



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. To receive public representations: None.

Minutes: There were no minutes to be approved as the September Mid-Month meeting had been cancelled. **Action: None required.**

3. Reports:

a. Police - The Police were unable to attend or send a report for September as they had experienced issues with their reporting software. The Clerk had again asked for either the Sergeant or Inspector (or both) to attend a meeting in the near future. **Action: None required.**

b. City Councillors – No City Cllrs were in attendance. **Action: None required.**

4. Items for discussion:

a. Finance & Admin Cttee meeting date (2019/20 budget) – The Clerk asked Council to set a Finance & Administration Committee meeting to discuss the 2019/20 budget and prepare figures for Council to approve the Precept request at the 28th November meeting. The meeting was set for 7th November at 6.30pm. **Action: Clerk to prepare the accounts for deliberation and circulate to committee members in readiness for the meeting.**

b. Christmas event – The annual Christmas Lighting Event had been discussed by the working group and the date for the event set at Friday 7th December, to begin at 5.30pm. Council discussed erecting a large Christmas tree at the junction of Caerphilly Rd and The Griffin. It was thought that the power supply for lights on the tree could be problematic. Cllr Harris agreed to look into if it would be possible to connect a power supply. **Action: Cllr Harris to explore and advise Council of progress at the 31st October meeting.**

c. Burial Board – Following a meeting of the Chair and Clerk with NCC's Head of Law and Regulation, Cllr Gregory advised Council that the Officer suggested that Council pass a resolution that Cllr Gregory, as Chairman be authorised to act on future dealings with Rogerstone Community Council with regard to the joint burial board representation and take any steps necessary to resolve this issue. This was formally proposed by Cllr Tarr, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed unanimously. The Officer was very helpful and offered to facilitate a meeting of the Chairs and Clerks of both Councils to resolve the issues surrounding the running of the current board set-up. **Action: Cllr Gregory to write to RCC once more to progress.**

d. Footbridge over A467 update – It was confirmed that NCC would be closing the bridge during the school's half term break for approximately 1 week to carry out repairs following its bad condition being reported by the City Cllrs and the Clerk. **Action: None required.**

e. IRPW Draft Annual Report – The Clerk made Council aware of the report and the opportunity to consult on it if deemed necessary. As there were no changes that affected Council from the previous years report this was not deemed necessary. **Action: None required.**

f. Meeting with NCC Officers – Cllr Gregory told the group that a meeting had been setup with the Service Manager for Highways and Engineering and a Team Leader of NCC for the following Tuesday, and invited Cllrs to attend. The meeting was to try to resolve the many outstanding issues Council had been trying to address with NCC but to date had not made any progress. **Action: Cllr Gregory, Clerk and other Cllrs available to attend.**

5. Items for next agenda if agreed: None

6. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

a. Cllr Caston reported that an allotment inspection follow-up meeting had been held. Various topics were discussed including that Council should no longer allow bonfires to be lit on the site following a resident's complaint. This posed a problem with disposing of arisings from the allotment site that could not be

composted such as hedge clippings etc. The Allotment Association had looked into a contractor chipping and taking away any such material in loads by van. Council agreed that it would reimburse the costs of removal up to a value of £300 on a trial basis and would review again as necessary in 6 months. **Action: Cllr Caston to advise the association.**

- b. Council were made aware that the land behind the J28 restaurant had been advertised for sale. It was questioned on social media if Council would be willing to purchase this land. The group agreed that this should not be considered at this time. **Action: None required.**
- c. Cllr Whitfield told the group that she had received an email stating that the funding application for upgrading Rhiwderin CC was unsuccessful. She added that the letter was unclear as to why the application was refused and would ask for clarity. **Action: Cllr Whitfield to progress.**
- d. Following a meeting between Cllrs and NCC's S106 Officer, it was noted that his suggestion was that there was still an opportunity for Council to influence how the funding was spent in the ward. The City Cllrs had been asked to liaise with the relevant officers in charge of each allocations pot and lobby for funding to be directed to issues highlighted by Council. Council felt that the City Cllrs efforts were not sufficient, that it expected action to be taken on behalf of residents and the Community Council, and that they should provide a full and detailed report on the allocations at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Gregory to speak with/write to the City Cllrs requesting this.**

7. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Haigh and approved.

Gareth Rees Electrical – lamp replacements in Graig Hall car park	£732.00
St Michaels Church Machen – donation to restoration of the Morgan Chapel	£250.00
Royal British Legion – amended payment for wreath & 70 lamp post poppies (replacement for previous 2 cheques totalling £400 being returned - less lamp post poppies received)	£310.00
Total	£1292.00

Receipts

SSE – FIT payment for Graig Hall solar panels	£359.73
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9. Planning - Applications to be considered:

- a. 18/0951 - Proposal: Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new parking area to front and new raised decking and steps to rear. Site: 8 Berkley Close, Bassaleg, Newport NP10 8PR. Application Type: Full **Comment: Council feels this is overdevelopment of the site and suggest that in addition to neighbours either side being consulted, the topography of the land is such that neighbours to the rear in Laurel Road should also be consulted as they would be overlooked by the development.**

10. Correspondence for information: Not discussed

11. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 7pm
Mid-Month Meeting - Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10 pm. Confirmed, this 14th day of November 2018.

Signed..... (Chair) – November 2018

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