



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held at
Graig Community Hall (and remotely via Zoom)
at 19.00 on Wednesday 31st July 2024

Members present: Cllr J Watts, Cllr N Tarr, Cllr J Harris, Cllr M Cleeve, Cllr P Appleton.

Members of the Public: 2

Minutes: Mrs C L Cotterell (Locum Clerk/RFO)

Meeting started at 19.08

1. Chairman's Welcome and Public Participation

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllrs Fry, Williams, Roe and Sayer.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare an interest in any items of business on the agenda – **None**.

Item 12 Speed Control/Speed Watch (Item brought forward)

To consider options for speed control in villages and community speedwatch.

A resident spoke about parking on pavements on Laurel Road, and that the LED speed signs have disappeared. Cllr Cleeve to meet the resident to view issues. It was agreed to contact police for advice and to review options for community speedwatch. Cllr Cleeve proposed Cllr Tarr to lead a community Speedwatch team, seconded by Cllr Watts.

Also discussed safer routes to school – Cllr Harris to investigate NCC policy for safer routes to school.

Another resident raised speed issues on Laurel Road and asked about traffic calming, also asked about parking on grass areas at top of Laurel Road. It was agreed to gather data to provide to police and investigate the ownership of grass areas.

4. Minutes

To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 – **Resolved** - Proposed Cllr Tarr, seconded Cllr Watts.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes, Updates and Clerk's Update

- a) To consider any updates or matters arising from the minutes – **None**.
- b) To receive Clerk's update, **received and noted**.

6. One Voice Wales Regional Meetings

To consider appointing 2 Cllr attendees for One Voice Wales Regional Meetings. Cllr Cleeve attended recent quarterly meeting, two Cllrs may attend – Cllrs Cleeve and Watts were proposed as representatives by Cllr Tarr, seconded Cllr Appleton.

7. Community Centres

- a) Graig Community Centre Dilapidation Schedule – to agree members of a working group and receive an update – It was **agreed** working group members to be Cllrs Fry, Cleeve and Watts – first meeting to be confirmed.
- b) To review and approve draft Terms of Hire - **Resolved** - Proposed Cllr Cleeve, seconded Cllr Tarr. Cllr Harris to investigate a trade waste agreement.

8. Signage

- a) To review and approve/sign Landlords consent letter – **Resolved** – Proposed Cllr Tarr, seconded Cllr Watts.



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- b) To review and approve quotations for new signage – **Resolved** to have the curved signs in blue at a cost of £725.00 from Griffiths Signs – Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Watts, voted 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstained.

Resolved to accept the quotation from Rob Williams for the installation of signs and repair to the gate at £520.00 – Proposed Cllr Cleeve, seconded Cllr Tarr.

9. Finance

- a) To receive financial documents to 30 June 2024 – Receipts & Payments Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Budget vs Actual Q1 report to 30 June 2024 were **received and noted**.
- b) To consider spare defibrillator pads (£168.00) and donation (£20.00) – **Resolved** – Proposed Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Harris.
- c) To approve the following schedule of payments – **Resolved** – Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Cleeve, 4 voted for, 1 abstained.

<u>Payee</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Newport City Homes	Fort View grass cutting – 3096 – June 24	£212.04
Vision ICT	Website updates/MOT	£390.00
Cllr Cleeve	Reimbursement for key cutting for noticeboards	£13.50
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Locum services June 24 (773)	£2,448.00
Cllr Tarr	Reimbursement for zoom payments (2x months)	£31.18
One Voice Wales	Cllr training (8164)	£40.00

Bank balance as at 30 June 2024 - £72,564.06

10. Newport City Councillors

To receive reports from City Councillors:

Cllr Harris reported:

The Newport City Council meeting took place on Tuesday 16th July. On the agenda was:

- Police issues, shop lifting has increased by 14%
- Dispersal orders have been issues to counter anti-social behaviour
- Some XL Bully dogs have been seized
- Treasury management yearend report was discussed
- Corporate Safeguarding Annual report was presented
- The Director of Social Services report was given, and she is soon to retire so this was her last report.
- The Safer Newport Plan was discussed
- The leader reported the Microsoft planning application had been approved and promoted events happening in Newport, the summer play scheme, Newport Ship open day, Newport Rodio event and the Big Splash encouraging councillors to attend these events.
- A speed camera was positioned covering Caerphilly Road on the 11th July measuring the 20MPH speed of vehicles 759 vehicles passed the speed test 23 vehicles were stopped and educated which is a 97@ compliance with the 20MPH speed.

Questions were asked about bus shelters and the NCC maintenance schedule for Graig ward.



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11. Bassaleg Bridge

To receive an update on Bassaleg Bridge - **deferred** to next meeting.

12. Speed Control/Speedwatch

Item moved forward – see above.

13. Committees Structure

To consider Cllr Tarr's proposal to make amendments to existing committees and introduce new committees – Cllr Tarr gave an overview but Cllrs agreed to **defer** to next meeting.

Resolved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes – Proposed Cllr Tarr, seconded Cllr Watts

14. Website

To receive an update on the website. Cllr Cleeve gave an update on the improvements to the website including police reports and the MOT completed by Vision ICT.

15. Planning

- a) To consider a procedure or delegation for reviewing/responding to planning applications – agreed to defer to next meeting,
- b) To consider responses to planning applications received:
 - i) 24/0469 | LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED ERECTION OF AN OUTBUILDING AND FENCING | 14 Grosvenor Road Bassaleg Newport NP10 8PY - **No Objection.**
 - ii) 24/0498 | SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION | 3 Highfield Gardens Bassaleg Newport NP10 8LR - **Graig Community Council is unable to draw any conclusions based on the documents provided in the application, however it does note the concerns raised by a neighbour, including:**
 - **The size of the extension**
 - **The closeness of the extension to the boundary of a neighbouring property**
 - **The right to natural lighting**
 - **Access issues to the sewage system as a result of a previous development on the site**
 - **Privacy of neighbours**
 - **Possible issues with flooding in the future**
 - **Parking issues in the vicinity of the area**

The council requests the planning department considers these and other potential concerns before any planning permission is granted.
 - iii) 24/0509 | DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW AND ERECTION OF TWO STOREY DWELLING WITH A HIPPED ROOF AND DOUBLE GARAGE OUTBUILDING | 11 Pentre Tai Road Rhiwderin Newport NP10 8RL - **Graig Community Council objects to this application on the following grounds:**
 - **The council believes this application is an overdevelopment of the existing site.**
 - **The proposal is out of keeping with the local area.**
 - **There are issues with parking in the area, and the council is concerned that the parking issues will be made worse by this application.**



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- iv) 24/0516 | ERECTION OF REAR EXTENSION | 35 Tredegar Street Rhiwderin Newport NP10 8RJ - Graig Community Council questions the suitability of this application. The council is unsure if the application is compliant with relevant planning guidelines. The council is also unsure if the proposal will not exacerbate flooding issues that have occurred recently around Pentre Tai Road, Harlech Drive and Tredegar Street, which have occurred in recent years, including earlier this year.

16. Next Meetings

Wednesday 28th August 2024 at 19.00 – Full Council Meeting - Graig Community Centre and via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 21.15

These minutes were approved at the meeting held on 28th August 2024