

Coedkernew Community Council: 10th October 2023

Minutes:

Present

Cllr T Boswell Chair

Cllr D Johnston Vice Chair

Cllr H Boswell

Cllr G Thomas

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt

Cllr T Watkins

NC Cllr A Screen

CSO R Caddy

CSO M Watts

8 Members of the public

3 Microsoft Representatives

1. Apologies

Cllr P Turner.

2. Declaration of Interest

None given.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting adopted.

4. Matters Arising

- Microsoft Datacentre Exhibition: Microsoft gave us an overview of their datacentre project in Coedkernew. Residents of Church Crescent had concerns about noise levels during the demolition phase & normal running (noisy fans). Normal working hours for demolition will be 0800 to 1800 hrs Monday to Friday, 0800 to 1300hrs on Saturday. A noise survey is underway to get a baseline of current levels, permitted noise levels will then be agreed with Newport Council and appropriate designs will be formulated based these agreed limits. Concerns were also raised about the condition of the road leading to the West Gate as it is already in poor condition; MS no plans to use this road at this point in time.

5. Police Matters

- A lively discussion took place between members of the public, Councillors and the Police with regards to the ongoing issue of boy racers on Celtic Way, causing a noise/litter nuisance, access issues and public disorder. There are issues with funding to tackle this from a Policing and Newport City Council's perspective. NC Cllr Screen, who invited residents this evening, agreed to arrange a suitable meeting for the Police, Highways and Noise Monitoring at Newport City Council, the Crime Commissioner and residents, to attend and agree to a plan of action.

- Vandalism has taken place at Tredegar House causing £30,000 worth of damage, investigation ongoing.
- Electric bikes and scooters remain a high priority to the Police in the area, information on those involved can be reported by residents to resolve this quite quickly.

6. Finance Matters

None

7. Planning

- MS Datacentre: Already discussed above.
- Castleton Crematorium & Memorial Grounds: Some concerns were discussed about access through Coal Pit Lane, Cefn Mabley, parking.
- Tredegar House Sign: no objections.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Any Other Business

- Footbridge: It is need of some maintenance, the pathways to and from are also not accessible to pushchairs/wheelchairs.
- Hedge in Church Lane: it needs cutting on the Berry Hill Farm side.
- Green in Church Crescent: Contractors have left large piles of grass cuttings dotted across the green, which will kill off the grass underneath. NC Cllr Screen agreed to follow this up.
- Marshfield Living Levels Landscape: Event on 25/10/23 about dragonflies.
- NRW & Marshfield Ward Community Councils met and fly tipping in the area was discussed.

10. Date of Next Meeting

18:30 hrs 14th November 2023 Parc Golf Club.