



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Whitfield, P Stokes, N Mountain, D Williams.
Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, M Smart, K Sayer, K Harries, M Cornelious, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, V Cox-Wall. Also PCSO's Evans & Dean

Cllr Sayer addressed the group and requested that as workloads were increasing and meetings were becoming longer that the group should strive to keep strictly to the given agenda and try not to digress, in order to keep the meetings to a reasonable length of time. This was agreed by all.
2. **Public Representations:** None.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held 27th November 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Sayer seconded Cllr Harries.
4. **Clerk's Report:**
The Clerk's Report previously circulated was discussed. Arising from the Report - Item 8: It was noted that NCC had still not replied to the email sent 7 weeks previously despite an initial promise to respond within 2 weeks. The report was accepted as a true reflection of matters to date. Proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Harries.
6. **Reports:** Item brought forward.
 - a. Police - reported below.
 - b. City Councillors - Cllr Cornelious asked that this item be brought forward and apologised for City Cllr William's absence. His family had suffered another bereavement recently and he was attending to family matters. She reported that the lamp opposite Garth Terrace (item 4 on the Clerk's Report) was again discussed with NCC who are still not prepared to keep the lamp switched on at night. As the path up to Penylan Close is not adopted NCC say it is not their responsibility to light it. City Councillors were requested to keep the pressure on NCC and state that although they say the path is not adopted they do carry out grounds maintenance to it periodically such as grass cutting. PCSO's Evans and Dean joined the meeting at 7.10pm.
Cllr Cornelious also reported that the grit bin at the rear of Tredegar Street that was damaged by the contractors building the Gerdi Rhiwderyn housing estate has been replaced, but it has been put in the middle of the housing estate. It will be moved back to its original position by NCC. The Springfield Lane issue with youths and fly tipping is ongoing with the Police and Council Wardens making regular patrols of the area. Cllr Cornelious suggested Graig Hall should host a Community Day where other community services can show residents the services that are on offer in the Ward. These community days have been very successful in other areas. It was agreed that this was a good idea, Cllr Cornelious to liaise with Cllr Evans to arrange a date. Cllr Sayer reported that during the evening the rear lane of Tredegar Street leading up to the new allotment site was lined with parked cars making it very difficult for access, especially if emergency services needed to attend in the area. Council thanked Cllr Cornelious for all her efforts, most especially of late, as she had been working very hard alone due to the sad circumstances which had befallen Cllr Williams in recent times.
- a. Police - PCSO Evans read the Police report and gave figures for December which were: 100 calls to Police, 16 of which were crimes. 2 Had been detected with the remainder under investigation. The breakdown was 4 x criminal damage, 2 x burglary dwelling, 2 x vehicle crime, 1 x drug offence, 1 x shoplifting, 1 x theft from a person, 1 x violence with injury, 1 x violence without injury and 1 x miscellaneous crime against society. There were no major parking issues over the Christmas period, patrols had been carried out in the ward with nothing of any interest to report. There were various occurrences of anti-social behaviour in the Rivermead Way area which took place on youth club evenings which were monitored. Following a question from Cllr Smart from the last attended meeting PCSO Evans reported that the update on the St Basil's Church lead theft was that the

vehicle reported could not be identified and there was no scope for scenes of crimes officers to investigate. The incident had been closed awaiting any further developments. Following Cllr Gregory's report of anti-social behaviour outside the Friendly Fox numerous patrols had been carried out and one incident dealt with. Following the report of parents using the Friendly Fox car park entrance as an exit by Cllr Cornelious, patrols had been carried out and parents given suitable advice about using the wrong exit. there had been no recent complaints. Following Cllr Cornelious' complaint regarding lorries visiting the Garthfield Cottage development cutting across the pavement to exit onto Caerphilly Rd, both PCSO's visited the site a number of times but failed to speak with any drivers, no further complaints had been made. The Police ask residents to remember that with the help and information gathered from the local community they can build a much bigger and better picture of the problems in the ward which will enable them to better resolve any problems in the local community. If there are any issues residents feel should concern the Police they ask that they be brought to their attention by contacting either the local station in Rogerstone on 01633 895019 or by ringing 101. Details of any concerns will be passed to the local Policing team.

5. Projects:

- a. Meeting room & kitchen refurbishment at Graig Hall: Cllr Gregory reported that the PWLB form had been completed and sent for the loan agreed to carry out the works intended by Council. Cllr Fry reported that the proposed design for the new meeting room could be pared down to reduce costs. He would speak with the contractors needed for the work and will return to Council with a revised figure. Cllr Gregory reminded Council that the budget set aside is less than the anticipated costs and there was a need to revise the list of works and discuss priorities in the near future. He and the Clerk would revise the list and bring to Council for discussion.
- b. Fencing between open space and Caerphilly Road: Cllr Fry reported that finishing the project had been impossible due to the weather problems experienced lately, but would be completed as soon as possible.
- c. Rhiwderin Community Centre upgrade: Cllr Gregory reported that he had spoken with the architect and was very disappointed that he had not progressed the works as agreed. Given the time needed for the tendering process the project is in jeopardy of not meeting the expected start time of the Easter break which would complicate matters as the Meithrin would be in attendance when work was being carried out. It was agreed that the timeline should be adhered to if possible and that all works to the Centre including all external works should be completed by November 2014. The railway embankment had been completed.

6. Reports:

- a. Police – Discussed above..
- b. City Councillors – Discussed above.
- c. Graig CC – Cllr Fry had asked that Council's usual local contractor clean-up the car park which should be done the following weekend and the Clerk to arrange the replacement of a broken bin on the open space. The badminton court in the large hall needed re-marking and he had quotes ranging between £660 and £1275. It was agreed that this item should be taken to the hall management committee and the costs borne by the hall.
- d. Rhiwderin CC – Discussed above.
- e. Allotments – NTR
- f. Best Kept Villages - Council are waiting for word from the group on whether they have considered the proposal of managing planting in the ward.
- g. Play Areas – Cllr Gregory reported that he had spoken with NCC's Mr McGow who has done considerable work on ascertaining the leisure needs for the Graig Ward. He was asked to progress the outcome as quickly as possible. Rhiwderin Play area was also discussed.
- h. Burial Board – Cllr Harris reported that the committee meets in March and that he was unaware of any flooding problems due to the recent extraordinary weather.

7. Items for Next Agenda

Agreed

8. Planning:

The following applications were received during the Christmas break and commented upon prior to the meeting.

- a. CONEX 13/1168 – Demolition of existing garage and construction of new single storey extension to front, side and rear of property. Site: 5 Woodland Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8PA

Application Type: Full. Comment given: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.

b. CONEX 13/1254 – Construction of new railway station with associated platform, car park, highway alterations, stepped access, retaining walls, CCTV, cycle parking, waiting shelter, help point and ticket machine. Site: Land to North West of Principality House, Western Valley Road, Rogerstone, Newport. Application Type: Full. Comment given: No objections. Council fully supports and welcomes this development which will much improve transport links in the area.

c. PG/jed/12/0382 - Planning Appeal - Site: Land adjacent to 10 Pentre Tai Road, Rhiwderin. Subject: Proposed erection of two storey dwelling with vehicular access. Appellant: Mr K Proctor.

9. Items for Discussion/Action

- a. Double yellow lines on Channel View - Clerk & Chair to investigate further.
- b. Request for placing notice on fencing at Bassaleg open space - Request was denied. In addition to it being Council's policy to not allow advertising, at a recent Liaison meeting NCC confirmed it has a zero tolerance to anything considered fly-postering and regularly send out patrols to remove and destroy any notices of this kind.
- c. Technology Sub-Committee update - The Committee had held a further meeting and discussed the website. Both Twitter and Facebook pages had been set up for Council and were being administered by Cllrs Harris & Cox-Wall. Cllr Smart is helping with the administration of the website.

10. Correspondence for Information:

Noted but not discussed.

11. Accounts for Payment: Approved – Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Harries.

Centregreat - Christmas tree lighting costs	£450.00
Monmouthshire County Council - Maintenance to Laurel Road & Park View	£1122.30
Signwise - Christmas event banner (paid 21.11.13 previously unreported)	£66.00
HMRC - PAYE & NI Oct-Dec 2013	£1566.07
Staples - Office supplies (2 invoices)	£31.64

Total to date: 3236.01

Receipts

Newport City Council - 3rd Precept (minus election recharge underpayment) £14127.00

12. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 29th January 2014 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7pm

13. Urgent Business not on discussed above.

Cllr Gregory reported that following confirmation at the recent Liaison meeting, NCC's LDP submission had been approved by the City Council. No more comments were to be received as the consultation period was over. The plan is considered to be robust and at present Community Councils need not consider legal representation. The report will be forwarded to the inspector and is likely to take 6-9 months to review which should be reported on in December 2014.

Following the attendance of NCC's Customer Services Manager at the Liaison meeting it was agreed that she will supply a report of actions taken against reported issues every 3 months.

Permission was given to the Chair to renew signage in the villages.

Cllr Haig reported that the triangular green at the top of Laurel Road was a quagmire due to the recent weather and cars parking on the sodden grass.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm. Confirmed this 12th day of February 2014.

Signed..... (Chair) – 12th February 2014

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