



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mid-Month Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg at 7pm on 8th August 2018

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1. Apologies for absence: A Whitfield, D Evans, K Harries, J Harris, J Bailey.

Present: Cllrs R Caston, M Smart, K Sayer, P Gregory, W Haigh, L Fry, P Appleton, K Thomas, N Tarr, D Williams. Chaired by K Sayer.

2. To receive public representations: None.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Thomas. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. **Action: None required.**

4. Reports:

a. Police - The Police were unable to attend the meeting, but the usual monthly report had been received. Cllr Sayer read out the report for July to Council. The report contained the following information: During July there had been 88 calls to the Police, 23 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order - 1, Violence Without Injury - 3, Miscellaneous Crime - 0, Shoplifting - 1, All Theft Other - 4, Criminal Damage & Arson - 11, Burglary Dwelling - 1, Rape - 0, Drug Offences - 0, Theft from Person - 0, Other Sexual Offences - 0, Violence with Injury - 1, Vehicle Crime - 1, Burglary Non-Dwelling - 0.

The Your Voice survey completed in April is now closed. The next survey will take place in October 2018, to help set the priorities speak with local officers or go to <https://www.gwent.police.uk/yourvoicesurvey/>
The ward priority for Graig is now speeding in the Graig area.

Actions and activities by the local teams included the following: There had been reports of youths jumping off the river bridge at Viaduct Way. Words of advice and safety had been given and the groups had been moved away from the bridge. Go-Safe officers had been contacted regarding complaints of speeding in Pentrepoeth Road, but there was nothing the camera unit could do in the area between the junction with Caerphilly Road and Pentrepoeth Close due to the topography of the road and lack of parking without causing an obstruction. Nor was there a suitable location for the deployment of a covert speed analyser on the road. The complainant had been informed and advised to contact the City Council to consider traffic calming measures.

Council were disappointed that no Police representatives were able to attend, and the Clerk advised that she had asked for more detail on the general areas that crimes were being committed, but that the response was that this information could not be included due to data protection laws. **Action: Clerk to enquire why no detail could be given as only general areas are being requested not actual addresses so no date protection would be breached. Also, to request that the Sergeant attend a meeting as soon as possible.**

Cllr Gregory reported that he had met with the Community Speedwatch organisers, and there were restrictions as to where a camera could be used. Pentrepoeth Road was not deemed suitable, but this would be challenged. 10 volunteers would be needed to operate the scheme. 4 Cllrs were interested, and it was agreed that Cllr Williams could advertise on his Facebook page to see if any residents would be willing to participate. **Action: Cllr Williams to advertise.**

b. City Councillors - Cllr Williams reported that he had spoken with a Melin Homes representative regarding the homes in Clearwell Court. Melin Homes stated that they had not received many complaints, and it was important for residents to make formal complaints to them directly to make them aware of any issues which would then be dealt with. Cllr Williams thought he may leaflet the area reminding residents that they should do so.

Regarding the recent homelessness issues experienced in the ward, it was noted that all had moved on, but Cllr Williams would be working on the issue in the hopes of preventing further problems. He agreed to look into the permissions for the landfill site on Pentrepoeth Rd as Cllr Fry queried when work to the site would be completed. He also agreed to visit the resident in Springfield Road who is experiencing flooding

in bad weather. **Action: Cllr Williams to follow up on the abovementioned issues and report back to the 29th August meeting.**

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Sundial repairs – The Clerk made Council aware that Cllrs Fry and Thomas had made temporary repairs to the granite sets of the sundial outside Graig Hall. They had suggested that a permanent repair would be needed. As this would most likely be more expensive than the Best Kept Villages group could afford, Council were asked to look into assisting with funding the repair. Council agreed to look into the issue and would support the group. **Action: Cllr Thomas to chase up a quote expected for a lasting repair. Council to consider if the whole area needed lifting and re-setting or if re-pointing would be sufficient.**
Cllr Williams left the meeting at 8.03pm.
- b. Roadside litter bins – The Clerk advised Council that permission from NCC had been granted to replace the small post mounted litter bins at Cwm Cwddy Drive and at the footbridge over the A467 with larger floor mounted bins. The Clerk was then asked to enquire if the post mounted bins at St Basil's Church, outside Bassaleg Post Office and at the bus stop at Laurel Drive could also be changed. **Action: Clerk to make the necessary enquiries.**
- c. Councillor vacancy interviews – The Clerk advised that interviews for the position of Graig Community Councillor representing the Lower Machen Ward had been arranged and would take place on 15th August. **Action: All Cllrs to attend if possible.**
- d. Homelessness in the ward – Discussed earlier in the meeting, but the Clerk advised Council that the homeless person sleeping at the green by the Best Kept Village sign had left but has abandoned his belongings. Cllr Thomas had kindly gone along and cleaned up the site which amongst other things contained soiled clothing. Cllr Thomas was thanked by the group.
- e. Clerk holiday request – The Clerk submitted a holiday request for 12-14th September. It was realised that the dates coincided with the next Mid-Month meeting, and Council agreed that it would cancel the September meeting for this reason. Council agreed that any planning applications which fell in the period and could not be held over until the end of September could be reviewed by the Clerk and Chair and responded to on Council's behalf providing they were not contentious. All other issues would be held over until the next available meeting.

6. Items for next agenda if agreed:

- a. Fort View play area – 29th August 2018 meeting.
- b. Best Kept Villages sign – 29th August 2018 meeting.
- c. Burial Board constitution – 29th August 2018 meeting.

7. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. Cllr Caston asked if the Bassaleg Park kissing gates were still to be amended. Cllrs Thomas and Fry confirmed the hinges had been modified and now were self-closing, all that remained was for the paintwork to be touched up. **Action: Cllrs Thomas and Fry to progress.**
- b. Cllr Caston asked if it was still intended to replace the small patch of AstroTurf in front of the rebound wall in Bassaleg Park with a larger and more suitably sized piece. **Action: Cllr Fry agreed to assess what was needed.**
- c. Cllr Gregory asked for volunteers to walk the villages with him to assess issues and update the report previously given to the head of Streetscene. Cllrs Appleton and Tarr agreed to accompany him. **Action: Cllr Gregory, Appleton and Tarr to progress.**
- d. The Clerk advised Council that she had discussed replacing Council's PC with the Finance and Admin Team. The PC was quite old, and the monitor, keyboard and mouse even older. She had been nursing it along for a good while but recommended that it be replaced. The F&A team had agreed that a middle of the road cost would be acceptable at around £500. She submitted suggestions for its replacement which was agreed by majority. **Action: Clerk permitted to make the purchase.**

8. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Tarr and approved.

Cllr Newport City Council - annual lease charge for Rhiwderin CC	£50.00
TSO Host - Council webmail monthly charge (taken by DD)	£5.00
Whitehead Steelers - donation towards JRFC kit	£150.00
Total to date	£205.00

Receipts

None to date.

9. Planning - Applications to be considered

- a. 18/0684 - Proposal: Single storey side extension and rear extension, front porch and enlarged rear patio area. Site: 36 Laurel Road, Bassaleg, Newport NP10 8NT. Application Type: Full **Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.**

10. Correspondence for information: Not discussed

11. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 7pm

~~Mid-Month Meeting – Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7pm~~ **Cancelled**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.17 pm. Confirmed, this 29th day of August 2018.

Signed..... (Chair) – August 2018

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