



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Clerk's Report

26<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 7pm at Graig Community Centre, Bassaleg (**Item No 4 on the agenda**)

**Play Areas** – The play area in Rhiwderin located on the site of the former play area is now complete and is open to the public. Feedback on all the recently created play areas had been very favourable.

**Graffiti in the ward** - Graffiti in the ward has still not been removed and more has appeared.

**Broken signage post and parking on grass verges at bus stop on Forge Road** – The broken post has been removed but parking still regularly takes place which Council believes is a major health and safety risk. NCC sees this as a Policing issue. The damage to the verges is being ignored.

**Overgrowth on wasteland at Park View and Pye Corner** - The overgrowth has been removed from the bridge, but to date NCC have not cut back overgrowth on the verge area in front of Whiteheads where the stream runs out from underneath the road and all along the road side of the boundary wall.

**Uneven pavement & drainage issues on Park View** – Following Council realising there are still issues in wet weather in this area, the Clerk has written again to NCC and advised that further work may need to be carried out. To date no response has been received.

**Dedicated right turn into Laurel Road** - latest news from NCC is that this will not be taken forward despite the need as there is no funding available.

**Additional lighting on Caerphilly Road and Laurel Road** - Despite NCC admitting that additional lighting would be of benefit, this cannot be provided as there is no funding available.

**Dirty Highway Signage** - NCC recognised the need for cleansing but are no longer carrying out signage cleansing schedules due to lack of funds.

**Adoption of footpaths** - The footpath between Woodland Drive and Fort View Play area, and also the footpath between Penylan Close and Caerphilly Road are both now in the process of being adopted. Evidence forms are being handed out to residents to provide proof of their use which is the first stage of the process.

**Overgrown footpath from Woodland Drive to Penylan Close** - This path as mentioned above is in the process of being adopted. In lieu of the adoption, in August NCC's Footpaths Officer agreed to carry out maintenance to clear this path but to date this has not been completed. The Clerk has chased and is awaiting a response.

**Former Garthfield Cottage site fencing and footpath** - Council felt this item should not be removed, but that the re-installment of the ancient hedgerow that was removed when the fence was built should be pursued. City Cllrs are asked to take up the issue with NCC. NCC are still investigating this issue.

**Crash Barrier on Pentre Tai Road by Level Crossing** - This has at last been installed and will be removed from future reports.

**St Basil's Roundabout bollards repair** - The bollard repair was carried out on 24.08.16 and reimbursement for the cost for repair will be requested from Stagecoach's insurers in due course.

**Cycle Path by Bassaleg School** - NCC can now find no record of this issue.

**Parking on grass verges on Laurel Road** - NCC will not take up this issue and have only for offered the Community Council to pay for bollards to be installed to alleviate the problem. The damage to the verges is being ignored.

**Boundary fencing along Caerphilly Road between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road Junction** - NCC have again cut the verge. but only the 1 metre strip between the pavement and the boundary fence as per their schedule. Clerk to ask NetworkRail again to carry out further maintenance as much of the overgrowth is growing from the railway side of the fence, out over the verges onto the pavements.

**Coach House on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg** - This issue is being investigated by NCC an update is expected in due course.

**Pentrepoeth Road issues** - Problems on the road have been reported numerous times and suggestions for improvements have been requested, but NCC's latest response is "This has been the subject of local concern, but there is no scope to achieve any proportionate speed management or pedestrian improvement interventions. Both Ward Members and Community Council have been advised of this previously".

**Dog fouling signage** - For the Clerk to progress.

**Possible solar farm at Rhiwderin** - No planning application has been lodged in over a year. This item will be removed from this report and added back if and when necessary.

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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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