

## Coedkernew Community Council

### Minutes: 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

#### **Present:**

Chair Cllr T Boswell    Vice-Chair Cllr D Johnston    Cllr H Boswell

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt    Cllr G Thomas

NCC Cllr R Howells

CSO C Doidge            CSO M Watts            CSO R Caddy

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr P Turner

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

None

#### **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 accepted as a true record.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Cllr Thomas suggested gathering residents' opinions on improvements to the area via a flyer dropped to all residents. This can also be done via the website.

**Action:** Clerk to add a request/form to gather suggestions from residents.

Possible project for CCC: cameras on the road "to no where".

NCC Cllr Howells suggested using the "Duffryn, Celtic Horizon & the Boulevards Residents Group" Facebook page for engaging Coedkernew residents about project suggestions for example around the ponds at the Vantage site. Vice Chair Cllr D Johnston volunteered to run a Facebook page on behalf of CCC.

NCC Cllr Watkins is in contact with NCC with regards to the planning application 23/0878 lighting issues and the replanting of the bund, as all vegetation and trees have been removed. Cllr Howells to follow up.

NCC Cllr Screen is now on the planning committee at Newport City Council please contact him on all planning matters (copy in other NCC Cllrs for continuity).

The recent surgery at Duffryn cleaning of signs and faded road markings in the area were raised, NCC Cllrs to follow up.

#### **5. Police Matters**

Car meets: 150 cars were recently moved on, RPSO (Roads Policing & Specialist Operations Unit) were involved. Asda Duffryn now has private ANPR cameras installed with fines for using the car park out of opening hours, this has forced the car meets onto other areas.

Planning and Gwent Police are collaborating on issues with untaxed/uninsured cars stored along the A48 causing issues for buses, drivers, and pedestrians.

Tredegar House: Ongoing issues with vandalism, the Police are supporting the National Trust.

101 – faster response time on Facebook and twitter which can be accessed through <https://www.gwent.police.uk>

## **6. Newport City Councillors Report**

NCC Cllr R Howells gave the report on behalf of all NCC Councillors.

The planned Microsoft demolition is underway and being monitored, NCC Cllr Howells reminded Microsoft of their commitment to renewables via solar pv and recycling the steelwork. NPC Cllr Howells had completed some research into futureproofing the development with the energy trust at Cardiff such as reusing the heat arising from the data centre to heat houses in the area.

Car meets: More discussions have taken place with regards to action that NCC can take for a long-term solution to the ongoing nuisance.

NCC Cllr Howells to follow up on the footbridge maintenance – the pathway has been cleared, however there appears to be some deterioration to the structure.

Tredegar House: NCC Cllr Howells will be meeting the National Trust Area Manager to discuss a playpark in the grounds and ongoing issues with vandalism on the site.

The Boulevards Play equipment: These are privately owned and therefore not the responsibility of NCC. NCC is however undertaking a program of repairs to all existing playgrounds under their care, such as Celtic Horizons play areas – work is imminent.

Pound Hill fly tipping: The matter has now been confirmed as a NCC responsibility, legal paperwork must be updated to reflect this and then NCC can act.

## **7. Finance Matters**

An appeal has gone into HMRC for the demand for income tax when we had no Clerk. No payments have been made other than website.

## **8. Planning**

None.

## **9. Correspondence**

D Day 80: Deferred to next meeting

Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal 2024: declined.

## **10. Any Other Business**

None.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Parc Golf Club.