



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. Apologies for absence: K Sayer, P Gregory, J Bailey, D Williams.

Present: Cllrs L Fry (Chair), R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, M Smart, K Harries, J Harris, W Haigh, P Appleton, K Thomas, N Tarr.

2. To receive a delegation from Bassaleg Community Woodland Trust: Postponed as representatives were unable to attend. **Action: Clerk to re-schedule for 11th April 2018 Meeting.**

3. To receive public representations: None.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2018, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Thomas seconded Cllr Evans. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. Matters arising from the minutes - Council requested the Clerk to ask further questions of City Cllr Williams regarding S106 funding for the Former Tredegar Park Golf Club Site, and to bring answers to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Williams to investigate the queries and bring a response to the 28th March 2018 meeting.**

5. Reports:

a. Police - The Police did not attend the meeting but a report for January had been provided to Council and was discussed. The report contained the following information: During January there had been 99 calls to the Police, 32 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Violence Without Injury - 1, Violence with injury - 2, Miscellaneous Crime - 4, Shoplifting - 3, All Theft other - 7, Burglary Dwelling - 2, Burglary Non-Dwelling - 2, Vehicle Crime - 5, Other Sexual Offences - 3, Public Order - 2, Drug Offences - 1.

The Your Voice survey completed in October '17 set the Ward priorities as Anti-social behaviour in McDonalds and on Rivermead Way. The next survey takes place in April 2018, to help set the priorities please speak with local officers or go to <https://www.gwent.police.uk/yourvoicesurvey/>

Actions and activities by the local teams included the following: The Neighbourhood team had been patrolling the Your Voice priority areas. The vehicle parked on Pentrepoeth Rd had been reported to the DVLA. A vehicle had been seized for no insurance in the Park View Area. One male had been detained for entry into Bassaleg School and this was being dealt with by Officers. Patrols were being carried out by the Neighbourhood Team after reports of Anti-Social Behaviour on the green bridge by Jasmine Close.

Emerging Trends: An email had been received regarding issues with off-road bikes in the Lower Machen area. The Neighbourhood Team had been made aware for patrols to be carried out.

It was noted that no Police representation had been made at meetings for a long period of time. Cllr Tarr commented that he had cause to be on Pentrepoeth Rd and noted that one house owner had belongings which were migrating from the property further out into the road which was a H&S issue. Cllr Appleton reported that she was aware that someone had been seen trying the doors of parked cars in the Rhiwderin area.

Action: Clerk to report the issues above to the PCSO for the area. Also to ask when the Police would be able to attend a meeting, expressing Council's concern that no-one had attended for a long time. Additionally, to extend an invitation to the newly appointed Sergeant for the area to attend a Council meeting when commitments allowed.

6. Items for discussion:

- a. Invite the Head of Streetscene to a meeting to follow up on issues - deferred as Cllr Gregory unable to attend. **Action: Clerk to re-agenda for 28th March meeting.**
- b. Deliveries to St Basil's shops - deferred as neither Cllrs Sayer nor Williams were able to attend. **Action: Clerk to re-agenda for 11th April meeting.**
- c. Registration of open spaces - Cllr Whitfield reported that not much progress had been made. She had spoken with NRW and NCC, but was to discuss with former Cllr Cox-Wall who had worked on this previously and had offered to assist. **Action: Cllr Whitfield to progress.**

- d. IRPW Report - Council discussed the report which detailed Council's responsibilities to make payments to Cllrs under certain conditions. These payments were mandatory, but Cllrs were free to choose if they wished to accept them or not and are able to forgo any payments if they chose to do so by advising the Clerk in writing. The general consensus was that Cllrs did not expect nor want payment to be given, and asked the Clerk to produce forms which could be signed by them to forgo the payments the report described if they wished. **Action: Clerk to produce a form as requested, Cllrs to consider if they wished to sign a form when produced.**
- e. Autism (Wales) Bill consultation - Council agreed that the consultation should be responded to by Cllrs as individuals, and not Council as a whole. **Action: Clerk to forward details for the consultation to all on email for Cllrs to respond as individuals if they wished.**
- f. Issues at Lower Machen - Cllr Tarr reported that he had been contacted by a resident of Lower Machen who had concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the A468, the number of fatalities close to the railway bridge to the east of Lower Machen and noise pollution. He advised Council that he had suggested to the resident that they could attend a future meeting to discuss the matters with Council if they so wished. **Action: None at this time.**
- g. Children's Air Ambulance Appeal - Noted, Council agreed this was a cause that should be supported by individuals rather than the Council. **Action: Cllrs to donate individually if they so wished.**
- h. Tender documents for Rhiwderin Centre - Cllr Whitfield advised Council that architectural drawings of the Community Centre had been made. The project would be subject to CDM regulations and the architect recommended a company who would carry out the work for a fixed fee of £500. Council agreed to use the recommended consultant and the fee was approved. Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Evans and approved by majority. **Action: Cllrs Whitfield, Gregory and Fry to meet with the architect to progress.**

7. Items for next agenda if agreed:

Bassaleg Community Woodland Trust - 14th March 2018 meeting
 F&A Committee's budget proposal 2018/19 - 28th February 2018 meeting

8. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. Cllr Smart reported that she had met with the owner of the Coach House, and that he was amenable to removing the Haras fencing surrounding his boundary, provided Council would agree to supply sufficient planters to section off the area from the public highway and prevent unauthorised parking on his property. Cllr Smart was thanked for progressing this issue. **Action: Clerk to email the owner to thank him and advise him that members of the HWG would contact him to arrange the details.**
- b. Cllr Tarr reported he had received complaints from a resident about an overgrown hedgerow on Cwm Cwddy Drive. Council agreed that the hedge belonged to a local farmer, was not impeding the highway nor causing any health and safety issues for the public, and that in this case Council was unable to become involved in the matter. **Action: None necessary.**

9. Accounts for payment: None

10. Planning - Applications to be considered

- a. 17/0889 - Construction of a farm shop and associated external works. Site: Graig-y-saeson Farm, Forge Lane, Bassaleg, Newport. Application Type: Full Comment: **Comment: Council reiterated its former comments and had increasing concerns regarding the proposed access to and from the site once the current speed restrictions on Forge Road are lifted following the conclusion of the J28 roundabout upgrade.**

11. Correspondence for information: Not discussed

12. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7pm
 Mid-Month Meeting - Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm. Confirmed, this 11th day of April 2018.

Signed..... (Chair) – April 2018

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