



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

24th June 2015

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 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 have taken up their complaint with the Ombudsman. No further update has been given recently.

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. Delays have been caused by the NCC officer being involved with the recent Velathon arrangements.

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. Cllr Gregory has been in touch with the officer in charge but the issue remains.

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. An officer is to make a site visit to investigate.

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. Despite a number of attempts to contact NetworkRail there has been no response to date.

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 NCC have advised the owner has again been contacted and the fencing should be moved back soon.

8. Parking on grass verges on Laurel 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. The Council agreed that bollards would not be a solution and that the illegal parking should continue to be reported.

9. Dog fouling signage - following persistent issues with dog fouling in the ward the Council has drawn up a mock-up of a sign which has been submitted to NCC for permission to erect around the ward. This is being discussed at NCC at present and the Clerk is waiting for a decision.

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