from Cllr Whitfield the Clerk has asked if it would be possible to install an additional street lamp on Laurel Road close to the bus stops near St Basil's Crescent. NCC say no funding is available for this work to be considered. City Cllrs are investigating what criteria NCC uses to determine when street lighting is necessary.
- 11. Parking on grass verges at Highfield Road** - After concerns were expressed regarding vehicles parking on the grass verges, the Clerk wrote to NCH in an attempt to prevent the issue. The matter has now been passed on to the police to enforce if possible.

Compiled 20.03.14

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.

Clerk to the Council: Sian Davies

Email: clerk@graiGCC.co.uk

Website: www.graiGCC.co.uk