

ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA A ZOOM MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021

Members present: -

Chairperson: Councillor S. Mlewa

Councillors: S. Bowen, Y. Forsey, S. Jones, C. Larcombe, M. Bentley, C. Evans, B. Davies, N. Ireland, N. Upham.

Apologies were received from: -

Councillors: T. Jaynes, K. Hopkins.

It was agreed to take the following items prior to other agenda items -

- 9.4 Newport City Homes (Pravin De Silva attending)
- 9.1 Tregwilm Road traffic issue (Kevin Ball attending)
- 9.2 Head Teachers (attending)
- 9.3 Remembrance Sunday (Russell Newton attending)

9.4 Newport City Homes

The Chairperson welcomed Pravin De Silva from Newport City Homes to the meeting and invited him to update members on the proposals for Oak Road & St Johns Court.

The following was discussed: -

- Options and proposals considered.
- Decisions made so far.
- Designs for low maintenance sustainable long-term homes and the key milestones.
- St Johns Church Hall – possible use for accommodation.
- Over 55's accommodation.
- Community and resident engagement.
- Planning procedures.

The Chairperson thanked Pravin for attending and it was agreed that members would email Pravin with any queries/questions they may have.

9.1 Tregwilm Road Traffic Issue

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. Ball to the meeting, who is attending to discuss traffic issues near the Co-op development area on Tregwilym Road, which he corresponded with the Community Council prior to the meeting.

The following was discussed: -

- The traffic impact survey that was conducted for the development.
- The increased numbers using the area.
- Road safety issues for pedestrians.
- Safe routes for children.
- Parking issues and lack of controls in the area.

- The exit road of the A467, the blind spot and the main 'island'.
- Inadequate signage.
- Vehicles speeding.
- Welsh Government initiative lowering speed to 20 mph in residential areas
- Delivery van issues.
- Lack of vehicle calming measures.
- Damaged vehicles and near misses etc.
- Highways and police involvement.

Members thanked Mr Ball for attending and agreed to support making the area safer via Newport City Council.

9.2 Head Teachers

The Chairperson welcomed Steve Rayner (Rogerstone Primary School), Sarah Griffiths (Jubilee Park Primary School), Nicky Pegington (High Cross Primary School).

The following was discussed: -

- The Community Council working with local schools, for events and projects, possibly with the schools agenda, rather than being led by the Community Council.
- Previous events/projects, such as, the telephone boxes, Chartist Memorial, President Obama visit, Queens Celebrations, Well Being for the over 70's, the Glade at the Welfare Grounds, Eco Committees with older children, Remembrance Sunday, Carol Service, charity toy collection etc.
- The busy school year and the notice required to include projects/events into the curriculum.
- Events and projects that have had to be cancelled or postponed due to the health pandemic.
- Having a diary on the website highlighting projects/events a year in advance so that schools can take part if able.
- The new outdoor equipment at the Welfare Grounds – table tennis and chess/draughts tables.
- Schools competitions, possibly utilising the new equipment.
- Royal celebrations next year and a competition based around the history of the Queen.
- Issues with schools not being able to mix yet due to the health pandemic.
- Schools notifying the Community Council of any projects/events that they could become involved with.
- Schools using the grounds for various activities
- Car parking and traffic issues – Rogerstone Primary School have submitted drawing for new car parking arrangements at the school. Councillor Forsey agreed to chase up the drawings submitted to Newport City Council by the school.

The Chairperson thanked all for attending and looked forward to working with all the local schools.

9.3 Remembrance Sunday

The Chairperson welcomed Russell Newton to the meeting to discuss arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, 14th November 2021.

The following was discussed: -

- The Scout Band are unable to attend the parade.
- Not holding the parade this year, just having an open-air service similar to last year.

- Not having a parade will free up the police to attend other areas, and the road will not need to be closed.
- Issues finding a bugler for the day.
- Restricted numbers in buildings and Coronavirus restrictions.
- Wreath laying at the library – this will be undertaken by Russell Newton on behalf of the Royal British Legion, and the Chairperson on behalf of the Community Council. Due to restrictions, it will not be possible for the usual numbers to attend.
- The scout groups taking part in the Newport arrangements at the cenotaph.
- Wreaths – Russell will deliver these to Tydu Hall this week.

It was agreed that: -

- The Clerk will contact the police to advise that they are not needed to attend and also Newport City Council confirming that the road closure is no longer needed.
- Russell and the Chairperson will meet at the library at 10.30am.
- Everyone else will meet at St Johns Church at 10.40am.

The Chairperson thanked Russell for all his help and looked forward to seeing him on the 14th of November.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

2. MINUTES

As the last meeting was held via Zoom, the following minutes were approved prior to publication on the website to comply with legislation: -
6th October 2021

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Lyndon Way Drainage Works

Members were pleased to hear that the drainage at Lyndon Way coped with the recent heavy rain. The Clerk confirmed that staff will continue to regularly inspect and clean up areas as necessary. The Clerk advised that weed killer has been sprayed, which will take around 2 weeks to work, then strimming can commence.

3.2 Chapelwood Surgery

Members discussed issues with GP surgeries in other areas, highlighted in the press recently.

3.3 CCTV

The Clerk advised of issues with the power supply for the planned CCTV at Jubilee Park, and will update members at the next meeting if there are any additional costs involved.

4. CLERKS REPORT

Members acknowledged the Clerks Report.

5. POLICE MATTERS

The October police report was forwarded to members prior to the meeting and is on the Councils website.

Members discussed local drug issues, which have been reported to the police.

6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

RWCC

Members were in receipt of the re-drafted lease for the cricket club, which was discussed briefly.

7. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved:

Burial Board	
Precept	£990.00
T. Carter	
Jacques of London – 3 draught sets	£ 16.68
Chess & Bridge – 3 chess sets	£ 27.96
S. Davies	
Screwfix – insulation Ty Du House	£145.95
Fuel Genie	
Fuel for van & machinery	£260.17
Newport City Council	
Bin (half JP)	£340.56
Ted Hopkins	
Piccomicro GTA26	£11.08
TalkTalk	
Broadband and phone	£ 59.94
CW Testing	
PAT testing	£ 76.87
CQ Cleaning	
Tydu Hall & public toilets cleaning	£747.00
Vision ICT	
Annual website hosting	£210.0

Aitkens	
Sports grass fertiliser	£536.40
L. Davies	
Ty Du House –	
Rewire loft area, lay insulation, change fuse board in garage	£750.00
Zoom	
Monthly fee	£ 14.39
Amazon	
Ink (Clerk)	£ 18.63
Martyns Gardening Services	
Mowing & strimming Jubilee Park JP	£3500.00

8. PLANNING

Planning Committee members were in receipt of all planning applications.

Members discussed at length the recent approval for the additional houses at Jubilee Park and some members expressed disappointment that the Community Councils and residents concerns were not apparently taken into account when determining the application.

The Clerk was asked to make representations Newport City Council Development Control regarding previous correspondence raising concerns with the proposal.

9. OTHER MATTERS

9.1 Tregwilm Road Traffic Issue

Discussed earlier.

9.2 Head Teachers

Discussed earlier.

9.3 Remembrance Sunday

Discussed earlier.

9.4 Newport City Homes

Discussed earlier.

9.5 Co-option West Ward

Members were in receipt of an application for co-option to the Community Council and agreed to

interview the candidate via Zoom. Councillors S. Mlewa, S. Bowen, N. Ireland & V. Dudley will the interview panel (date to be agreed).

9.6 Accounts tender

Press & public excluded.

9.7 Tydu Roof Glazing & Fascia's Tender

Press & public excluded.

10. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT

Defibrillators

The Chairperson advised that the working group are discussing plans for where defibrillators are most needed in Rogerstone and will keep members updated. Grants and free defibrillators were briefly discussed as well as local groups who have benefited from this.

Land at Cefn Road (former horse grazing field)/ High Cross Open Space

Members discussed funding that may be available for areas managed by the Community Council. A meeting/walk about has been arranged with the Bio Diversity Officer.

Members discussed the development at the former Old Oak Stave, which is being resubmitted.

Environment & Leisure Committee Meeting

It was agreed to arrange an Environment and Leisure Committee meeting to discuss ways to reduce the carbon footprint in Rogerstone.

Cleaning Tender

It was agreed to advertise the cleaning tender for Tydu Community Hall & the public toilets, closing date 12th December, start date 1st February 2022.

Takeaway Café Tender

It was agreed that the Takeaway Café tender be advertised, closing date 31st January 2022, start date April 2022.

Carol Concert

It is uncertain if the Carol Service will go ahead this year due to restrictions. The Clerk will contact Revered Anne Golledge and advise members accordingly.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1st December 2021 (Zoom)

Leisure & Environment Committee & Co-option interview dates to be arranged.