

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, J Davies, DK Davies, HR Richards, B Richards, R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, P Fellows

It was moved to bring the start of the Meeting forward to 6.45pm

9286: Apologies: Cllrs M Harvey, JS Jones, HC Clarke.

9287: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr APH Davies and P Bebell declared an interest in item 9292 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.

9288: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 1st May 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Festival Committee Meeting held on 15th May 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record except that was noted that Marquee was spelt incorrectly in the minutes.

9289: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk informed the Members that she had received correspondence from Mazars (External Auditor) to inform the Council that they would not be taking any action regarding a complaint about the Council's investment Policy. It was noted that the payment from Glantawe Carpets in relation to the flooring in Caewathan Community Centre had been received. The Clerk reported that the Council had been successful in its application for a grant of £8,000 from NPTCBC, which will be put towards the application to WREN for the Skate Park.

9290: 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 £9,777.41. Account No's 82 and 101 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.

9291: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 64 and 70.

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

9292: Planning Applications: -

P2013/0386 – Widening of existing vehicle access. 30 Park Avenue. (Applicant – Mr Davies, 30 Park Avenue).

No observations.

P2013/0079 – Replacement detached bungalow plus retaining works. 54 Lucy Road, Lonlas, Neath. (Applicant – Mr Michael).

No observations.

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P2013/0268 – Single storey rear extension and a replacement detached ridged roof garage. 41A Dynevor Road, Skewen. (Applicant Mr Thomas 41A Dynevor Road, Skewen).

No observations.

P2013/0341 – Installation of two condensing boilers, construction of a disabled persons toilet, rewiring of internal lighting and power points and insertion of external flue and meter boxes to the external elevations (Listed Building application). Hermon Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, Winifred Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Miller, Back Drive, Neath).

No observations.

P2013/0415 – Single storey rear extension. 67 Crymlyn Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Williams, 67 Crymlyn Road, Skewen).

No observations.

P2013/0409 – Retention of 30 Non illuminated banner, freestanding and hoarding advertisements. Phase 1A Coed Darcy, Llandarcy. (Applicant – Persimmon Homes).

No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0447 – Retention of flat dormer extension to the rear. 58 Park Drive, Lonlas, Neath. (Applicant – Mr Powell, 29 Taillwyd Road, Neath Abbey).

No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0327 – Variation of Conditions 11,17,20,26,31 and 33 of Planning Application P2012/0345 to allow the submission of details in respect of slab levels, surface water disposal method statement, construction method statement, Remediation Strategy, Environmental Management Plan and redesign of Sales area post commencement of the development. Land at Ocean View, Jersey Marine. (Applicant – BDW South Wales).

Comment that slab height should not be raised too obtrusively.

Late Application: P2013/0104 – 17 No. Semi-detached and link two storey dwelling, and associated infrastructure (amended retaining works and tree survey).

Previous objections still stand. Additionally, to note concerns about the heavy site traffic.

9293: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

None.

9294: To receive a report from the Festival Committee.

Cllr J Davies gave the Members an update.

Resolved: That all the Recommendations are approved. Additionally, it was approved that the date of the Pantomime should be 30th November 2013 and that the Council would pay Skewen Park Players £500 to provide the Pantomime.

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9295: To review/update/approve the Standing Orders for Coedffranc Community Council.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the issue is deferred to allow the Members additional time to read through the document.

9296: To review/update/approve the Financial Regulations for Coedffranc Community Council.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the issue is deferred to allow the Members additional time to read through the document.

9297: To receive a copy of the South Wales Police Newsletter.

The information was noted by the Members.

9298: To receive information from Chief Inspector Kingdom.

The information was noted by the Members.

9299: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding the development of websites.

The information was noted by the Members.

9300: To receive a request to hold the Summer Play Scheme in Skewen Park/Memorial Hall/Bowls Pavilion again this year.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That permission is granted again this year in line with the restrictions outlined for the use of the Hall/Bowls Pavilion.

9301: To receive a request for financial assistance from Birchgrove First Responders.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That the group are invited to attend a future meeting to provide more information.

9302: To receive information from Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymreag.

The information was noted by the Members.

9303: To receive Statutory Guidance to the Welsh Local Authorities on the Power to promote or improve Economic, Social or Environmental Well – Being under the Local Government Act 2000.

The information was noted by the Members.

9304: To receive/respond to if appropriate a Consultation on draft Social and Environmental Guidance to Ofwat.

The information was noted by the Members.

9305: To receive an invitation to attend the Battle of Britain Parade in Neath on Sunday 15th September 2013.

The information was noted by the Members. It was agreed that the Chair of the Council should attend to represent Coedffranc Community Council.

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9306: To receive information about the Citizens Advice Bureau's drop in Centres.

The information was noted by the Members.

9307: To receive correspondence from Dwr Cymru regarding ongoing work in Southall Avenue.

The information was noted by the Members.

9308: To receive/comment/approve the Annual Return for 2012/13.

The Members discussed the contents of the Annual Return for 2012/13.

Resolved: That the Annual Return for 2012/13 is approved.

9309: To receive/comment/approve the Annual Accounts for 2012/13.

The Members discussed the contents of the Annual Accounts for 2012/13.

Resolved: That the Annual Accounts for 2012/13 are approved.

9310: To enquire if any Members are interested in an overnight trip to Torquay on Saturday 21st September or the 19th October 2013 with their partners.

The information was noted by the Members. Members were asked to contact John Thomas or the Clerk to let them know if they are interested.

9311: Correspondence.

a) To receive a request from Skewen Park Player to put up a banner in the Park during the Festival Weekend to advertise their murder mystery production on the 22nd/23rd June 2013.

The Members approved the request.

b) To receive an invitation to attend a Wind Energy Seminars and Wind Farm Visits.

The information was noted by the Members.

c) To receive a letter of thanks for Clych ti a fi Skewen.

The information was noted by the Members.

d) To receive a request from Coedffranc Football Club to use Tennant Park for a recruitment day on Saturday 22nd June.

The Members approved the request.

9312: To resolve to exclude the public for the following item pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 and Paragraph 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: That the press and the public are removed from the Meeting.

9313: To sign the Lease Option Agreement with Wales and West Utilities Ltd.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Chair signs the Lease Option on behalf of Coedffranc Community Council.

**Cllr A Wingrave
Chair**