



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

26th February 2014

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 26th February 2014 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

- 1. Play Areas** – Council are lobbying NCC for diverting Section 106 monies and looking into other potential funding streams. Council has been asked to remove all play equipment from the Rhiwderin play area as soon as possible. Alternative arrangements will be discussed at the meeting.
- 2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane** – Clerk working with NCC for formal adoption.
- 3. Street Light opposite Garth Terrace** – NCC remains determined that this light is not to be kept on at night. Council is continuing to try to find a solution.
- 4. Footpath from Penylan Close to Fort View Park** – More trimming was necessary. This should now be complete. Clerk to check and remove from future reports if completed.
- 5. Footpath between Friendly Fox and Pentrepoeth School** - Ongoing. The City Council have accepted responsibility for the path and steps have been taken to ensure the building site is temporarily cordoned off. Proper permanent measures have still not been taken. It has been noted that the developer has removed many of the trees and shrubs between the development and the footpath, and Council has had this investigated. The Clerk is also lobbying all relevant Depts. in an effort for a permanent fence to be erected to ensure public safety.
- 6. Static Speed Camera on Caerphilly Road** - Following responses regarding this issue, and of the safety issues in general along the stretch of road between Pentrepoeth Road in Bassaleg and Coc y North Lane in Rhiwderin, an email has been compiled to NCC setting out all the issues and requesting consideration be given to finding solutions to make it safer such as traffic calming measures, barriers etc.. NCC's response was that the road is within acceptable safety parameters and no work will be carried out. Chair and Clerk to respond and press for action. This matter was discussed with ACC Bottomley when attending Council's meeting who is also looking into the matter to see if anything can be done from a policing point of view.
- 7. New bin for Bassaleg Open Space** - The bin has now been repaired with a new liner and this item will be removed from future reports.
- 8. Yellow lines near St Basil's shops** - A request has been made that the single yellow lines in the area of the shops also be extended to the one traffic island which to date has not been marked up to improve parking availability for residents using the shopping area. No response to date, Clerk still chasing.
- 9. Lighting on footbridge over A467** - Both Clerk and Cllr Whitfield wrote to NCC's Arboricultural Officer requesting trees be cut back to improve the street lighting at the bridge and for a defective lamp to be replaced. This issue is still ongoing.
- 10. Trees on open space at top of Laurel Road** - Cllr Haigh has contacted NCC's tree officer to determine whether parked cars on the green have exposed so much of the roots that the safety of the trees has been compromised. A report is awaited.
- 11. Trees on open space in Bassaleg** - The Clerk reported the fallen trees which came down in recent bad weather and has asked that all the trees on the open space be closely inspected due to two falling within a week of each other and the roots showing signs of decay. A report is awaited.

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