



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

30th May 2012

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 30th May 2012 at 7pm at Graig Community Hall Bassaleg.

(Item No 5 on the agenda)

Viaduct Way Issues – NCC have advised that Bellway Homes still have not completed remedial works for the adoption to take place but have indicated a commitment to doing so. No date for completion has been given for adoption as it is dependent upon the developer to complete the works beforehand. Clerk will continue to request updates on a monthly basis.

Rhiwderin Community Centre Lease – The latest communication from NCC looks very promising and it is hoped that a contract is being drawn up at this time. The Council has engaged a solicitor to act on their behalf.

Laurel Road Parking Issue – The new notice board has been erected but not yet decorated. NCC has indicated that no funding is available to create parking spaces at this time. Due to the current workload, the Clerk has not yet been in touch with the residents who agreed to act as representatives in trying to find a solution to the parking problems, but will do so ASAP.

Junction 28 Tredegar Roundabout Safety Issues – No update has been obtained on this issue, Clerk will continue to chase.

Overhanging Tree Branches in Orchard Close and Associated Wentworth Lane Issue – Permission has been given to erect bollards to ensure this lane is for pedestrian access only and will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting.

Speed Reduction for Afon Village & Laurel Road – Council have received an email from NCC stating that to reduce the speed to 20 mph along these roads would be too costly and surveys completed do not highlight the areas as having sufficient problems to warrant the reduction. Clerk has written to request that the issue be re-visited should money become available and Council will review again in August.

Rumble Strip on Forge Road – NCC confirmed they have requested funding for this from Welsh Government. If successful, the replacement is hoped to take place in July/August, but is not certain until extra funding is obtained.

Caerphilly Close Junction Landscaping Project – This project is temporarily on hold. NCC has confirmed that no budget is available to widen the junction and the project will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting with a decision on how to move forward.

Graig Hall – The deep clean has taken place and the blinds quote will be reviewed at the forthcoming meeting.

Play Areas – Cllrs C Williams, Whitfield, Gregory and the Clerk met with a representative of Groundworks Caerphilly who is now working with Council to help with funding of the Fort View play area. Council has been advised that no suitable funding streams are available as yet, but it is hoped that some funding could be gained via a NCH scheme.

Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane – Clerk has received the necessary paperwork back from residents who kindly helped gather evidence forms and will move forward with the process week commencing 23rd April. No forms have yet been received for the path opposite Garth Terrace, but as the Highfield Lane adoption is more pressing, Clerk will concentrate on this path first and return to work on the Garth Terrace path once things are properly underway.

St Basils Lytchgate and Brass Memorial Plaques – As the church considers repairs to its boundary wall a priority, this issue will remain on hold for the foreseeable future.

Caerphilly Road Issues - Cllr Gregory has spoken with another NCC official who has agreed a number of issues along this road need addressing and has passed the information on to the appropriate departments to be dealt with. Since meeting with NCC's Customer Services Manager all these issues have further been reported via the City's Contact Centre and are being processed and monitored. It is hoped responses will be given soon.

Community Council Website – The website is being updated regularly with miscellaneous information and copies of Council documents.

Litter Bins – A full inventory of litter bins in the villages is being undertaken with a view to increasing or replacing a number of bins with larger models where necessary.

Footpath and area behind the Tredegar Arms and St Basil's Church & Church Wall – Still no response has been received after a second letter and a number of emails have been sent to Greene King to request information regarding the ownership of the area behind the fencing at the rear of the Tredegar Arms pub and the boundary wall which is in need of repair. Council are aware that some remedial clean-up work has taken place and will continue to monitor.

Gate Erection at Highfield Lane encroaching on footpath – The formal adoption if the lane is underway (please see item above on adoption of footpaths)

Road Markings in Rhiwderin – Clerk has written to NCC Highways to request that the road markings in the village on Harlech Drive/Tredegar Street be reinstated due to amount of traffic unfamiliar to the area visiting the TaylorWimpey site. Although this has not been an issue to date as local traffic know the road layouts, it could pose a potential problem and cause accidents to motorists unfamiliar with the area. No response has been received to date. Clerk will log the request with the Contact Centre in an attempt to resolve the issue.

Former Garthfield Cottage Development – Clerk has informed NCC Planning Enforcement that continual breeches of the planning permission are being made with regard to the fact that deliveries are not allowed during the times schoolchildren are travelling to and from school. Enforcement is dealing with the issue.

Afon Village Issues – Council were made aware that there are litter and safety issues in Afon Village train station and litter issues close to both Morrison's and McDonalds. Cllr Cornelious is to liaise with the bus companies dropping off schoolchildren in the station car park and former Cllr Powell has spoken with an Arriva Trains representative who is dealing with the litter and other various issues in the station car park. Cllr Cornelious is also attempting to have NCC assist with the maintenance of the train station and surrounding area. She is also dealing with the litter in the bankings close to the supermarket and fast food outlet.

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