



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. **Apologies for absence:** A Whitfield, K Sayer, K Harries, J Harris, P Appleton, D Williams.  
**Present:** Cllrs R Caston, D Evans, M Smart, P Gregory (Chair), W Haigh, L Fry, J Bailey, K Thomas, N Tarr.
2. **To receive public representations:** None.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2018, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Bailey. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. **Action: None required.**
4. **Reports:**
  - a. Police - The Police were unable to attend the meeting but the usual monthly report had been received. Cllr Gregory read out the report for June to Council. The report contained the following information: During June there had been 111 calls to the Police, 36 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order - 12, Violence Without Injury - 4, Miscellaneous Crime - 2, Shoplifting - 1, All Theft Other - 4, Criminal Damage & Arson - 3, Burglary Dwelling - 1, Rape - 0, Drug Offences - 2, Theft from Person - 0, Other Sexual Offences - 1, Violence with Injury - 3, Vehicle Crime - 2, Burglary Non-Dwelling - 1.  
  
The Your Voice survey completed in April is now closed. The priority for Graig is speeding. The next survey will take place in October 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 included the following: There had been reports of ASB around the Afon Village area. This was dealt with by the Neighbourhood Team and regular patrols are being carried out. There had been reports of youths jumping off the river bridge. Words of advice and safety had been given and the groups had been moved away from the bridge. There had been reports of youths dealing drugs in the Friendly Fox pub. CCTV images had been recovered by Police and increased patrols are being carried out.  
  
Council were disappointed that no Police representatives were able to attend, and commented that no higher ranking officers had attended in a very long time. Cllr Bailey expressed concern and suggested that it would be useful to have the general areas logged where crimes were committed to see if there were "hot spots" that could be identified. **Action: Clerk to request that the areas crimes were recorded also be noted on the report.**
  - b. City Councillors - Cllr Williams was unable to attend but an update on information shared with the Clerk was reported. He had contacted NCC regarding the condition of Pentre Tai Road leading up to the Five Lanes area. NCC advised that they had been in touch with NRW as it was believed the damage to the road was caused by the very large lorries using the road to transport the diseased Larch trees being cut down at Coed Mawr. NRW were disputing that damage was as a result of this work, and NCC were in talks with them. **Action: None required.**
5. **Items for discussion:**
  - a. Armed Forces Day update - It was decided that it would be desirable to have large poppies on lampposts throughout the ward for Remembrance Day. The cost per poppy had been given as £3.00 each, and 2 poppies would be needed for each lamppost decorated. **Action: Cllrs to return to the next meeting with their thoughts, Clerk to agenda for the 25th July meeting.**
  - b. Meeting with NCC S106 Officer - A special meeting had been arranged to meet with the S106 Officer who agreed to attend to discuss S106 matters. **Action: Cllrs who were able, to attend the meeting set for 15th August at 7pm.**
  - c. Graffiti - the Clerk checked with Cllrs if anyone had areas of graffiti to be cleaned to be added to the list being compiled. **Action: As there were no more locations reported, Clerk to request the graffiti be removed from the traffic island bollards at the junction of Caerphilly Rd/Pentre Tai Rd in Rhiwderin.**

- d. Finance & Administration meeting - the Clerk suggested that as the first financial quarter of the year had been completed, the Finance and Admin team should meet to view the accounts to date and also to look at outstanding policies that needed attention. A date had been set for 1st August. **Action: Clerk to forward necessary information to members of the team, the group to attend the meeting if available.**
- e. Lights on Bassaleg roundabout - Progress and the issues of the lighting sequencing and lack of cross-hatched areas were discussed. Council agreed they would like to meet with the contactors prior to the works being completed. **Action: Clerk to request a meeting when the project reached the snagging stage.**
- f. Request for donation from Whitehead Steelers JRFC - following a request for a donation to the group, Council agreed that £150.00 be donated in line with previous donations. Proposed by Cllr Smart, seconded Cllr Caston and agreed by majority. **Action: Clerk to present for payment at the 8th August meeting.**
- g. Roadside litter bins - Cllr Fry submitted a list of roadside bins he had logged. Council discussed which bins it should consider changing as it had some large floor mounted bins available to use. The Clerk suggested that the post mounted bin at the bus stop half way up Cwm Cwddy Drive should be replaced and placed a little further away from the bus stop than its current location. This was because it was mostly used by dog walkers for dog waste, and it's very close proximity to the bus stop made it unpleasant for anyone waiting for a bus due to the smell it emitted. This bin was also regularly very full and the area would benefit by having a larger bin. Cllr Smart suggested a bin be placed at the foot of the footbridge over the A467 at the junction of Caerphilly Rd/Forge Mews. There had been one there previously, but it had been removed years ago and never replaced. The area was often strewn with litter. Council agreed with both locations. **Action: Clerk to contact NCC to request Council be allowed to locate the bins and check that they would be emptied by NCC.**
- h. Liaison meeting - Cllr Tarr asked that anyone needing to raise issues for the Liaison meeting contact him and he would forward the requests to NCC. The Clerk advised that she remain the contact for submitting issues to be raised as this was the established protocol. This was agreed. **Action: None required.**

## 6. Items for next agenda if agreed:

None

## 7. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. Cllr Fry asked that the Burial Board consider making water accessible in the cemetery grounds. Burial Board members advised that this had been discussed many times before at Board meetings, but the decision not to have a water supply had been made on H&S grounds. **Action: Members to raise the suggestion again at the next meeting.**
- b. Cllr Gregory read out the response from Rogerstone Community Council to Graig Community Council's letter sent regarding the legality of the Burial Board. It was agreed that Council respond. **Action: The Clerk was asked to draft a letter for approval at a meeting set for 16th July to review and amend as necessary.**
- c. The Clerk submitted details of a OVW training session if anyone was interested in attending. There was no interest. **Action: None required.**
- d. The Clerk advised the group on behalf of Cllr Sayer that he had seen a notice on the land to the rear of the Junction 28 restaurant stating it was for sale. **Action: For information only, none required.**

## 8. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Bailey and approved.

Cllr N Tarr - 1st quarterly IRPW payment	£37.50
TSO Host - Council webmail monthly charge (taken by DD)	£5.00
Newport City Homes - grass cutting at Fort View play area May 2018	£212.04
SSE - Gas charges to Graig Hall Mar-Jun 18	£154.91
SSE - Electricity Charges to Rhiwderin CC Apr-Jun 18 (taken by DD)	£239.53
SSE - Gas charges to Rhiwderin CC Apr-Jun 18 (taken by DD)	£462.69
Cllr P Gregory - reimbursement of pc repair costs	£169.99
	<b>Total to date 1281.66</b>

### Receipts

None to date.

## 9. Planning - Applications to be considered

- a. 18/0481 - Proposal: Removal of conservatory and construction of a single and two storey extension. Address: Cwrt-y-llaca, Pentrepoeth Road, Bassaleg, Newport, NP10 8RR. Application Type: Full. **Comment: No objections.**

**10. Correspondence for information:** Not discussed

**11. Dates of next meetings:**

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 7pm

Mid-Month Meeting - Wednesday 8th August 2018 at 7pm

Cllr Bailey gave apologies in advance for both 25th July and 8th August meetings, Cllr Smart gave apologies in advance for 25th July meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm. Confirmed, this 8th day of August 2018.

Signed..... (Chair) – August 2018

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