



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. Apologies for absence: A Whitfield, J Bailey.

Present: Cllrs R Caston, D Evans, M Smart, K Sayer, K Harries, P Gregory (Chair), J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, P Appleton, K Thomas, N Tarr, D Williams. Also present, CSOs Emma Tarney and Steve Metcalf-Davies of Gwent Police.

2. To receive public representations: None.

4. Reports (brought forward in the agenda to allow the CSOs to continue with their duties):

- a. Police - CSOs Tarney and Metcalf-Davies introduced themselves to the group CSO Tarney reported that she is the new CSO for the Graig ward along with CSO Gareth Llewellyn. CSO Metcalf-Davies was attending the meeting in a supporting role but usually worked out of Malpas. Cllr Gregory read out the police report for April to Council. The report contained the following information: During April there had been 96 calls to the Police, 33 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order - 7, Violence Without Injury - 11, Miscellaneous Crime - 1, Shoplifting - 1, All Theft other - 1, Criminal Damage & Arson - 2, Burglary Dwelling - 3, Drug Offences - 0, Theft from Person - 1, Other Sexual Offences - 0, Violence with injury - 4, Vehicle Crime - 2.

The Your Voice survey completed in April was being assessed and new priorities are being released shortly. The next survey will take place in October 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: There had been multiple reports of groups of youths acting in an abusive manner at the Morrison's supermarket. One group had been spoken to and were apologetic, and due to Police presence other groups had moved on. There had been no further issues. This will continue to be monitored. There were reports of groups of youths jumping from the river bridge at Viaduct Way, The group were spoken to and no further reports had been received. There was growing concern about horse and cart racing along the A467. Traffic Officers are aware and will respond to reports received.

Emerging Trends: None to date. It was noted that CSO Dean had left the role and moved into another role with Gwent Police. CSO Tarney is her replacement.

Cllr Gregory commented that it was good to see the Police attending the meeting, and that Council are disappointed that they are unable to attend more often. CSO Tarney confirmed that priorities are set by the surveys conducted. This did not mean other issues were not dealt with, but the Police rely on the survey being filled in and on the public reporting incidences. Council commented that people often feel after reporting incidences, the Police are not effective, but both CSOs stressed that unless crimes are reported, they cannot be dealt with. Resources are sometimes taken to other areas where crime is reported, but if resources were found to be needed in Graig through the reporting structure, that would lead to more of a Police presence in the area and add to the Police priorities for Graig. Issues experience in the ward were discussed briefly which CSO Tarney agreed to investigate. The CSOs left the meeting at 7.30pm.

Action: Clerk to forward Council's list of meeting dates to CSOs Tarney and Llewellyn so they can attend either Mid-Month or Full Council meetings whenever they are free.

Items involving a response from Cllr Williams were also brought forward to allow him to leave the meeting early, they were:

- 5.b. Deliveries to St Basil's shops - Cllr Williams had made enquiries of Newport City Homes who stated that there was no rear access for deliveries to the shops. Council agreed this would be a fire safety issue if this were the case. Cllr Sayer confirmed that he had been in the rear of the shops and that there were rear exits. **Action: Cllr Williams to follow up enquires and report back to the 30th May meeting.**
- d. Clearwell Court - Cllr Appleton asked Cllr Williams to look into how tenant allocations are made for Clearwell Court as incidences in the area are becoming more serious, the recent knife incident being the latest concern. Council were conscious that the area is on the doorstep of the local Primary School.

Action: Cllr Williams to make enquiries and report back to Council.

Also discussed with Cllr Williams - Cllr Fry asked for an update on the situation with the planning appeal for the proposed waste transfer site at Croescarneinon Farm. Cllr Williams confirmed that no decision had been made by the Planning Inspectorate to date and it was still being reviewed. A decision is due on 3rd July 2018. Cllr Fry also asked about the landfill site opposite the farm, Cllr Williams said he would speak with the Planning Enforcement team to see if planning permission has been breached. He also confirmed that he was not aware of any progress on the bus stops issues and that Cllr Tarr should ask Cllr Cornelious for an update as she was dealing with the matter. Cllr Williams also said he was aware there were issues with bonfires being held at the allotment site and asked that this be raised with the Allotment Association.

Action: Cllr Williams to speak with Planning Enforcement regarding the landfill site and report findings to the Clerk. Cllr Tarr to take up the bus stop issues with Cllr Cornelious. Cllr Caston to speak with the Allotment Association regarding bonfires at the site.

Cllr Williams left the meeting at 7.55pm.

- 3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2018, compiled by Cllr Appleton and previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Thomas. Cllr Appleton was thanked for taking on this duty during the Clerk's holiday absence. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. **Action: None required.**

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Invitation the Head of Streetscene to a meeting to follow up on issues - Cllr Gregory had emailed the officer, but had received no response to date. He had added the issue of the crash barrier being damaged outside the Ruperra public house. **Action: Cllr Gregory to update Council when a response has been received.**
- b. Deliveries to St Basil's shops update if available - discussed above. **Action: See above.**
- c. Consultation Group - Not discussed. **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for 30th May meeting.**
- d. Clearwell Court - recent issues with residents - discussed above. **Action: See above.**
- e. NCC grass cutting schedule for Spring/Summer 2018 - Cllr Caston asked if Council was to consider funding extra cuts during the growing period. Cllr Gregory confirmed this was one of the issues in his email to the Head of Streetscene (see Item 5a). Cllr Appleton reported that she had put a complaint to NCC who had replied that the most recent cut had been delayed due to the weather but would be actioned asap. **Action: Council to await a response from the Head of Streetscene.**
- f. Best practice for Community Council meetings - taken from the Good Councillor's Guide - Cllr Appleton brought forward the issue of late items being added to the agenda, and that this was against the best practice detailed in the Good Councillor Guide. Council discussed why late items are added, and agreed to discuss this further at the next Mid-Month meeting. **Action: Clerk to re-agenda this item for 13th June meeting.**
Cllr Sayer left the meeting at 8.30pm.
- g. Youth Council - Cllr Tarr told Council he felt there should be more involvement of young people in Council matters and suggested forming a Youth Council. He suggested how it should be run and who should be invited to sit on a Council if approved. Council discussed this at some length and applauded his idea. It was agreed that to administer and guide a full youth council would be difficult and take up a lot of time, and as Council was very busy dealing with business it was felt that to form a separate youth council would not be a viable option. However it was willing to consider inviting youth representatives to Council meetings, and Cllr Williams could be asked if this would be welcomed by Bassaleg School. Cllr Tarr was thanked for his suggestion. **Action: Cllr Appleton to make enquiries of Cllr Williams.**

6. Items for next agenda if agreed:

Redecoration of park benches in open spaces - 13th June 2018 meeting

7. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. Cllr Caston reported that the Allotment Association had offered to assist the Clerk by taking over the administration of the allotments. The Clerk said she would be grateful for the assistance as she felt that she was unable to devote enough time to the task. She was acutely aware that the rent requests for 2017/18 had not been sent to date, this was because other more pressing time-sensitive duties always prevented her from being able to perform the task. Consequently it kept slipping down her "to do" list. She was very grateful to the Association for making the offer and felt it could work well provided she and the Allotment Committee were kept up to date. Council agreed and asked the Clerk and Cllr Caston, the Chairman of the Allotment Committee to liaise with the Association to move matters forward. **Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss in detail.**

b. Cllr Gregory reported that he had written again to Rogerstone CC regarding the Burial Board issues. That issues with the Board and other issues experienced during the past year as Chairman were making him feel that he should not consider remaining in the position of Chairman should Council wish him to stay. Cllr Tarr stated that he had absolute and total confidence in Cllr Gregory and this was agreed by all. Cllr Gregory asked that Councillors take the next few weeks leading up to the AGM to consider their positions and ask themselves if they are contributing enough to Council business, as he felt much of the work of the Council was being carried out by some Members, whilst others were not making enough contribution to share the load. **Action: Cllrs to consider their positions prior to the AGM.**

8. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Harries, seconded Cllr Evans and approved.

Welsh Water - Bassaleg Allotment charges Oct 17-April 18	£17.35
PWLB - 6 monthly loan repayment cost (taken by DD)	£5532.60
CPRW - annual subscription charge	£20.00
Salty Yacht Productions Ltd - repairs to Rhiwderin CC roof	£6648.00
Cllr P Appleton - reimbursement for refreshment costs	£7.88
Cllr M Smart - reimbursement for planter redecoration costs	£63.86
Derwent Designs Ltd - Tender works for Rhiwderin CC upgrade	£1000.00
Total	£13289.69

Receipts

None

9. Planning - Applications to be considered

- a. 18/0364 - Proposal: Erection of new single story extension to the side and rear, conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation and insertion of 2No. roof lights Address: 17 Caerphilly Road, Bassaleg, Newport, NP10 8LE. Application Type: Full. **Comment: Concerns regarding the privacy of neighbours and suggest that all immediate neighbours are consulted.**
- b. 18/0368 - Proposal: Non-material amendment to planning permission 17/0387 relating to amendment of the alignment of the rebuilding of wall to the rear boundary of the patio, reduction in the width of the house and increase in the width of the path adjacent to 58 Pentrepoeth Road. Address: 60 Pentrepoeth Road, Bassaleg, Newport, NP10 8LL. Application Type: Non-material Amendment. **Comment: Concerns that there could be boundary issues with the neighbouring property.**
- c. 18/0389 - Proposal: Installation of additional perimeter fencing. Address: Pentrepoeth Primary School, Cwm Cwddy Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JN. **Comment: No objections.**

10. Correspondence for information: Not discussed

11. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting & AGM – Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 7pm
Mid-Month Meeting - Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm. Confirmed, this 13th day of June 2018.

Signed..... (Chair) – June 2018

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