



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

28th January 2015

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

- 1. Play Areas** – NCC have closed their online survey which allowed residents to have an input into the development of their proposed play areas. The information is being collated at present and we have been informed the next step will be for NCC to consider that information as they move forward to the tendering process.
- 2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – The footpath at the top of Highfield Lane opposite the green and down to the gate has been cleared because of health and safety concerns by the Community Council. This was a temporary measure until the issue of responsibility can be resolved. The Clerk is in talks with the NCC officer in charge of adoption processes to be guided through the necessary paperwork in addition to what has been obtained so far.
- 3. Dedicated Right Turn Into Laurel Drive** - It is believed that the feasibility survey has been carried out. This will be checked and progress logged in future reports. This item will remain on this report until the Council has confirmation that work is to begin. An update has been requested.
- 4. Street Light Opposite Garth Terrace** - Following much lobbying of NCC in an attempt to resolve this issue, the light is still being switched off. City Cllr Williams believed there was an opportunity for the light to be kept on for a longer length of time (although still eventually switched off) so the Clerk has written to the Cabinet Member responsible for the street lighting and requested that this light be kept on until midnight each night which should allow most pedestrians to use the steps and footpath up to Penylan Close whilst illuminated. Confirmation has been received that the light is to be adjusted and kept lit until midnight, this should be in operation by the end of January. Following confirmation this item will be removed from the report.
- 5. Frequent Changes to Senior Police Staff** - The Clerk has written to the Police Commissioner Mr Ian Johnson to forward Council's concerns at the frequency of turnover of senior Police staff following the news that the area Inspector and Sergeant changed again in December. A response has been received advising that At the last Gwent Police and Crime Panel Paul Harris the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner stated that the Gwent Police were introducing a new policing model based on local policing areas. This is to ensure that the public and stakeholders receive a more consistent service as well as creating a clear line of local accountability. At the meeting this issue was further discussed by the panel and it will continue to be monitored in future. Also, the new Inspector and Sergeant have been invited to attend a Community Council meeting in order to begin building a good working relationship with them both. This item will be removed from future reports but the issue will continue to be monitored.
- 6. Forge Road Issues** - The Clerk has written to the Contact Centre regarding the issue of cars continuing to park in the bus stop or on the verges either side of the bus stop at the top of Forge Lane. This practice is not only dangerous but is severely damaging the grass verges. Council has requested the assistance of the Streetscene Department to find a solution to this issue, and to find a way of encouraging motorists to utilise the layby provided some 600 metres further along the road which is a much safer option. Also to report that the signage in the layby is faded and needs replacing. A response has been received regarding the signage, which is being investigated and replaced as necessary. A response is awaited from the Streetscene Dept regarding the illegal parking issue.

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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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