



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs K Sayer, M Cornelious.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, P Stokes, M Smart, K Harries, P John, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, K Ashton, V Cox-Wall. Also present, PCSO's C Evans & M Dean.

The Police were heard first to enable them to continue their duties. PCSO Evans read out the monthly Police report which included the following statistics. There were 61 calls to the Police during November 9 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: 2 x dwelling burglary, 2 x theft other, 1 x public order, 1 x shoplifting, 2 x violence with injury, 1 x violence without injury. There were no calls regarding Halloween or Bonfire Night. 2 males were apprehended in Morrison's car park who had been carrying out vehicle thefts in the area. Incidents of anti-social behaviour had occurred in the area of St Basil's Church Hall and local youths had been spoken to. Crime prevention leaflets had been dropped in Laurel Road after an attempted break-in, and 2 local youths had been escorted home following unacceptable behaviour. Council were also advised that the area is to be covered by a new Inspector (Mark Pope) and a new Sergeant (Alistair Frame) from 1st December 2014.

2. Public Representations: None.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held 29th October 2014, previously circulated were read and approved - proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Harries. Cllr Fry advised Council that following last month's presentation and quotes for photovoltaic cells for the roof of Graig Hall, the item was being further investigated to include any proprietary roofing maintenance. Cllr Fry to progress.

4. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk's Report previously circulated was briefly discussed. The report was accepted as a true reflection of matters to date. Proposed Cllr Harries seconded Cllr Evans. Regarding item 5, it was noted that some surveying was taking place but Council were concerned it was being carried out at the wrong time of day to be reflective of the issue.

5. Projects:

- a. Graig Hall coffee room vision panel: Cllr Fry reported that the installation had been completed and so will be removed from the projects list. Cllr Fry was thanked for his efforts.
- b. Footpath through open space in Bassaleg: Cllr Fry reported that he was finalising prices for the work, but was looking at grouping it with the works needed in item **d.** below in order to gain the best prices. Council agreed that the path was more of a priority than item **d.** and should be progressed as soon as possible as the other project could be months in preparation. Cllrs Gregory and Fry to look at the path and progress the work.
- c. Rhiwderin Community Centre upgrade: Cllr Gregory told the group that the major work was complete and handed over. There was still some smaller works that needed to be done which would be completed as soon as possible.
- d. Caerphilly Rd/Close Junction: Cllr Fry discussed enabling ground works which would need to be carried out regardless of the scheme chosen for the area, and was obtaining some quotes for this to be carried out.

Cllr Ashton joined the meeting at 7.35pm.

6. Reports:

- a. Police – discussed above.
- b. City Councillors – Not present, but Cllr Harris reminded Council that City Cllr Williams had offered to set up a Budget Consultation meeting with NCC to discuss NCC's finances.
- c. Graig Community Hall – Cllr Evans reported that the Hall's heating issues were in the process of being addressed.
- d. Rhiwderin CC – Cllr Gregory informed the group that a management meeting had been held and was well attended. The new Secretary was settling well into her new post, and that as finances were doing

well it was agreed that £15K could be turned over to the Community Council to assist with the recent costs of refurbishment.

- e. Best Kept Villages – It was noted that the group are struggling financially and to attract new members. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Mrs M Womack on 01633 895145, the group would welcome any help offered.
- f. Allotments – Cllr Caston reported that the Allotment Secretary had been advised of NCC's plans to use the area on which the Community Council had gained planning permission to extend the allotment site for a new play area. The Allotment Association intimated it would prefer for the area to be kept free in the event that the allotment site should need to be extended in the future.
- g. Play Areas – Cllr Gregory advised Council that consultation events had taken place at both Bassaleg and Rhiwderin. It was again agreed that Council felt it was inappropriate that a toddler's play area should be situated on the busy junction of Caerphilly Road and The Griffin. NCC Officers were to visit Pentrepoeth School during the following week.
- h. Burial Board – The next meeting of the Board has been arranged for 2nd February 2015 and some grounds maintenance work had been carried out at the site.

7. Items for Next Agenda

None

8. Planning:

Deferred to later in the meeting.

9. Items for Discussion/Action

- a. Website (update - Technologies Sub-Committee) - A further meeting of the group was needed, the new website was proving to be difficult to administer.
- b. Chairman's board - A format from samples of the chosen company was agreed. Clerk to progress.
- c. Christmas Lighting Event - Final arrangements were made for the running of the event.
- d. Dog litter bins (deferred from last meeting) - Cllr Ashton reported that there was new legislation regarding this subject. To be discussed in January.
- e. Trees at Wentworth Lane - The Clerk reported that the survey and subsequent maintenance works had been carried out.
- f. 120yr anniversary of inaugural meeting of Graig Parish Council - Council agreed that the next planning meeting should take place at Rhiwderin Community Centre, to start at the same time as the inaugural meeting and should include recognition and celebration of the event of the very first Parish Council meeting for the Graig Ward.
- g. Donation requests from St David's Children's Society & Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Appeal - noted.
- h. Wales Rural Development Programme (Usk Vale Group) (JH) - Cllr Harris reported that he had joined the committee, and that funding would be coming into the area. He agreed to find out more about the criteria in readiness for applying for funding.
- i. Council signage (JH) - Cllr Harris reported that he had received a complaint that Council's recent signage for Bassaleg was not bilingual and that a sign placed on the fencing of the open space in the village was producing a glare from car headlights approaching it. The sign had been moved to prevent this occurring.

10. Correspondence for Information:

Noted but not discussed.

11. Accounts for Payment: Accepted. Proposed Cllr Stokes seconded Cllr Harries.

Clerk salary & office allowance November 2014	£1674.99
November miscellaneous expenses	£699.13
C Ricci – bin cleaning, litter picking & maintenance November 2014	£190.00
Whitehead Steelers JRFC - donation	£150.00
Graig Electrical Services - works to Graig Hall	£516.00
Welsh Water - allotment water supply costs	£27.43
K Jones Heating Services Ltd - replacement hand dryer etc. at Graig Hall	£291.60
R Charles Plastics - vision panel and safety works to Graig Hall	£720.00
Steve Rose - Various touch-ups and decoration of vision panel at Graig Hall	£105.00

Total to date: £4374.15

Receipts

None

12. Dates of next meetings:

120yr Celebration Meeting - Thursday 4th December 2014 at 7.30pm at Rhiwderin CC
Planning Meeting – Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 7pm
Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7pm

8. Planning:

Deferred from earlier in the meeting:

- a. CONEX/14/1055 - Listed building consent for replacement roof coverings to the "Large Barn". Site: Land and buildings formerly part of Plas Machen, Caerphilly Road, Newport. Application Type: Listed Building - Comment: Council supports this application.
- b. CONEX/14/1056 - Listed building consent for minor alterations to main house including installation of biomass heating system, demolition of small modern lean-to extension, new cellar door, chimney alteration, new joinery to small barn and localised structural repairs. Site: Plas Machen, Caerphilly Road, Newport, NP10 8GW. Application Type: Listed building. - Comment: Council supports this application.
- c. CONEX/14/1063 - Erection of proposed garage and adjoining carport. Site: Hidcote, 1a Cowshed Lane, Bassaleg, Newport, NP10 8HZ. Application Type: Full. - Comment: No objections provided the fact that this is in a conservation area is taken into account.
- d. CONEX/14/1069 - Reserved matters application (appearance and landscaping) relating to outline planning permission 13/0604 for the erection of a detached dwelling. Site: Rhiwderin House, 10 Springfield Road, Rhiwderin, Newport, NP10 8RN. Application Type: Reserved Matters. - Comment: Unable to comment as a Reserved Matters item.
- e. CONEX/14/1101 - Prior approval for installation of broad band cabinet. Site: Land to the south west of The Forge, Old Road, Lower Machen, Newport. Application Type: Telecom Determination. - Comment: No objections, but Council notes this item has already been installed.
- f. No Ref No. - Planning appeal. Appeal Site: 12 Church Crescent, Bassaleg, Newport, NP10 8NQ. Proposed Development: Demolition of the side building and replace with two storey side extension. Appellant: Mr J Thomas. PINS Appeal Reference Number: G6935/A/14/2227818. Appeal Start Date: 19th November 2014. - Comment: Noted.

13. Urgent Business not on discussed above.

Cllr Evans informed the group that the Gwent County History Association were seeking new members. Cllr Cox-Wall asked if the issue of the Coach House on Caerphilly Road could again be looked at as no progress seemed to be taking place and the fencing around the front of the building is unsightly and an obstruction to pedestrians. Clerk to email NCC Highways to ask if any action can be taken to address this.

Cllr Harris informed the group that a Folk Festival is being planned to be held at Graig Hall in April 2015.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9.25pm

Signed..... (Chair) – 7th January 2015

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