



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

28th May 2014

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 28th May 2014 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 5 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. Cllr Williams is still working with NCC in an attempt to resolve this issue.
- 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. NCC confirmed recently that this meeting has not taken place yet but should do so in the near future.
- 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. Council is continuing to lobby.
- 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 still trying to get this issue resolved satisfactorily.
- 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. Recent correspondence from the NCC department states that an assessment has been carried out which highlighted that the area would benefit by additional lighting. However despite this, no funding is available. Clerk to review this situation periodically in the hope that when funding becomes available additional lighting will be installed. This item will be temporarily removed from future reports for the time being.

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. Cllr Cornelious is attempting to get NCC to take action as the verges are being destroyed.

11. 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.

12. Re-siting of notice board to Park View - The Community Council has asked permission to re-site the community notice board currently situated at St Basil's Church to the eastbound bus stop at Park View. Permission was granted under the proviso that NCC carry out the work and Council are awaiting estimated costs.

13. Dedicated Right Turn Into Laurel Drive - Following the near completion of the former Bassaleg Church Hall development on Caerphilly Road, the Clerk has checked on the progress of the installation of the proposed dedicated right turn into Laurel Drive for westbound traffic. NCC have confirmed that the developer is obligated to dedicate an area within the development for highway purposes to allow space for a dedicated lane to be installed to alleviate traffic congestion on Caerphilly Road. This is now being progressed as the development is near completion. Further updates are expected in due course.

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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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