



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Clerk's Report

25th March 2015

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

- 1. Play Areas** – Following comments by residents and the Council, NCC have withdrawn the proposal of creating a play area on the junction of The Griffin and Caerphilly Road, and instead has opted to move it to the open space area close to Graig Community Hall. The other proposed areas are going to be developed, and NCC hopes to have all the new play facilities completed in time for the school summer break.
- 2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – The Clerk has completed and posted the paperwork needed for petitioning NCC to adopt Highfield Lane. Other steps in the process are to be advised by NCC once this step of the process is completed by them. Once complete, it is hoped that the footpath opposite Garth Terrace will also be adopted. Other non-adopted footpaths are being identified.
- 3. Dedicated Right Turn Into Laurel Drive** - Following the recent planned survey, it has been confirmed that some action is required to improve traffic flow on this road, however, the NCC Officer in charge was not satisfied with the suggested solution arising from the survey of installing a mini roundabout. He hopes find a better solution and apply for WG funding to make improvements to this junction during the next financial year. This item will remain on the report and regular updates requested.
- 4. 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 lay by provided some 600 metres further along the road which is a much safer option. Initial response from NCC is that they were unaware there was an issue but will monitor the situation and take any necessary action. An update will be requested for the end of April meeting to allow time for the monitoring to have taken place.
- 5. Scrap Lorries Visiting Croescarneinon Farm** - Following reports of scrap lorries seen regularly visiting the farm, Council requested that NCC investigate if some form of scrap business is being operated from the location. Council has been informed that NCC are currently investigating.
- 6. Former Garthfield Cottage Site** - Following the removal of trees and established hedgerow on the boundary of the first property and the public footpath to Pentrepoeth School, Council expressed their concerns regarding public safety as there is only some temporary plastic fencing preventing pedestrians falling down a steep drop from the footpath into the property. NCC have attended the site and agree that this is not acceptable. The issue is being dealt with by NCC. An update has been requested but none received to date.
- 7. Extra Litter Bins** - As Council feels that the ward would benefit from extra litter bins, the Clerk has written to NCC to request that any new bins installed be added to the present collection schedules, and if there are any stipulations as to style, quantity and locations. A response has been received and will be discussed at the meeting.
- 8. Boundary fencing along Caerphilly Road between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road Junction** - The Clerk has written to NewtworkRail to ask that a clear up of the overgrown vegetation along the boundary between the railway and the grass verge edging the footpath along Caerphilly Road on this section takes place to prevent the brambles etc. from encroaching the footpath. A response is awaited.
- 9. Footpath cleansing** - Following a report that the footpaths between Caerphilly Road, St Basil's Crescent and St Basil's Crescent and Laurel Drive and the lane to the rear of Bassaleg Post Office is heavily littered and in need of cleansing, the Clerk has written to investigate who is responsible for these areas to request they be cleansed.
- 10. Coach House on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg** - Following concerns by residents about the closeness of the Heras fencing to the busy road, the Clerk has written to NCC to request that they encourage the owner of the property to move the fencing back to allow for pedestrians comfortable use. NCC have

confirmed they will contact the owner and have the fencing set back another 0.5 metres from its current position to aid safety at this pinch point.

**11. Parking on grass verges on Caerphilly Road** - The previous issue of inconsiderate and illegal parking on the grass verges of Laurel Road continues to be an issue. The verge opposite Highfield Road is also now in a poor state. Clerk has enquired if NCC will be taking any action to prevent the damage.

**12. Council website** - Following the difficulties Council are experiencing in updating and using the new site, a meeting of the Technologies Committee has been arranged to discuss a way of moving forward.

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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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