



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

29th July 2015

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 29th July 2015 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

- 1. Play Areas** – The consultation process has been completed by NCC and mock-ups of the proposed play areas and types of equipment are being displayed for NCC in both Community Centres. It is believed work is to be started during August. No timescales have been given for completion of the works to date.
- 2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – The Clerk has been advised by NCC that the paperwork for adoption is being assessed at present and Council will be kept apprised of any developments.
- 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. Cllr Cornelious has been advised that the illegible signage in the lay by will be attended to when funding allows.
- 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. It has been noted that NCC have carried out some grass verge cutting in the area but it remains unsightly.
- 7. Coach House on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg** - It was noted during that June meeting that the Haras fencing has been moved back to allow better pedestrian access. This item will be removed from future reports.
- 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. This is still being monitored.
- 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. Clerk to chase up a response.

There has been little movement on this report during the month due to the Clerk being on annual leave.

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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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