



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg 7pm on 10th February 2016

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1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs P Stokes, N Mountain, V Cox-Wall, D Williams

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, M Smart, K Sayer, K Harries, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, P Appleton

2. To receive public representations if required: None.

3. Minutes: None.

4. Reports:

- a. Police – No Officers were able to attend, but the report received for January was read out. The report contained the following information: During January there had been 79 calls to the Police, 14 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: All Other Theft - 2, Vehicle Crime - 2, Burglary Dwelling - 1, Violence without Injury - 3, Drug Offences - 1, Violence with Injury - 3, Rape - 1, Miscellaneous Crime - 1. Following the latest Your Voice survey, the Ward priority is speeding on Laurel Road. A site meeting was held at Forge Road car park to discuss resolving the issue of anti-social behaviour and littering in the area. Patrols will be carried out when Officers are available. Reassurance patrols have been carried out in the Viaduct Way/Viaduct View area following a recent burglary. Patrols have been carried out in Highfield Road due to complaints of anti-social behaviour in the garages area. A youth was dealt with for driving offences in the Foxwood Close/Laurel Drive area which resulted in an arrest. The Local Neighbourhood Team have been carrying out random speed checks on Laurel Road in line with the identified Ward priority. As there are still issues with vehicles gathering in the car park at the bottom of Forge Road playing loud music and littering, Neighbourhood teams will continue to carry out patrols.

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Council flower planter locations & St Basil's Shops improvement scheme - All agreed that to place planters at the St Basil's Shops location would be a good idea but the quantity was not decided. It was decided that the planters currently being stored should be refurbished in readiness and quotes obtained for their maintenance.
Action: Cllr Fry to obtain refurbishment quotes, Cllr Sayer to empty the planters of soil and dispose, Cllr Gregory to look at obtaining quotes for maintenance and planting once placed, All to bring suggested locations to the 24.02.16 meeting.
- b. Invitation to comment on NCC's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule - Cllr Gregory had reviewed the paperwork and found it very involved. It was agreed that although CIL had been discussed in previous Cllr training some time ago, a more in-depth knowledge would be useful.
Action: Clerk to ask for the matter to be discussed during the March Liaison meeting with a view to requesting a detailed presentation from Planning Officers.
- c. Dilapidation schedule (KS) - Not discussed
Action - Deferred to 9th March meeting.
- d. Graig Community Council calendar proposal (NM) - Due to illness Cllr Mountain was unable to attend the meeting.
Action: Deferred to 9th March meeting.
- e. Bassaleg & Rhiwderin Directory article - Cllr Gregory suggested Council submit another article for the Directory, all agreed.
Action: Clerk to find out deadlines for submission and forward copies of the previous article to Cllrs. All to review the previous article and bring suggestions for an update to 09.03.16 meeting. Cllr Sayer offered to assist with the writing of the article.
- f. Proposal to upgrade Graig Hall toilet facilities (LF) - Cllr Fry put forward the suggestion to upgrade Graig Hall toilet facilities. Previous quotes obtained suggested a total cost of £14K to update the gents, ladies and disabled toilets, and Cllr Fry was confident costs would not significantly rise when an updated quote was requested. The details of the work were discussed. Cllr Sayer proposed this work was carried out, seconded by Cllr Caston and agreed by all.

Action: Cllr Fry to oversee the project and obtain up to date quotes, returning to Council with details at the 24.02.16 meeting.

6. Planning:

- a. None

7. Items for next agenda:

Dilapidation schedule - 9th March Planning Meeting.
Graig Community Council calendar proposal (NM) - 9th March Planning Meeting.

8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

- a Cllr Haigh reported he had been contacted by residents unhappy about the parking issues at the top of Laurel Road. Cllr Sayer reported he had also had 2 separate complaints on the same issue. Of most concern was the parking on the triangle of green to the right side of the road when travelling uphill from Duffryn Close. The history of the site was discussed and the current issues discussed at length. A solution could not be found that would not upset the residents or exacerbate the current parking issues in the area. It was noted that the kerbstones are being damaged in addition to the grass and trees.

Action: Clerk to ask the City Cllrs to be involved and lobby the City Council to assist with a solution. Clerk to also report the issue to the City Council and request assistance.

- b Cllr Caston reported that a meeting to amend the current allotment agreement was necessary and would be arranged.

Action: Cllr Harris to advise Cllr Caston of an available date for the meeting at Graig Hall.

- c Cllr Gregory reported that a meeting with GoSafe Community Speed Watch Programme would be arranged to discuss if the scheme would be viable for the Graig Ward.

Action: Cllr Gregory to liaise with the Officer in charge and invite him to an appropriate meeting.

- d Cllr Gregory told the group that he wished to take a look at the accounts for both halls and would be requesting the treasurer of each hall to complete a schedule of income and expenditure so a snapshot of how well each hall is performing could be considered.

Action: Cllr Gregory to produce a spreadsheet for each Hall setting out his requirements, and forward copies to each treasurer for completion.

Cllr Sayer left the meeting at 8.45pm.

- e Cllr Gregory advised the group that he had been invited to attend a meeting on the land at Station Approach. As it was unclear what the intentions of the meeting were, he felt he should decline the offer. Everyone agreed.

- f Cllr Smart advised Council that the planning permission for the new Welsh School proposed at Duffryn had been refused.

9. Accounts for payment: Approved, proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Evans.

Calico UK - Graig CC domain name annual charge	£30.00
(incorrectly presented at 27.01.16 meeting as totalling £25.00 previous cheque cancelled)	
Newport City Homes - underpayment in June 2014	£10.00

Receipts

None to date

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

11 Dates of next meetings

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 7pm

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm. Confirmed this 9th day of March 2016.

Signed..... (Chair) – March 2016

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