



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Mid-Month Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg at 6pm on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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**1. Apologies for absence:** K Sayer, P Appleton, K Thomas, S Grey, D Williams.

**Present:** Cllrs R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, M Smart, K Harries, P Gregory, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, J Bailey, N Tarr. Chaired by P Gregory.

**2. To receive public representations:** None.

**3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Harries seconded Cllr Caston. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. Regarding Item 5g, the Burial Board was briefly discussed, and the Chairman updated Council on recent correspondence with Rogerstone Community Council. **Action: None required.**

### **4. Reports:**

a. Police - The Police were unable to attend but sent a report for November. Cllr Gregory read out the report to Council. The report contained the following information: During November there had been 71 calls to the Police, 28 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order - 6, Violence Without Injury - 9, Miscellaneous Crime - 0, Shoplifting - 1, All Theft Other - 1, Criminal Damage & Arson - 4, Burglary Dwelling - 2, Rape - 0, Drug Offences - 0, Theft from Person - 0, Other Sexual Offences - 0, Violence with Injury - 2, Vehicle Crime - 2, Burglary Non-Dwelling - 0 Other Notifiable Offences - 0, Violence Against a Person - 0, Possession of Weapons - 1.

The ward priority for Graig is currently Anti-Social Behaviour in the Morrisons and McDonalds area.

Actions and activities by the local teams included the following: Police are continuing to the Anti-Social behaviour levels around Morrisons and McDonalds as this is the set priority, however. there had been no issues whilst patrolling the area.

Council discussed the report and noted that Sergeant Giles had been unable to attend Council's 28<sup>th</sup> November meeting. **Action: Clerk to arrange with the Sergeant to attend a meeting in early 2019.**

b. City Councillors – Not discussed as no City Cllrs present. **Action: None necessary.**

### **5. Items for discussion:**

a. Liaison Meeting & Concurrent expenditure update – Cllrs who attended the Liaison meeting updated Council. NCC's decision to withdraw its Concurrent funding to all community councils was attempted to be discussed, but the Head of Law and Monitoring refused to comment except to say that the decision had been taken, it was final and was not up for negotiation. In his opinion the consultation was carried out properly and the decision was lawful, therefore there was no course for redress, save to take the matter to High Court via a Judicial Review which would be costly for the community councils. Some Councils were keen on taking action against the City Council. Graig Council was dismayed and felt the issue should not have been decided by one man only, that it should have been a group/cross party decision. All agreed the way it was handled was undemocratic and left almost all community councils in a very difficult financial position. **Action: Clerk to monitor and keep Council updated.**

b. Dog fouling signs update – Cllr Gregory had obtained the cost of larger signage, these would cost £22 each. Cllr Tarr proposed that 10 signs be purchased but this was not supported. Council felt the impact of larger signs would be negligible, and Cllr Smart proposed Council not approve the spend that this time, seconded by Cllr Whitfield and agreed by majority. **Action: None necessary.**

c. Christmas event review – All agreed the event had been a success. Not as many attended as in previous years, but the hall was full and feedback was positive. It was agreed that resources were stretched as there were fewer helpers than in previous years. **Action: To discuss again in early 2019.**

d. Burial Board update – Covered in Item 3 above. **Action: Cllr Gregory to progress.**

e. Donation request St David's Hospice – Council discussed donating. Cllr Tarr proposed a nominal donation £30 but this was not supported. Cllr Harries proposed a donation of £50 but this was not supported. Cllr Smart proposed that due to Council's current loss of income, no donation should be made at this time. This was seconded by Cllr Caston and agreed by majority. Cllr Tarr wished to be named as being against this decision. **Action: None necessary.**

- f. Noticeboard vandalism – The Clerk advised Council that it's noticeboard on Rivermead Way had been vandalised yet again and that the amendment made to the door with reinforced glass panels had not helped. Due to the high cost of constantly repairing it, Council discussed whether or not further repairs would be cost effective. It was also discussed whether moving it to a better position would be appropriate. It was decided to leave the board in position for the time being but not repair or update it. Clerk to put in a sign in the New Year explaining why it was not being used. **Action: Clerk to put in sign and remove all other paperwork. Clerk to agenda a review of noticeboard locations for a meeting in the New Year.**

**6. Items for next agenda if agreed:**

- a. Wildflower verges at Lower Machen – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Full Council meeting

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

- a. Cllr Tarr advised Council that the fly-tipping he reported at the previous meeting had been removed. **Action: None required.**
- b. Cllr Whitfield advised Council that she had sent another funding application for upgrading Rhiwderin Community Centre but was concerned that she would be away if any queries needed to be answered. She asked that someone volunteer to be a point of contact for the duration of her holiday. Cllrs Bailey and Smart agreed to help in her absence. **Action: Cllr Whitfield to make the necessary arrangements prior to her absence.**

**8. Accounts for payment:** Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Tarr and approved.

Clerk salary and office allowance for December 2018	£2027.38
Misc expenses for December 18	£23.40
Neil Campodonic – Architect fees for Rhiwderin CC upgrade project	£220.00
HMRC – PAYE & NI Oct-Dec 18	£2553.30
SSE – electricity costs to Rhiwderin CC Sep-Oct 18 (taken by DD)	£4.57
Machen Rotary Club – Christmas event	£250.00
Rogerstone Silver Band – Christmas event	£75.00
St Johns Risca – Christmas event	£75.00
Cllr Whitfield – expenses associated with funding applications for Rhiwderin CC	£27.00
Marine Shipping Services – supply & fit balustrade on outdoor ramp into Graig Hall	£1722.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6977.65</b>

**Receipts**

None

**9. Planning - Applications to be considered:**

- a. 18/1121 – Proposal: Erection of canopy and covered walkway to service yard. Site: Morrisons, Azalea Road, Rogerstone, Newport. NP10 9SA. Application Type: Full **Comment: No objections.**
- b. 18/1132 – Proposal: Side extension to existing annex in garden of main house. Site: The Coppice, Church Road, Lower Machen, Newport, NP10 8GU. Application Type: Full **Comment: No objections.**
- c. 18/1149 – Proposal: Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 15/1077 for the temporary use of farmhouse and surrounding land for offices and storage for the M4 Junction 28 improvements and Bassaleg and Pont Ebbw roundabouts to allow a limited time period expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Site: Graig-y-Saeson Farm, Forge Road, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8AT. Application Type: Discharge Conditions. **Comment: No objections.**
- d. 18/1152 – Proposal: Change of use of fishing office to holiday let. Site: Cwm Hedd Lakes, Penylan Road, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8RW. Application Type: Full. **Comment: No objections provided the building complies with the associated Building Regulations, Fire Regulations etc.**

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

**11. Dates of next meetings:**

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm

Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.05 pm. Confirmed, this 9th day of January 2019.

Signed..... (Chair) – January 2019

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