



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. Apologies for absence: K Sayer, K Harries, P John

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, M Smart, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, P Appleton, J Bailey, K Thomas, N Tarr, D Williams. Also Present Mr S Grocutt

2. To receive public representations: Mr Grocutt asked to speak with Council regarding it's responses to a planning application it was asked to comment on by NCC. Mr Grocutt was disappointed that Council was not supportive of the application and gave the reasons he believed the application should be supported. Council also gave it's reasons for the comments it made. Mr Grocutt left the meeting at 7.25pm. Council discussed the matter further and following a vote, decided by majority to add to the comments it had formerly made. Cllr Appleton asked that it be recorded she abstained from taking part in the vote. Council gave the Clerk a further statement to be added.

Cllr Harris joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

Action: Clerk to submit Council's additional comments on application No 17/1037 to NCC Planning Department.

Cllr Williams gave a brief report of issues he had been dealing with. He had written to the S106 officer to arrange for him to attend a meeting but had had no response. He had written regarding the issues with bus stops, but had had no response. He had also written regarding the gates to the former Tredegar Park Golf Club site but again no response to date. There had been a meeting with Court Crescent residents and Costains, residents were concerned that an agreement to provide more tree coverage as a buffer to the new roundabout upgrade would not take place, NCC had quoted budget restrictions would prevent this. Cllr Williams asked that Council consider offering to maintain any trees that were planted to assist with a resolution. Cllr Fry expressed concerns regarding a former site off Pentrepoeth Road which had been granted permission years ago to be filled in with soil. The application was for infill and finish, but many years later, soil was still being transported in and out of the site. Cllr Williams reported that he had met with the applicant who had been using the area as a soil transfer site and wished to continue, but had agreed to reinstate the ground and cease operations. **Action: Clerk to add maintenance of trees on Bassaleg Roundabout to the next Mid-Month meeting agenda. Cllr Williams to attend to the unresolved issues reported above.**

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2017, previously circulated were read and approved subject to a minor amendment. Proposed Cllr Tarr seconded Cllr Caston. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. Regarding Item 5b, Cllr Appleton reported that the Christmas Event had cost less than in previous years, mainly due to the hard work put into obtaining extra raffle prizes and the selling of many more raffle tickets than in previous years. Regarding Item 5c, Cllr Whitfield had reviewed the consultation and gave proposed suggestions for responses. Her comments were accepted by Council and Cllr Whitfield was asked to submit the comments on Council's behalf. **Action: Cllr Whitfield to respond to the Right of Way Improvement Review on behalf of Council.**

4. Reports:

- a. Police - The Police did not attend the meeting but a report for December had been provided to Council and was discussed. The report contained the following information: During December there had been 102 calls to the Police, 24 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order - 3, Violence Without Injury - 4, Violence with injury - 3, Miscellaneous Crime - 1, Shoplifting - 4, All Theft other - 5, Criminal Damage & Arson - 2, Burglary Dwelling - 2. The Your Voice survey completed in October '17 set the Ward priorities as Anti-social behaviour in McDonalds and on Rivermead Way. The next survey takes place in April 2018, to help set the priorities please speak with local officers or go to <https://www.gwent.police.uk/yourvoicesurvey/> Actions and activities by the local teams during December included the following: There had been concern about cold callers visiting the area of Chapel Terrace, Rhiwderin, this was still an ongoing issue and was being monitored by the neighbourhood team. Several fixed penalty notices were issued in the area of Church View for motorists overstaying limited waiting times. One person was arrested for public order at the Boxing Day Hunt. One person was arrested for burglary in the Berkley Close area, and the Neighbourhood team had been patrolling the Your Voice

priority areas. Emerging Trends: There had been reports of drugs issues in the Churchmead area, patrols had been carried out and the Neighbourhood Team were monitoring the area. Ward surgeries are to be held in Afon Village on 26.01.18 at 5pm and Rhiwderin Village on 28.01.18 at 2pm. **Action: None requested.**

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Right of Way Improvement Review consultation - discussed in Item 3 above. **Action: As above**
- b. Planning Law in Wales consultation - Noted but not commented upon. **Action: None necessary**
- c. NCC Budget proposals consultation - Council Consultation Review Group to review (members TA, JB, MS, RC, & NT). The group were authorised to review and respond by the given deadline, as the timeframe would not allow for comments to be brought back to a future meeting for approval. **Action: Cllr Tarr to Chair the review and submit the group's comments on behalf of Council within the given deadline.**
- d. Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People request to sign online petition - Noted. **Action: Cllrs to sign the petition as individuals if they wished.**
- e. Invite the Head of Streetscene to a meeting to follow up on issues - Cllr Williams confirmed he had already sent an invitation. **Action: Cllr Gregory to also send an invitation.**
- f. Deliveries to St Basil's shops - Cllr Sayer was unable to attend the meeting so this item was deferred. **Action: Clerk to add to the 31st January meeting agenda.**
- g. Waste Transfer Station Appeal - As an appeal was set to take place, the Clerk confirmed that she would forward Council's objections to the Planning Inspector. **Action: Clerk to forward Council's objections.**
- h. Fort View play area - Cllr Fry asked Council to consider if it would attend to the brambles in the play area which should be removed and the ground reinstated. Council agreed to defer this work until the Autumn. **Action: None required at this time.**
- i. Invitation to submit questions to One Newport PSB - Cllr Gregory informed Council he sat on this committee and if Council wanted anything raised, this could be done through him. **Action: None necessary.**

6. Items for next agenda if agreed:

Independent Review Panel Member attending - 31st January 2018 meeting at 6.30pm

1st Bassaleg Scouts delegation - 14th February 2018 meeting

7. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. Cllr Caston asked that the Clerk's hours of work be reviewed. **Action: Date for an appraisal to be arranged.**
- b. Cllr Thomas expressed concern that complaints were again being received regarding a car on Pentrepoeth Rd which was causing an obstruction. **Action: Cllr Thomas to write to the Police on behalf of Council to resolve this issue.**
- c. Cllr Tarr had received a complaint regarding cars parking outside Bassaleg School and blocking the bus pull in. He was informed that this is an ongoing issue, and was told that in order to report incidences, specific details would be needed such as index numbers of the cars involved, times etc.. **Action: None required at this time.**
- d. Cllr Gregory reported that raffle prizes not used at the Christmas event were raffled at the Rhiwderin Carolling event, and £154.50 was collected. Council agreed this should be added to the Christmas takings to offset against the costs of the event. **Action: Clerk to bank along with other takings held.**

8. Accounts for payment: Accepted, proposed Cllr Harris Seconded Cllr Fry

SSE - electricity costs to Graig Community Hall Set - Dec '17	£274.90
SSE - gas costs to Graig Community Hall - Sept - Dec '17	£275.80
Celtic Fire Protection - Servicing Extinguishers at Rhiwderin CC	£235.38
The Edge Systems - pro-forma invoice for ID badges & lanyards	£236.40
Total to date	£1022.48

9. Planning - Applications to be considered

None

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed

11. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 6.30pm

Mid-month meeting - Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.07pm.
Confirmed, this 14th day of February 2018.

Signed..... (Chair) – February 2018

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