



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

27th June 2018

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 27th June 2018 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

Play Areas (July '07) – All items are now complete.

Graffiti in the ward (May '16) - This item will not be removed until the graffiti has been cleared. The Clerk has asked Cllrs to advise her again of locations so this can be followed up.

Parking on grass verges at bus stop on Forge Road (Jan '15) – 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. This item is less of an issue at present as the Bassaleg Roundabout is being amended and road works are deterring the practice, but it will likely return once works are completed.

Dedicated right turn into Laurel Drive (May '14) - City Cllrs did meet with NCC and the developers to discuss this option, and it was noted that workmen had mapped utilities in the area, but the latest response in June 2018 from NCC is that there is no funding available to carry this out.

Additional lighting on Caerphilly Road and Laurel Road (Jan '14) - This issue was added to a list of number of issues which was forwarded to NCC some time ago. Following much chasing, a reply has finally been received. This will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting.

Dirty Highway Signage (Oct '16)- NCC recognised the need for cleansing but are no longer carrying out signage cleansing schedules due to lack of funds. This was confirmed at a meeting with the Senior Officer for Transport and Road Safety. Head of Streetscene response says " Cleansing/replacement will be undertaken where signs are no longer legible. Additional signs will only be considered on safety grounds".

Adoption of footpaths (Numerous times from July '11) - The footpath between Woodland Drive and Fort View Play area, and also the footpath between Penylan Close and Caerphilly Road are both now being reviewed by NCC with regard to whether they will be accepted as PROWs. The Clerk discovered recently that the paperwork handed in to the reception desk at the Civic Centre had been mislaid and no action had been taken at all since March 2017. The Clerk has supplied copies to NCC and details for both paths are now being considered by NCC's Legal Department.

Overgrown footpath from Woodland Drive to Penylan Close (as above) - This path as mentioned above is in the process of being adopted.

Former Garthfield Cottage site fencing and footpath (Feb '15) - 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.

St Basil's Roundabout bollards repair (Feb '17) - The bollards are in place but the grassed verge of the roundabout is being heavily damaged by large vehicles unable to negotiate the turning circle of the roundabout. Delivery to the shops from the rear is still being pursued, but NCH has advised that NCC's waste lorries are causing the damage. This is to be investigated too.

Cycle Path by Bassaleg School (Oct '15) - Cllr Williams has confirmed that since the reorganisation of J28 and Bassaleg roundabouts have been made, this is no longer an issue. This item will be removed from future reports.

Parking on grass verges on Laurel Road (Mar '15) - NCC will not take up this issue and have only 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 and has been reiterated by the Head of Streetscene.

Boundary fencing along Caerphilly Road between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road Junction (Mar '15) - 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 (Aug '12) - The area is much improved since the removal of the Haras fencing. Many positive comments have been received regarding the planters. This item appears resolved and will be removed from future reports.

Pentrepoeth Road issues (Oct '16) - Problems on the road have been reported numerous times and suggestions for improvements have been requested, but NCC state that nothing can be done due to the road layout. Council will continue to work on helping alleviate the problems. A recent planning application has complicated this matter further and was discussed at a public meeting. Cllr Gregory met with the Senior Officer for Transport and Road Safety who agreed there were some issues which would be attended to by his department but nothing has improved to date. This was also discussed with the new Head of Streetscene but no suggestions were approved. Council has also highlighted the issues for walkers and pedestrians in its comments on the Active Travel Integrated Map it has been asked to comment on.

Bus stop time tables (Feb '17) - Cllr Cornelious has provided an update that the electronic timetables at bus stops should by now be operational. The Clerk has asked Cllr Cornelious to ensure that all stops, regardless of whether they have an electronic timetable or not, be provided with paper timetables, and that the maintenance needed to bus shelters be carried out. Cllr Tarr is attempting to progress this further.

Section 106 funding (Jul '17) - A meeting is to be held between Council representatives and NCC's S106 Officer where it is hoped clarification on a number points can be gained.

Footpath from Berkley Close to Wentworth Lane (September '17) - Cllr Williams believes this issue has been resolved. It is felt that in excessively wet weather the path will still have issues, but overall the remedies taken should be sufficient under normal weather conditions. This item will be removed from future reports.

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