



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Clerk's Report

29th October 2014

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 29th October 2014 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

**1. Play Areas** – Council has been lobbying NCC for diverting Section 106 monies. Following discussions with NCC it is known that funding is available for the upgrade of the remaining two play areas in Bassaleg together with the creation of a third and the re-instatement of the Rhiwderin play area together with another two. Money will also be set aside for the maintenance of the play areas well into the future. The Community Council has been invited to collaborate with the City Council on this matter and consultations are being arranged with both local schoolchildren and residents. A presentation and Q&A session is being set up at both Community Centres where residents will be able to air their views and make suggestions. These will take place at Rhiwderin Community Centre on 20th November between 4.30pm and 6.30pm and at Graig Community Hall on 21st November between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. The sessions will be advertised in our notice boards, on our website and relayed via Facebook and Twitter.

**2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – Clerk working with NCC for formal adoption. NCC's Countryside Warden had been asked to look at the area at the top of Highfield Lane with a view to having it cleared of vegetation which is making the footpath difficult to use. The Clerk has been told that as the area is unregistered, NCC will not carry out any maintenance at present. The Council has requested a meeting with NCC officials to looking at all pockets of unregistered land and footpaths with a view to getting as much as possible registered with NCC, but to date has been unable to secure a meeting. Council will continue to lobby.

**3. Lighting on footbridge over A467** - Defective lighting in the vicinity of the bridge has been repaired, but there is one light which is masked by the overgrowth of trees. This has been reported to the tree officer at NCC who is looking into the matter and will have the trees cut back if necessary.

**4. Re-siting of notice board to Park View** - The notice board has been relocated and glazed and will now be updated with the relevant paperwork

**5. Dedicated Right Turn Into Laurel Drive** - Following the 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 complete. Further updates are expected in due course. Following a chase up on 25.07.14, NCC confirmed that a feasibility study is being conducted to confirm the benefit so funding can be applied for from the Welsh Government. This item will remain on this report until confirmation that work is to begin.

**6. Raised Path on Caerphilly Road** - Following the Clerk requesting that the raised path and banking below be cleaned up by NCC and no action being taken, Cllr Cornelious also has made this request and a response is still awaited.

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