



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs R Caston, D Evans, M Smart, K Harries, P Gregory, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, P Appleton, K Thomas, N Tarr, S Grey. Also, present, Mr G Taylor (to observe). Chaired by P Gregory.

2. To receive public representations: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2019, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harries. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. Regarding Item 2b it was noted that Cllr Williams had spoken with NCC regarding the issues discussed at Lower Machen in February. NCC had confirmed that they would be unable to carry out any work on speed reduction or make any improvements due to lack of funding. Regarding Item 7a, Cllr Williams had made no progress. **Action: Abovementioned items to be monitored, Cllr Williams to progress Council being involved with new Police community meetings.**

4. Reports:

a. Police – No officers present. The report for February was read out to Council. The report contained the following information: During February there had been 78 calls to the Police, 26 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order - 1, Violence Without Injury - 7, Miscellaneous Crime - 2, Shoplifting - 0, All Theft Other - 2, Criminal Damage & Arson - 4, Burglary Dwelling - 2, Drug Offences - 0, Theft from Person - 0, Other Sexual Offences - 0, Violence with Injury - 2, Vehicle Crime - 3, Burglary Non-Dwelling – 3, Other Notifiable Offences – 0, Violence Against a Person – 0, Possession of Weapons - 0.

The ward priority for Graig is currently Anti-Social Behaviour in the Morrisons and McDonalds area.

Actions and activities by the local teams included the following: Police were continuing to monitor anti-social behaviour levels around Morrisons and McDonalds. 3 calls had been received in relation to anti-social behaviour in the area, one of which involved a group of youths throwing magazines on the floor and being abusive to staff. CCTV footage had been obtained and the identities of the youths were being investigated.

The team are working extremely hard to identify and engage with vulnerable adults living in the ward. They receive regular visits from the team to check their welfare, wellbeing and to discuss any issues they may have.

On 1st March a crime prevention panel meeting was held with the residents of Bassaleg interested in participating in the scheme. There was a favourable turnout and the Police are hopeful that such a scheme will take off. A Crime Prevention Panel comprised of local willing volunteers from a variety of backgrounds who have an interest in creating communities who care and are passionate about creating a better place to live, work and play. The Panel brings together local residents who foster a community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems, promoting crime prevention and crime reduction. In consultation with the local Police, members target local crime problems and are the 'eyes and ears' of the community looking out for anything suspicious, submitting intelligence or helping their neighbours as necessary. The Panel will meet regularly to discuss crime reduction initiatives and are able to raise issues with the Police. They will discuss and agree a way forward to deal with specific issues. Panel members attend public events throughout the year to offer free advice on home and property security, as well as personal safety.

A ward surgery was set for Tuesday 26th March at McDonalds in Afon Village, and PCSO Mandy Dean had been welcomed back to the Rogerstone Neighbourhood Team.

b. City Councillors – None present.

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Concurrent expenditure update if available – The withdrawal of funding was discussed briefly, Council agreed that any further funding to challenge the decision would not be considered at this time. **Action: Clerk to monitor and keep Council updated.**
- b. Burial Board update – The current issues surrounding the Board were discussed. Cllr Gregory told Council of his meetings with various people seeking support and advice. **Action: Cllr Gregory to write to the Burial Board Clerk.**
- c. Grassed area at junction of Caerphilly Rd and The Griffin – Cllr Fry suggested to Council that in order to upgrade the area some decisions needed to be made. It was agreed by majority that the BKV sign should be retained in its current form, but that it would need to be assessed for restoration if needed. Cllr Fry had requested a local contractor quote for his design for a memorial/reflection garden, and would submit it at a later date. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost/permission for a permanent electricity supply in the area to service any future needs such as Christmas tree lights. Cllrs were asked to bring any ideas to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk to look at the costs for an electricity supply, Cllr Fry to obtain the quote for the garden, Council to consider if the sign needed refurbishment and bring along any suggestions to the April Mid-Month meeting.**
- d. Meeting times change – Cllr Evans suggested that as meetings are long, that Council consider starting earlier in the evening. After a debate it was agreed that for a 2 month trial, meetings would start at the same time but would be limited to finishing by 9.30 pm. Any items not discussed would roll over to the next meeting. The agenda would be modified to place all necessary business at the top of the agenda, so if time did not allow, any items not discussed, as long as not detrimental to Council business could be rolled over to the following meeting. Proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Appleton and agreed by majority. **Action: Clerk to begin the new arrangements for the March Full Council meeting.**
- e. Boundary Commission Wales review – Council discussed the review and had studied paperwork supplied to them previously. Options were discussed, but it was agreed that Council would not make any new recommendations to the review panel. **Action: None required.**
- f. Planning Aid Wales training review – The members who attended the training gave a brief outline to Council, it was thought that Council should develop its own Place Plan and ask NCC to be involved in the new National Development Plan review being rolled out later in the year. **Action: Clerk had asked for this to be added to the forthcoming City Council Liaison meeting agenda to discuss.**

6. Items for next agenda if agreed:

Risk assessment results – 27th March 2019 meeting

7. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

None

8. Accounts for payment

The following payments were proposed as acceptable by Cllr Tarr, seconded Cllr Haigh and agreed.

Rogerstone & Bassaleg Joint Burial Board – annual precept request	£608.00
Newport Electrical Services – Graig Hall foyer update	£700.00
Newport Electrical Services – Installation and removal of Christmas tree lighting	£150.00
One Voice Wales – IT, website & social media training session Cllr P Appleton	£40.00
K Jones Heating Services Ltd – replacement air vents & system testing at Graig Hall	£174.00
K Jones Heating Services Ltd – Install 5 carbon monoxide alarms at Rhiwderin CC	£268.80
K Jones Heating Services Ltd – Gas pipe works and boiler testing at Rhiwderin CC	£667.20
Bishton Community Council – Graig CC's agreed contribution to legal costs re NCC's Concurrent contribution withdrawal	£200.00
	Total £2808.00

Receipts

None to date

9. Planning - Applications to be considered

- a. 19/0195 – Proposal: Proposed decking in rear garden. Site: 55 Ffos-y-fran, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8LU. Application Type: Full **Comment: Council were concerned with the comments from WWA regarding easements and felt that due to the topography of the land, the proposed decking would adversely impact the neighbour's privacy. It would be overlooking and overbearing.**

10. Correspondence for information: Not discussed

11. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 7pm

Mid-Month Meeting - Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm. Confirmed, this 10th day of April 2019.

Signed..... (Chair) – April 2019

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