



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Mid-Month Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg at 7pm on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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### 1. To receive apologies for absence D Williams.

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

### 2. To receive public representations: A local resident asked to be heard by Council. He reported a number of issues he had observed in the ward. Cllr Cornelious asked him to email details over to her and she would attend to them as they were City Council responsibilities. **Action: Cllr Cornelious to progress.**

### 3. To receive declarations of interest: None declared.

### 4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Tarr. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. Regarding Item 11a, The poor road surface on Foxwood Close, Cllr Whitfield reported this to the NCC Contact Centre and following no action chased for progress. She was told nothing had been done with the information and another reference number was given to her for the reporting process to start again. Regarding Item 11c, Cllr Tarr reported that the new minister joining the Rectorial Benefice of Bassaleg was now in place and a welcome service had been held. The Clerk was asked to add brief descriptions to each item reported on in this section of the minutes to make for easier understanding. **Action: Clerk add brief descriptions as requested, Cllr Whitfield to monitor the Foxwood Close issue.**

### 5. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Tarr and approved.

Complete Business Solutions – Stationery	£99.00
CPRW – Annual subscription	£20.00
Whitehead Steelers – Donation towards JRFC	£150.00
Newport City Homes – grass cutting at Fort View play area May 19	£212.04
	<b>Total £481.04</b>

#### Receipts

None to date

### 6. Planning - Applications to be considered:

- a. 19/0570 – Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension. Site: 15 Caernarvon Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport, NP10 8QT. Application Type: Full. **Comment: Concerns regarding the number of parking spaces that are available as the proposal takes the dwelling from a 3 bed to a 4/5 bed. There is also concern that from the plans submitted it appears that a possible 5<sup>th</sup> bedroom's only access is via bedroom 4 and the Jack and Jill bathroom being created.**
- b. 19/0538 – Proposal: Retrospective planning permission for erection of three tiered decking in rear garden. Site: 41 Tredegar Street, Rhiwderin, Newport NP10 8RJ. Application Type: Full. **Comment: No objections provided neighbours agree.**
- c. 19/0575 – Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension, conversion of workshop to study and external works. Site: 18 Garth Close, Bassaleg, Newport NP10 8NX. Application Type: Full. **Comment: Concerns regarding parking issues as this is already a problem in the area, but no objections provided neighbours agree.**

### 7. Items for discussion:

- a. Grassed area at junction of Caerphilly Rd and The Griffin – Cllr Fry asked if any Cllrs had any ideas on what to do with the space. Some felt that the community should decide and suggested that it be posted on the Graig News Facebook site to request suggestions. This was agreed. Also discussed at this point was grass cutting issues for which NCC are responsible. Cllr Appleton had made enquiries of NCC and was told that Council were not allowed to engage their own contractors to make interim cuts to the grass in areas being cut by NCC, but that NCC were willing to make extra cuts of the grass at Bassaleg open space and various other areas at a cost of £300 per cut. **Action: Cllr Smart to place a post on the Facebook page to request suggestions.**
- b. Sundial repairs – Cllr Smart reported that 2 residents of Caerphilly Road very kindly offered to assist Council in any way they could. Cllr Smart told them of the recent issues with the sundial outside Graig Hall

and the couple offered to take over the maintenance of it and immediate surrounding area. Within days the couple had made repairs to the cobbles, cleaned the metal signage and cut the surrounding hedge. The area is very much improved. Council were thrilled and very grateful for the assistance. The Clerk was asked to record a vote of thanks to the couple, as their hard work was very much appreciated.

- c. Bassaleg & Rhiwderin Directory update – The Clerk submitted an email from the producers of the Directory which stated changes to how some of the content could now be viewed online rather than in print but also to advise that it was offering special rates for placing adverts on its pages for each edition throughout the year which may be of interest. This was discussed, and Cllr Gregory proposed Council take up the offer of a ¼ page advert for a year and also that an article should be compiled to place in the next edition of the Directory to inform residents of the Council's work. This was seconded by Cllr Caston and agreed unanimously. **Action: Clerk to check on costs and when the submission deadline would be for the next edition. Also, to send to Cllrs the 2016 copy of when Council last placed an article in the Directory.**

## 8. Reports:

- a. Police – No officers present but reports for April and May received. The reports for April and May were read out to Council. The reports contained the following information: There had been 57 calls to the Police in April and 93 in May, 19 and 28 respectively of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: Public Order – Apr 2 & May 3, Violence Without Injury – Apr 1 & May 6, Miscellaneous Crime – Apr 0 & May 0, Shoplifting – Apr 2 & May 2, All Theft Other – Apr 4 & May 2, Criminal Damage & Arson – Apr 4 & May 4, Burglary Dwelling – Apr 1 & May 1, Drug Offences – Apr 2 & May 0, Theft from Person – Apr 0 & May 0, Other Sexual Offences – Apr 1 & May 3, Violence with Injury – Apr 2 & May 3, Vehicle Crime – Apr 1 & May 1, Possession of Weapons – Apr 0 & May 0, Burglary Non-Dwelling – Apr 0 & May 0, Bicycle Theft – Apr 0 & May 3, Other Notifiable Offences – Apr 0 & May 0, Violence Against a Person – Apr 0 & May 0.

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

Actions and activities by the local teams included the following: In April, Police were continuing to monitor anti-social behaviour levels around Morrisons and McDonalds. 2 calls had been received in relation to anti-social behaviour in the area. CCTV footage had been viewed and the Police are looking to obtain identifications in the following weeks. In May multiple calls were made regarding the same issue and following CCTV viewing a group was identified and spoken to. Officers patrol the store when they can.

In May, multiple calls were received with concerns about parking during Whitehead's football tournament where officers attended and dealt with offending vehicles. Patrols had increased in the Afon Village area due to concerns about a suspicious male knocking on doors and making enquiries. No offences had been committed local officers spoke with residents and reminded them to be vigilant and offering safety advice. Additionally, officers received a call regarding a vehicle causing an obstruction in the Rhiwderin area and the owner had been spoken to.

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.

Council discussed the reports but were disappointed with the figures and lack of useful information. Cllr Appleton asked for the Sergeant's contact details. **Action: Clerk to supply contact details to Cllr Appleton.**

- b. City Councillors – Cllr Cornelious reported that things were generally quiet at the present time. **Action: None necessary.**

## 9. Items for next agenda if agreed:

- a. Grassed area at junction of Caerphilly Rd and The Griffin – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting.

## 10. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. An email from one of the Best Kept Village members asking for assistance with storing full litter pick bags before they were picked up. Council were reminded that the offer of placing the bags in St Basil's Church skip had been made. **Action: Cllr Gregory to respond to the BKV member.**

## 11. Correspondence for information: Not discussed

## 12. Dates of next meetings:

Cllr Gregory advised he would be unable to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> July meeting, and the meeting would need to be chaired by another Cllr.

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm  
Mid-Month Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.37 pm. Confirmed, this 10th day of July 2019.

Signed..... (Chair) – July 2019

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