



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs V Cox-Wall, D Williams

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

2. To receive public representations: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2016, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harries.

4. Reports:

- a. Police - The officers were unable to attend but a report for July was received and read to Council. The report contained the following information: During July there had been 101 calls to the Police, 12 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Vehicle Crime - 1, All Other Theft - 3, Drug Offences - 1, Criminal Damage & Arson - 2, Shop Lifting - 1, Bicycle theft – 1, Public Order - 3. Following the latest Your Voice survey, the Ward priority is still parking issues in the area of Bassaleg High School. The next survey will take place in October, please email <https://www.gwent.police.uk/yourvoicesurvey/> with any suggestions or issues. Actions and activities by the local teams during July included: Patrols being carried out in the Five Lanes area following calls received about off-road bikes being ridden in the area. There were no emerging trends noted. Following requests from the Community Council, extra evening Police surgeries are being held as follows: Tuesday 16.08.16 at Rhiwderin Village 7pm to 8pm, Friday 23.09.16 at Bassaleg Shops 6pm to 7pm. Normal ward surgeries will be held on Tuesday 16.08.16 at Rhiwderin Village 11am to 12pm and Tuesday 23.08.16 12pm to 1pm Bassaleg Shops. **Action: Cllr Gregory to ask that the report contains previous crime statistics for comparison with the present month being reported, and also that information be given regarding the calls to the Police during the month as suggested by Cllr Appleton.**
- b. Clerk's verbal report – The Clerk was asked to report what had taken up her time in addition to her usual duties during the month. She told Council that amongst other things, during the past 2 weeks she had spent extra time satisfying external audit queries and taking photographs of Pye Corner Railway Bridge and surrounding area to report to NetworkRail and NCC the maintenance that needed to be carried out.

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Clerk's appraisal – Deferred to 30th August meeting.
- b. Bin emptying and litter picking – Council agreed that the extra bin emptying and litter picking the Community Council funds during the late Spring/Summer months to keep the play areas reasonably clean, should continue until the end of September. Also discussed was the amount of litter and rubbish to dispose of following large events such as the rural market. It was agreed that any group or body hiring the Hall or grounds should be responsible for removing all their own litter, and provide extra temporary litter bins to prevent the regular bins from overflowing. All waste generated by any event should be disposed of by the organisers and not left for the Hall to deal with. **Action: Clerk to inform the waste contractor of the end date for litter picking and bin emptying for 2016 and arrange a start date for 2017. Hall Management Team to advise Hall users of Council's decision regarding the generation and disposal of waste from events held at the Hall and grounds.**
- c. Invitation to attend an event held by Gwent PCC – Cllrs Gregory and Appleton informed the Clerk they wished to attend the event to be held on 14th September 2016 leaving one other space free. **Action: Clerk to contact all Members who were unable to attend this meeting and advise them there was a space if any would like to attend, and then inform the organisers of Council's intended attendance.**
- d. PRS invitation to comment on proposed new charge scales – noted, but it was felt it was not necessary to comment. **Action: No action required.**
- e. Graig Hall charging tariffs – Following an email from an event organiser who felt that being charged rent for using the outside space of Graig Hall to hold an event as well as the Hall itself was unfair, Council confirmed that some time ago it was agreed it was appropriate that use of the outside space should incur

