



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg 7pm on 11th November 2015

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1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs A Whitfield, P Stokes, K Sayer, K Harries.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, P John, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, V Cox-Wall, P Appleton, D Williams. Also present PCSO's C Evans and M Dean.

2. To receive public representations if required: None.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2015, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr John.

4. Reports:

- a. Police - PCSO Evans submitted a report for October and read it to Council. The report contained the following information: During October there had been 102 calls to the Police, 25 of which were classed as crimes. The breakdown was as follows: All Other Theft - 4, Violence With Injury - 1, Vehicle Crime - 4, Criminal Damage - 4, Burglary Dwelling - 4, Robbery - 1, Burglary Non Dwelling - 2, Violence without Injury - 2, Shoplifting - 3. Following reports of anti-social behaviour in the area of Lavender Way an action plan was put in place and numerous youths were identified and had their names taken. The last call to the area was on 02.10.15. Calls regarding off-road bikes in the Five Lanes had again been received, an operation is being planned to counter the activity, at present foot and mobile patrols are being carried out. Residents have expressed concerns about speeding traffic on Laurel Road and at Park View, a speeding operation is being arranged and also looked at by the traffic management team. The main priorities for the whole of Newport West is to tackle the spate of vehicle crime, house burglaries and speeding matters in the area. Parking at Court Crescent at the start and end of a school day is also an issue being dealt with when resources allow. The armed robbery at Rhiwderin is still under investigation and any information concerning the incident will be published by Gwent Police on their social media. PCSO Evans confirmed that most of the car crime concerned the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles parked at the roadside. Cllr Cox-Wall expressed concerns that the Gwent Police App contained outdated information, PCSO Evans to revert to the Communications Dept to be investigated. All Councillors expressed real concern that the ward has had no Police presence for a considerable time. PCSO Evans confirmed that resources are so stretched that there are only 15 PCSO's covering 5 shifts and 6 areas. Council felt that residents deserve to feel safe. Cllr Williams reported that many crimes are being carried out by offenders outside the area who are travelling in to commit crimes. The Police are doing their very best to gather intelligence on these offenders to predict and capture them. Cllr Williams suggested Council write with their concerns to Gwent Police's PCC Ian Johnson. Cllr Cox Wall suggested all Councillors could also write individually. The Police were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 7.25pm.

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Play areas update - Cllr Gregory reported that Fort View play area had been completed, but work at the rear of Rhiwderin CC was not yet complete. He believed that the land being purchased for the play area in Rhiwderin Village had still not been obtained, and that the proposed play area on Caernarvon Drive had been abandoned and that only drainage, a footpath and some benches were planned for the area following a petition signed by some 300 residents objecting to the initial proposals which was presented to NCC. Cllr Gregory was concerned that if this was to be all for Caernarvon Drive, what would happen to the money set aside, and after speaking to residents in that area, they would be happy to leave the green intact and not spend money on just drainage and a path, so that the savings could be used in some other way, but the path had been started 2 days ago. Cllr Gregory was concerned that as this development had been abandoned, there would be nothing for the older children in the village. A meeting had been planned between NCC and the residents and City Cllrs for later in the week. Council all agreed that NCC needs to meet with Council to resolve outstanding issues, and were gravely concerned and dismayed that the Community Council have not been consulted in any of the decisions being made, finding out information second hand and after the fact in each case.

- b. Welsh Government invitation to comment on Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (VCW) - Cllr Cox-Wall reported that the legislation was to promote sustainability and wellbeing, and that the Community Council would be expected to work in conjunction with the statutory authority who will compile a wellbeing plan in the future.
- c. Welsh Government invitation to comment on Proposed Changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development (AW) - Deferred.
- d. Planters (suggestions for locations and St Basil's shops area) - Cllr Caston supported a plan for having 4 planters at each end of the paved area outside the shopping precinct, and for some planters to be located on Caerphilly Road close to the Best Kept Villages sign. Other plans were discussed briefly but the issue would be further discussed at the November full council meeting.
- e. Concurrent Expenditure & NCC's Council budget consultation 2016/17 - The Clerk informed Council she had contacted NCC for an update on the issue of Concurrent expenditure which as to be settled by NCC in time for Community Councils to settle a budget for next year and set their Precept allocation. To date there had been no response.
- f. Christmas Lighting Event - the event was discussed briefly and Cllr Gregory asked all who were free to attend the last Events Committee meeting to finalise arrangements and to donate a gift at the next meeting which could be used as a raffle prize on the evening of the event.

6. Planning:

- a. None

7. Items for next agenda:

Attendance of City Cllr Deb Davies Cabinet Member for Streetscene and City Services - 25th November meeting. Cllr Gregory asked Council to think of items which could be listed for the Cabinet Member to investigate and discuss when she attended the meeting.

8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Harris reported that he had attended a presentation on the Cardiff Lagoon proposals, the company were looking to progress the development once the Swansea lagoon was up and running which would be a test bed for future developments.

Cllr Cox-Wall reported that she had contacted AMEC regarding the re-instatement of road signage close to her home following the gas pipe renewal in the area. Her query was dealt with efficiently and she had thanked AMEC accordingly.

It was agreed that the Technologies sub-committee would meet in the New Year to discuss social media, the website and the formulation of a social media policy to add to Councils policies and procedures.

9. Accounts for payment: Approved, proposed Cllr John, seconded Cllr Fry.

Premier Group Ltd - hire of PA system for lighting event	£48.00
Lylac Ridge - hire of reindeer for lighting event (2 x £100 cheques)	£200.00
Rogerstone Silver Band - donation for attendance at lighting event	£50.00
St John's Ambulance - donation for attendance at lighting event	£50.00
S Davies - reimbursement of selection boxes & glowsticks costs for lighting event	£431.83
5qidhost - payment for website hosting (for information only, taken by DD)	£5.00
PWLB - Loan payment (for information only, taken by DD)	£5834.10
Total	£6618.93

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

11 Dates of next meetings

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 6pm (Due to Christmas break)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.46. Confirmed this 2nd day of December 2015.

Signed..... (Chair) – December 2015

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