



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

29th April 2015

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

1. Play Areas – Following comments by residents and the Council, NCC have withdrawn the proposal of creating a play area on the junction of The Griffin and Caerphilly Road, and instead has opted to move it to the open space area close to Graig Community Hall. The other proposed areas are going to be developed, and NCC hopes to have all the new play facilities completed in time for the school summer break. A number of residents attended a Community Council meeting on 25th March to question the robustness of the consultation of the play areas and to object to the proposed development of a play area on Caernarvon Drive in Rhiwderin.

2. Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane – The Clerk has completed and posted the paperwork needed for petitioning NCC to adopt Highfield Lane. Other steps in the process are to be advised by NCC once this step of the process is completed by them. Once complete, it is hoped that the footpath opposite Garth Terrace will also be adopted. Other non-adopted footpaths are being identified. NCC have confirmed receipt of the paperwork sent and are in the process of assessing it.

3. Dedicated Right Turn Into Laurel Drive - Following the recent planned survey, it has been confirmed that some action is required to improve traffic flow on this road, however, the NCC Officer in charge was not satisfied with the suggested solution arising from the survey of installing a mini roundabout. He hopes find a better solution and apply for WG funding to make improvements to this junction during the next financial year. This item will remain on the report and regular updates requested.

4. Forge Road Issues - The Clerk has written to the Contact Centre regarding the issue of cars continuing to park in the bus stop or on the verges either side of the bus stop at the top of Forge Lane. This practice is not only dangerous but is severely damaging the grass verges. Council has requested the assistance of the Streetscene Department to find a solution to this issue, and to find a way of encouraging motorists to utilise the lay by provided some 600 metres further along the road which is a much safer option. Initial response from NCC is that they were unaware there was an issue but will monitor the situation and take any necessary action. An update has recently been requested.

5. Scrap Lorries Visiting Croescarneinon Farm - Council has been advised that the premises is licensed to sort scrap, but the Environmental Health Department is investigating possible burning of materials on site.

6. Former Garthfield Cottage Site - Following the removal of trees and established hedgerow on the boundary of the first property and the public footpath to Pentrepoeth School, Council expressed their concerns regarding public safety as there was only temporary fencing in place. It has been noted that wooden fencing has replaced the temporary fencing along the length of the property which abuts the footpath but the Clerk is still waiting for a reply from NCC regarding this item.

7. Extra Litter Bins - As Council have received notice from NCC that they would not be able to support additional litter bin emptying into their schedules due to lack of funds, Council are unable to supply extra bins without this service. This item will be removed from future reports.

8. Boundary fencing along Caerphilly Road between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road Junction - NetworkRail have cleared a section of the brambles closest to the footpath but only on a short length opposite the Caerphilly Close junction. NCC have reported that the verges are cut every 6 months and that there is no funding to increase this. This item will be discussed at the meeting.

9. Footpath cleansing - At a meeting on 8th April it was confirmed that these footpaths had now been cleansed, this item will be removed from future reports.

10. Coach House on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg - Following concerns by residents about the closeness of the Heras fencing to the busy road, the Clerk has written to NCC to request that they encourage the owner of the property to move the fencing back to allow for pedestrians comfortable use. NCC have

confirmed they will contact the owner and have the fencing set back another 0.5 metres from its current position to aid safety at this pinch point. Following a very recent incident of a near-miss accident outside this building and noticing that the fencing has not been moved, the Clerk has written again to press for action.

11. Parking on grass verges on Caerphilly Road - At the meeting on 25th March, Cllr Williams reported that he is lobbying NCC to tarmac over these verges to prevent any further damage.

12. Council website - Following recommendations to Council from the Technologies Committee, the new website has been removed and the old site re-instated until the new site can be configured in a more user friendly way.

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Please note: The contents of this report have been compiled by the Clerk and are subject to change as and when new information is received. This report has **not** been approved by the Community Council before publication as meeting minutes would be, and is intended only as a useful tool to give information on the current status of ongoing issues and reduce time spent at meetings discussing updates unnecessarily.

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