



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Clerk's Report

30th April 2014

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 30th April 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. Following discussions with NCC it is hoped that Section 106 money will be available to return a play area to Rhiwderin and upgrade the other play areas in Fort View and at the Graig Community Centre. This is dependent on NCC, and the Community Council is doing all it can to move progress on the issue.
- 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. NCC say it is not their responsibility to light the footpath which joins Caerphilly Road as it is not an adopted path. The Council argues that the light which illuminates the steps and lower part of the path is on Caerphilly Road and an additional light is not required, only for this light to be kept on at night, not switched off. The Community Council have identified a light in another area which is not required late at night and could be switched off instead but cannot persuade NCC to swap the lights as it has done in other areas. This item will be discussed at the meeting.
- 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. An update has been requested.
- 5. Static Speed Camera on Caerphilly Road** - Following last month's meeting and an update from Inspector Biggs, it was confirmed that the speed camera does attend the area at varying times of the day and evening. A static speed camera would only be installed if the area met the current criteria which it presently does not.
- 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 very soon. To date the Clerk is not aware that this work has been carried out.
- 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 have not been answered for the past 2 months!
- 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 has forwarded recommendations to the Community Council. Cllr Cornelious has agreed to discuss the report with the officer, the Community Council feel the responsibility lays with the City Council as the trees are next to the highway.
- 9. 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. Recent correspondence from the NCC department states that even though complaints have been received from other avenues in the past, the extra light will not be installed as their main priority is to light a highway. Council argues that as residential streets and through roads are highways this should be carefully considered. There is still no answer whether or not a full assessment has been done or confirmation of the criteria for such an assessment..

**10. 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. NCH were unable to help as they are also experiencing similar problems elsewhere. This was also discussed with the Police who has confirmed that during the past months fixed penalties have been issued to the offending vehicle owners but this has not prevented the problem from recurring.

**11. Cleansing of Pentre Tai Road** - Following a complaint by a resident of Afon Village, the Clerk requested NCC cleanse the road. It is believed this was carried out very recently. This will be checked and the item removed from future reports if found to be completed.

**12. Cutting back of shrubbery on Caerphilly Road** - following an observation from Cllr Sayer, Clerk to request NCC cuts back the shrubbery below the raised path on Caerphilly Road to aid visibility. This has been actioned and a response is awaited.

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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.

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