



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

27th May 2015

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 5 on the agenda**)

- 1. Play Areas** – A number of residents attended a Community Council meeting on 25th March to question the robustness of the consultation of the play areas and to object to the proposed development of a play area on Caernarvon Drive in Rhiwderin, it is understood that they are to take up their complaint directly with the City Council and the Ombudsman. Cllr Gregory has been informed that the next stage of the process which includes consulting with children has been delayed due to children sitting exams at present, and will be conducted when the exams period is over.
- 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, and is waiting for confirmation of the next steps from NCC. NCC have confirmed receipt of the paperwork sent and are in the process of assessing it. An update has been requested.
- 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** - NCC have advised that their officers have been monitoring the situation but have found no-one using the bus stop to park to date and therefore are unable to take any action.
- 5. 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 was only temporary fencing in place. It has been noted that wooden fencing has replaced the temporary fencing along the length of the property which abuts the footpath but the Clerk is still waiting for a reply from NCC regarding this item.
- 6. Boundary fencing along Caerphilly Road between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road Junction** - NetworkRail have cleared a section of the brambles closest to the footpath but only on a short length opposite the Caerphilly Close junction. NCC have reported that the verges are cut every 6 months and that there is no funding to increase this. This item was discussed at the previous meeting and it was decided to invite Networkrail to a site meeting to see if anything further could be done. To date there has been no response, a further email has been sent.
- 7. Coach House on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg** -Following a recent incident of a near-miss accident outside this building and noticing that the fencing has not been moved, the Clerk has written again to press for action, and been advised that NCC are lobbying the owner to move the fencing back.
- 8. Parking on grass verges on Caerphilly Road** - NCC have confirmed that they believe tarmacing the verges is not a viable solution and suggest wooden bollards would be better. They intimated that if agreed, the Community Council would be expected to fund the project.
- 9. Dog fouling signage** - following persistent issues with dog fouling in the ward the Council has submitted a mock-up of a sign which has been submitted to NCC for permission to erect around the ward. No response to the request has been received to date. A further email has been sent.

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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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