

COEDFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 19th June 2013 at the Memorial Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs B Richards, R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas.

Cllr B Richards took the Chair in the absence of Cllrs A Wingrave and APH Davies.

9332: To receive information from Birchgrove First Responders

Craig Figgures and Steve Roberts provided the Members with information about the services that they provide.

They then responded to the Members queries.

It was agreed that their request for Financial Assistance would go back onto the Agenda for the 17th July 2013.

9333: Apologies: Cllr APH Davies, A Wingrave, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, HC Clarke, P Fellows, HR Richards, DK Davies, J Davies, JS Jones.

9334: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs H Bebell and P Bebell declared an interest in item 9339 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.

9335: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 5th June 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9336: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that she had been asked to join the Task and Finish Group for the Town/Community Council/NPTCBC Charter Agreement. The Members agreed that the Clerk should join the group.

9337: 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 £10,689.57. Account No's 164 and 176 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.

9338: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 136 and 144.

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

9339: Planning Applications: -

P2013/0533 – Retention of boundary wall. 32 Ocean View, Jersey Marine. (Applicant – Mr David, 32 Ocean View, Jersey Marine).

No observations.

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P2013/0449 – Variation of condition 3 of planning application P2010/0449 to allow for an extension of time for the submission of reserved matters. Land at Llandarcy Park, Neath. (Applicant – Llandarcy Park Ltd).

No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0539 – use of ground floor unit for retail (use Class A1) and its temporary use as ancillary residential sales office and retention of temporary sales car park (3 years). Ground Floor Unit, Apartment Block, Phase 1A, Coed Darcy. (Applicant – Persimmon Homes).

No observations.

Late Application: 2013/0558 – Retention of temporary satellite dish aerial to existing CCTV Colum. Land south of Northern Access Road, Coed Darcy. (Applicant – St Modwen).

No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0565 – Details pursuant to the discharge of Condition 20 of Planning Permission P2010/222 regarding gas monitoring. Land off Fabian Way, Crymlyn Burrows. (Vinci Construction).

No observations.

9340: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

NPTCBC reported on the reasons for the delay in the progression of the Charter Agreement. It was reported that it had been held up because Ann Ellis had been off work with illness, and One Voice Wales had not sent through the Draft Charter Agreement. It was reported that Wendy Thomas had now agreed to take over from Ann Ellis on the Task and Finish Group to start progressing the issue.

NPTCBC reported that they are in the process of awarding the Transport Tenders and that a consultation would follow.

The forum had a presentation on behalf of ABMU Health Board regarding the South Wales Programme which is a consultation about the future of consultant –led maternity and neonatal care, inpatient children’s and emergency medicine (A&E) services for South Wales and South Powys. It was reported that 7 hospitals would be affected and that the consultation would run for 8 weeks. It was reported that all responses had been submitted by 19th July 2013, and that a decision would be taken in October 2013.

NPTCBC gave an update on their Corporate Improvement Plan 2013-2016. The 6 priorities are:

- Improve outcomes for Children in need and children looked after by improving the performance of the Council’s Children and Young People Services Department.
- Raise educational standards and attainment for all young people.
- Maximise the number of adults who are able to live independently with or without support within the home of their choice within their community.
- Support and invest in our town centres and communities to promote economic growth, regeneration and sustainability to maximise job opportunities and improve access to employment.

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- Increase the percentage of waste recycled and composted.
- Improve customer/citizen access to services and functions provided by the Council or on behalf of the Council and to improve the efficiency of those services and functions.

The group were given an update on the funding from WAG for the development of websites for Town and Community Council. The group were informed that NPTCBC would be writing to all the Town and Community Councils inviting them to apply for the grant.

NPTCBC reported on the review of the Communities and Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot. It was reported that it is a statutory requirement and that the Local Authority are obliged to carry out this review periodically.

The Community Council issue was deferred because the Council that had put the issue on the Agenda was not represented at the meeting.

Cllr H Bebell reported that he had attended a meeting with the Clerk, Cllr A Wingrave, the Park Superintendent and NPTCBC Play Development to discuss the results of the Public Consultation that had taken place in Jersey Marine regarding the play equipment for Jersey Marine Playground using the Section 106 money. It was noted during the discussions that there is a telegraph pole in the middle of the Park and the Officers from NPTCBC requested that the Community Council requests that the pole is moved. Cllr H Bebell reported that he had dealt with the matter, and that approval had been received to move the pole to the perimeter of the Playground. It was agreed that the Officers from NPTCBC should progress and prepare a specification using the findings of the Consultation to put out to Tender.

9341: To receive and respond if appropriate to NPTCBC's Community Review to consider what changes if any, are needed to existing community boundaries and electoral arrangements within the County Borough area.

The information was noted by the Members.

9342: To receive and respond if appropriate to the Welsh Government's Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 Part 7: Communities and Community Councils.

The information was noted by the Members.

9343: To receive and respond if appropriate to the Welsh Government's Consultation Document TAN 23 – Economic Development.

The information was noted by the Members.

9344: To receive and respond if appropriate to NPTCBC's Corporate Improvement Plan 2013-2016.

The information was noted by the Members.

9345: To receive information from the Welsh Government about the Appointment of Part Time Fee paid Professional Members for the Residential Property Tribunal.

The information was noted by the Members.

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9346: To receive information from Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon regarding the launch of a Community Share offer.

The information was noted by the Members.

9347: To receive a request from Georgina Goshawk Academy of Performing Arts to book Carnegie Hall for 5 days from the w/c 5th August 2013 for a summer school, and to set a price if it is agreed.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That the cost should be set at £40.00 for the full days and £35.00 for the day with reduced hours.

9348: To remind Members that John Thomas needs the names of any Members wishing to go to Torquay on the 21st October 2013.

The information was noted by the Members.

9349: To inform the Members that the Clerk will be on leave for the Meeting due to be held on the 3rd July 2013 and that only legislative items will be put onto the Agenda. The Clerical Assistant will attend the Council Meeting to take the Minutes.

The information was noted by the Members.

9350: Correspondence.

a) To receive a letter from the Chairman of the Commission on Public Service and Governance and Delivery to draw attention to the Commission's recent invitation to help inform its work.

The information was noted by the Members.

b) To receive information regarding the Renting Homes White Paper – Consultation Events.

The information was noted by the Members.

c) To receive information regarding the consultation programme from the Commission on Devolution in Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr B Richards
Acting Chair**