

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 2nd January 2012 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, HR Richards, B Richards, R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, P Davies, J Thomas, P Fellows, HC Clarke.

9100: Apologies: Cllrs I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, J Davies, M Harvey, JS Jones.

9101: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr APH Davies, P Bebell and A Wingrave declared an interest in item 9106 as Members of the Planning Committee. They left the room during discussions. Additionally, it was noted that no Member that had declared an interest in the last meeting took any part in the approval of the minutes for that meeting.

9102: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 19th December 2012.

Approved as a true and accurate record with the following amendment:

Planning Application P2012/0915 it should be noted that the dwelling has been in place in excess of 25 years.

9103: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported on the Growth Rate of the Elm Trees and informed the Members that the rate is 25” or greater per year. The Members discussed the issue and then instructed the Clerk to cancel the order, as the trees would be too tall for the Council owned properties.

9104: To receive and approve the accounts schedule for payments and to select two account numbers for a full explanation at the next meeting.

Accounts were received in the sum of £6,515.18. Account No's 416 and 426 were selected at random for an explanation by the clerk at the next meeting. Copies of the accounts were circulated and the Clerk responded to member's queries.

9105: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 364 and 404.

The Clerk provided explanations, which were accepted by the Council.

9106: Planning Applications: -

P2012/1102 – Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2007/1186 (approved on the 7/1/08) extension of time to commence development. 10 Ormes Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Jenkins, 25 Rhestre Fawr, Ystradgynlais).

No observations.

P2012/1142 – Details submitted for the Partial Discharge of Condition 25 of Planning Permission P2010/0760 (approved on the 28th Oct 2010) in respect of remediation validation for Plots 44 to 49 and capping layer. Land rear of Crymlyn Parc, Off Serecold Avenue, Skewen. (Applicant – Sam Courtney, Oak House, Village Way, Tongwynlais).

No observations.

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P2012/1139 – External alterations comprising of replacement of garage door with window and replacement car parking scheme to facilitate garage conversion to living accommodation. 127 Crymlyn Parc, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Woolfe).
To make an observation that the materials used for the off road parking area are of a free draining material.

9107: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

None.

9108: To receive correspondence from Skewen Rugby Club complaining about dog mess on the pitches in Tennant Park.

The information was discussed and noted by the Members.

9109: To receive information from the Clerk and correspondence from various Members of the public complaining about the Council's decision to keep dogs on leads in Council owned properties and decide if a public/community council meeting should be called.

Cllr APH Davies reported that the contents of one of the letters was incorrect. The Members discussed the contents of the letters. It was reported that the original item put onto the Agenda was to have a designated area for dogs to run off their leads, with the remaining areas of the Park to have a ruling in place, that dogs should remain on leads at all times. All the Members were given the opportunity to speak and express their opinions. It was noted that under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, local Authorities have a duty to provide an area for animals to be exercised, and that the decision taken to keep dogs on the lead everywhere in the Park could possibly be challenged under the Act.

Cllr APH Davies put forward a motion to withdraw the previous Resolution and re-visit the decision, to have a designated area for dogs to be allowed off their leads so that the Council would not be punishing the good dog owners who acted responsibly.

Resolved: That the Council should rescind their previous decision by way of a Resolution Moved with Notice, and put forward a new proposal, which would designate an area in which dogs would be allowed off their leads to exercise at the next Council Meeting.

9110: To receive additional information from the team who have requested a reduction in the cost of a football pitch permit.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the issue is passed to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for their recommendation.

9111: To receive a request for Members who put items onto Council Agenda's to be named on the Agenda as raised by a Member.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That in the future, anyone who puts an item on the Agenda should be named.

9112: To receive a copy of the Election charges from NPTCBC as requested at an earlier Council Meeting.

The information was noted by the Members.

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9113: To receive the Minutes from the PACT Meeting held on 29th November 2013.

The information was noted by the Members.

9114: To receive a copy of the correspondence (e-mails), and a Report from the “Specialist” regarding the flooring in Caewathan Community Centre.

The Clerk reported that she was keeping the Members apprised of the situation and that she was waiting for the response from the contracting company to inform the Council of the remedial actions that they intended to take. The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact the Contractor to chase their response up.

9115: To receive an e-mail from Sian Mainwaring regarding the use of the artificial sports turf pitch for hockey practice with a tennis ball.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Council’s previous decision not to allow hockey to be played on the artificial turf pitch will stand. The Clerk was asked to give Mrs Mainwaring information relating to the artificial pitch in Longford.

9116: To receive a copy of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The information was noted by the Members. The Clerk was asked to circulate the pages relevant to Town and Community Councils with the next Agenda.

9117: To receive a Training Programme for One Voice Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

9118: To receive notification for the post of Alcohol and Education Members of the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse (APoSM) (3 days per annum) and how to apply.

The information was noted by the Members.

9119: Correspondence.

None.

**Cllr HR Richards
Chair**