



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Community Council at Graig Community Centre and remotely via Zoom at 18.30hrs on Tuesday 11th November 2025

Members Present:	Cllr Watts, Cllr Cleeve, Cllr Tarr, Cllr Williams, Cllr Sayer & Cllr Roe
Members of the Public:	0
Absent:	Cllr Whittaker, Cllr Appleton, Cllr Harris
Minutes:	Mrs. N Goodfellow (Community Council Clerk / RFO)

Meeting Started: 18.30 hrs.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members of the Council.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Morris and Cllr Fry

3. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare an interest in item 4 on the agenda. None

4. Bassaleg Bridge Planning Application

To seek approval for a special resolution to amend comments submitted to Newport City Council regarding the Bassaleg Bridge Planning application.

Cllr Tarr shared details of the document already circulated to Council, containing the original comments in support of the Bassaleg Bridge planning application. It was confirmed that the initial comments approved and submitted were missing information requested for inclusion by Cllr Cleeve. Cllr Tarr summarised the original comments submitted to Newport City Council, along with feedback from Residents, the Heritage Officer, Welsh Water and the Highways Agency. Cllr Cleeve highlighted the importance of ensuring both lanes on the Bridge were marked with double yellow lines.

The proposed revised comments to be submitted by Graig Community Council were shared and read as follows:

Graig Community Council strongly supports this application on the grounds that it will resolve several longstanding issues affecting the residents of Forge Mews, including – but not limited to:

- Lack of vehicular access for residents and their visitors
- Access issues for the emergency services
- Delivery issues
- Waste management issues
- Knock-on impacts on the residents of Forge Mews's wellbeing and property value

The community council would greatly appreciate opportunities to collaborate with the city council to identify cost saving efficiencies and enable the work to progress as quickly as possible.



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Additionally:

- Graig Community Council supports the residents request in having double yellow lines included on the bridge on both lanes as a standard enforceable measure to prevent the reoccurrence of historic parking issues on the old bridge
- Given the ongoing issues affecting the residents of Forge Mews highlighted above, the community council believes the harm to views of heritage assets are minimal, given the availability of multiple alternative viewpoints in the vicinity, mitigating any adverse impacts, therefore the community council argues that the benefit outweighs the harms
- The community council believes that the concerns raised by Welsh Water are addressable and are technical and routine in nature, and can be resolved through established mechanisms, including method statement and Section 185 diversion agreements. The community council calls on Newport City Council and Welsh Water to work together on these issues
- The community council argues that the concerns raised by the Highways department can be addressed by practical mitigation measures and that the concerns raised about HGVs are not proportionate for the locality, where traffic flows are low and the only HGVs present are small delivery vehicles

Cllr Williams provided Community Councillors with further details on the planning application / approval process. Cllr Tarr confirmed that he would liaise with Grant Hawkins (Principal Planning Officer) regarding submitting the amended comments.

Vote to accept the revised submission. Proposed: Cllr Tarr. Seconded Cllr Watts. Voted unanimously in favour

Meeting closed: 18:49 hrs.