



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

25th January 2017

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

Play Areas – At the Council meeting on 11th January, the SLA between Graig Community Council and NCC was accepted with some minor adjustments and will be signed in due course.

Graffiti in the ward - Clerk has reported the areas of graffiti again to NCC and requested it's removal..

Parking on grass verges at bus stop on Forge Road – Parking still regularly takes place in this area which Council believes is a major health and safety risk. NCC sees this as a Policing issue, the Police say they do not have the resources to monitor, therefore the damage to the verges is being ignored.

Overgrowth on wasteland at Park View - To date NCC have not cut back overgrowth on the verge area in front of Whiteheads where the stream runs out from underneath the road and all along the road side of the boundary wall. Clerk has written to NCC Streetscene again.

Uneven pavement & drainage issues on Park View – Following Council realising there are still issues in wet weather in this area, the Clerk has written again to NCC and advised that further work may need to be carried out. To date no response has been received, Clerk has written to Streetscene again.

Dedicated right turn into Laurel Drive - latest news from NCC is that this will not be taken forward despite the need as there is no funding available. This situation is unlikely to change. The Clerk has asked Cllr Cornelious to take this matter up with NCC and push for the contractor who will be updating the roundabouts in the area to consider doing the work as Community Benefit as was previously suggested by NCC.

Additional lighting on Caerphilly Road and Laurel Road - Despite NCC admitting that additional lighting would be of benefit, this cannot be provided as there is no funding available. This situation is unlikely to change in the near future.

Dirty Highway Signage - NCC recognised the need for cleansing but are no longer carrying out signage cleansing schedules due to lack of funds.

Adoption of footpaths - The footpath between Woodland Drive and Fort View Play area, and also the footpath between Penylan Close and Caerphilly Road are both now in the process of being adopted. Evidence forms have been handed out to residents to provide proof of their use which is the first stage of the process. Clerk to submit forms already received within the next few weeks.

Overgrown footpath from Woodland Drive to Penylan Close - This path as mentioned above is in the process of being adopted. In lieu of the adoption, in August NCC's Footpaths Officer agreed to carry out maintenance to clear this path but to date this has not been completed. Clerk to continue chasing.

Former Garthfield Cottage site fencing and footpath - Council felt this item should not be removed, but that the re-instatement of the ancient hedgerow that was removed when the fence was built should be pursued. City Cllrs have met with NCC Streetscene officers and report that NCC are concerned about the boundaries and possible encroachment on NCC's land but are not concerned with the steepness and stability of the banking that has been cut away. The Clerk has asked Cllr Cornelious to approach the Planning Dept as this may be a safety concern for them.

St Basil's Roundabout bollards repair - The bollard repair was carried out on 24.08.16 and reimbursement for the cost for repair will be requested from Stagecoach's insurers in due course.

Cycle Path by Bassaleg School - NCC can now find no record of this issue even though Cllr Williams had informed Council of the proposal some time ago. The Clerk has asked Cllr Williams to investigate as Council is aware funds have been available to carry out this type of work.

Parking on grass verges on Laurel Road - NCC will not take up this issue and have only for offered the Community Council to pay for bollards to be installed to alleviate the problem. The damage to the verges is being ignored. This situation is unlikely to change.

Boundary fencing along Caerphilly Road between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road Junction - NCC do cut the verge but only a 1 metre strip between the pavement and the boundary fence as per their schedule, NetworkRail cut back only to their fence. This leaves a strip of land that no-one will maintain.

Coach House on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg - This issue is being investigated by NCC an update is expected in due course. The Clerk has asked Cllr Cornelious to chase up a response.

Pentrepoeth Road issues - Problems on the road have been reported numerous times and suggestions for improvements have been requested, but NCC's latest response is "This has been the subject of local concern, but there is no scope to achieve any proportionate speed management or pedestrian improvement interventions. Both Ward Members and Community Council have been advised of this previously". This item was deferred at the last meeting but will be revisited at the 25th Jan 2017 meeting.

Dog fouling signage - For the Clerk to progress.

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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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