

Coedkernew Community Council

Minutes: 5th March 2024

Present:

Chair Cllr T Boswell Vice-Chair Cllr D Johnston Cllr H Boswell
Cllr A Roger-Hewitt Cllr G Thomas NCC Cllr T Watkins

1. Apologies

Cllr P Turner and the Police.

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 6th February 2024 accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Boy Racers: The recent weekend had fine weather which seemed to attract the boy racers – cars and motorbikes were racing until the early hours. The expectation of residents is that their peace will be disturbed for longer as the nights get lighter, and the weather improves. Church Crescent residents were recently alarmed when the boy racers decided to cruise around the crescent before they went home.

Vantage Site: A meeting was attended by residents, Vantage and Welsh Government Representatives to discuss the extreme lighting from the site affecting residents. The bund is to be improved and planted; however, Vantage are still waiting on planning approval from NCC. The new substation has soil that will be used on the bund, which is also waiting on a NCC planning decision. NCC Cllr Watkins is to follow up with the planning department as these projects went to planning for approval in September 2023.

Sign cleaning: CCC Councillors responded to the email with suggestions. The sign on the A48 by Blacksmiths Way is still broken and awaiting replacement.

D-Day 80 Lamp: deferred from last meeting – no comment.

Pencarn Pavement Parking: Pavement parking is ongoing, not enough room for a wheelchair or pushchair. There is only one pavement. Reported to the NCC who say it's a Police matter.

5. Newport City Councillors Report

Council Tax: NCC will increase its Council Tax by 8.5% to cover increased costs for social services, highways and Schools. Extra funds may be available through the HS2 cancelled project.

Play areas: Work on Celtic Horizon play area was due to start; it has been cancelled as the site is currently flooded. Tredegar House play area is under discussion and plans indicate it could be similar to the log style play equipment at Duffryn House with wood chip floors.

A48 Footbridge: An inspection has been planned, no further information at this time.

6. Police Matters

A report has been sent in their absence.

7. Finance Matters

The website update is ongoing to comply with current legislation requiring visibility of minutes/finance/agendas to the public.

A final demand has been made by Audit Wales with regards to the filing of the 2022-23 Annual Return, this must be completed by 15th March 2024. Note that a full audit of CCC accounts is required in 2023-24.

Due to significant levels of printing for the purpose of the 2022-23 Annual Return, the Clerk/RFO requests payment of 17p/A4 sheet which is similar to Newport & Cardiff library charges for all printing. To date the Clerk/RFO usually only prints off 5 sheets/month.

Vote: Pay the Clerk/RFO printing costs of 17p/A4 sheet.

Result: carried unanimously.

A HMRC interest payment of £10.18 made, all payments are now up to date for HMRC up to April 2024. The fine appeal has been agreed, the £100 fine will be refunded. Direct debit for website services has been taken as per last month, no other deductions have been taken.

1 to 1 Accountancy has been contacted to provide payroll services as they did last year, I am waiting on a response as I need to be paid at the end of this financial year.

Quarterly finance meetings need to be held as per regulations to ensure financial security of the Community Council. I propose to hold these meetings 15 minutes before the April/June/October/January meetings. Chair and Vice-chair should attend by default, all other Councillors are invited to attend.

8. Planning

None.

9. Correspondence

Bus Service: Marshfield bus service is now running all day, with one driver and one bus. The timetable was agreed upon to assist with School travel times.

Sign cleaning: see matters arising.

National Forest: No comment.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at 18:30 hrs on 2nd April 2024 at the Parc Golf Club.



MARSHFIELD WARD POLICE REPORT

MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Call Volume

The Marshfield Ward has received 169 calls during the month of March, the categories of which are broken down as follows:

Crime related	18
Public Safety & Welfare	26
Transport	71
Admin	44
Anti-Social Behaviour	10

Crime Volume

The Ward has experienced 21 instances of crime during the month of March and can be categorised as follows:

Criminal Damage & Arson	2
Public Order Offences	8
Violence with injury	2
Violence without injury	6
Theft	2
Miscellaneous Crimes	1

- Op Absorb has been re-scheduled to take place in the month of April. During the Op, Gwent Police will work with a number of other agencies and will be checking vehicles at

random to ensure that vehicles are being loaded correctly, are road worthy, have tax and insurance, people are driving with seat belts on and are not driving whilst using mobile phones etc.

- Officers have been conducting patrols in regards to car cruising in the area over the last month and shall continue to do in the hot spot areas.
- Pop up police surgeries have taken place and regular patrols are taking place within the vicinity of Lighthouse Park/ the sea wall due to reports of ASB taking place at the location late in the evenings.
- Ward manager PC Fry will be present on Marshfield Road between the times of 11am-2pm on 7th April to introduce himself and talk to residents regarding any concerns that may be occurring within the area. This has been advertised, however please kindly spread the word to any local residents who would like to attend.

Your Ward Team:-

Inspector Hannah Welti – hannah.welti@gwent.police.uk

Sergeant 1810 Christopher Johnson – Christopher.johnson@gwent.police.uk

PC 1268 Nick Fry - Nicholas.fry@gwent.police.uk

CSO 309 Samantha Davies - samantha.davies3@gwent.police.uk

For reports of fly-tipping email - waste.management@newport.gov.uk

For Police reports email - contact@gwent.police.uk or Ring 101 (For non-emergency)

Please contact the Council on 01633 656656 regarding any of the following:-

- Vehicles parked on Double Yellow Lines
- Untaxed vehicles
- Road markings/signs/speed limits
- Fly-tipping
- Pot-holes