

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16th January 2013 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, J Davies, DK Davies, B Richards, R Didcote, H Bebell, A Wingrave, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, HC Clarke.

Part Attendance: Cllr JS Jones

9120: Apologies: Cllrs HR Richards, P Bebell, P Fellows

9121: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs APH Davies and A Wingrave declared an interest in item 9126 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.

9122: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 2nd January 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9123: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr I Whitehead Ross were holding a meeting with Paul Hinder (Grants Advisor for NPTCBC) to discuss if he could take over a grant funding bid on our behalf.

9124: 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 £7, 453.02. Account No's 431 and 432 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.

9125: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 416 and 426.

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

Cllr DK Davies took the Chair in the Absence of Annette Wingrave

9126: Planning Applications: -

To receive more information regarding the Outline Planning Application at the former Garage at Bethlehem Road.

No observations.

P2012/1123 – Rear Dormer extension. 58 Park Drive, Lonlas, Neath. (Applicant – Adrian Powell Developments).

No observations.

P2012/1097 – Retention of 4 no. Advertisement flag poles and 1 no. Free standing advertisement hoarding. Land at entrance of Ocean View, Jersey Marine. (Applicant – David Wilson Homes).

No observations.

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P2012/1101 – Single storey side extension. 20 Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Mr Sergeant, 20 Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows).
No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0011 – Two storey side extension (amendment to P2012/0651). 48 Parc Wern, Skewen. (Applicant – Mrs Davies, 48 Parc Wern, Skewen).
No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0025 – Replacement of internally illuminated fascia, totem and entrance signage, together with 2 new non-illuminated free standing directional signs. J & J Motors, Sidings Terrace, Lonlas. (Applicant – Suzuki GB PLC).
No observations.

Cllr JS Jones arrived at this stage.

9127: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.
None.

9128: To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
2. Resolved: That Qtr 3's Accounts are approved.
3. The details of the Aged Debtors were noted.
4. The details of the vandalism during the Qtr were noted.
5. Resolved: That there is a nil increase in the fees and charges for 2013/14
6. See item 9129.
7. Resolved: That the permit fee should be charged at the rate for under 15's because it is a mixed age team.

9129: To set the precept for 2013/14.
The Members discussed the issue.
Resolved: The Members voted unanimously to approve the precept being set at a nil increase to the tax payer which would result in a precept of £313,275 from NPTCBC.

9130: To receive correspondence regarding a dog attack that took place in Skewen Park from Lynette Gilbert.
The information was noted by the Members for future reference.

9131: To receive correspondence regarding a dog off a lead jumping up on a small child in Skewen Park on the 23rd December 2012 from Mrs C Hargest.
The information was noted by the Members for future reference.

9132: To receive correspondence regarding the proposed area for dogs to exercise off leads from Janice Gardner.
The information was noted by the Members for future reference.

9133: To receive correspondence regarding the proposed area for dogs to exercise off leads from RH Thomas.
The information was noted by the Members for future reference.

9134: To receive correspondence regarding the proposed area for dogs to exercise off leads, and involving the Kennel Club as Consultees from John Follant.

The information was noted by the Members for future reference.

9135: To receive a Resolution Moved with Notice to rescind item No 9051. It is further proposed that an area be allocated where dogs under control of their owners, keepers or carers can be exercised freely, be introduced into the Skewen Park, this area shall be adequately signed to indicate its location. It is also proposed that dogs are to be kept on leads in the other areas of the Park.

The Members discussed the issue. It was requested that a recorded vote took place.

For the Resolution Moved with Notice: 12

Against the Resolution Moved with Notice: 2

Resolved: That item 9051 is rescinded and that the above proposal is approved.

9136: To receive a request from the Chairperson of Jersey Marine Community Centre to find out if it would be permitted for the Committee to sell potatoes on a non profit making basis from the Community Centre to aid the people in the village.

The Members discussed the request.

The Clerk was asked to check with the Licensing and Planning Departments of NPTCBC to check if there were any issues. If there were no concerns, permission would be given as long as the Management Committee in Jersey Marine had no objections.

Resolved: That permission is given subject to legal checks and approval from the Management Committee of Jersey Marine Community Centre.

9137: To receive a request for Financial Assistance from Skewen & District Industrial Heritage Association.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That a donation of £100.00 would be given.

9138: To receive information regarding a consultation document from Neath Port Talbot College regarding a merger with Coleg Powys and respond if appropriate.

The Members discussed the information.

Resolved: That the information is noted. (Cllr JS Jones agreed to read the document and respond if appropriate).

9139: To receive a copy of the information relating to Town and Community Councils from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Members discussed the information.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

9140: To receive information from One Voice regarding the new Welsh National Planning Policy.

The Members discussed the information.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

9141: Correspondence.

a) To receive notification that Chief Supt Julian Williams will attend the Council Meeting on the 20th February 2013 to make a presentation.

The information was noted by the Members.

b) To receive notification of First Service Changes for the X1, X3 and X5 Services.

The information was noted by the Members.

c) To receive information from One Voice Wales regarding two events to discuss World War One's commemorations.

The information was noted by the Members.

d) To receive an invitation to be part of a Steering Group for NPT Children and Young People's Partnership.

The information was noted by the Members. Cllrs I Whitehead Ross and HC Clarke agreed to apply to become part of the Steering Group for Coedffranc.

e) To receive information from One Voice Wales on Consultation Events for a Sustainable Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

9142: 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 public are removed from the Meeting.

9143: To receive correspondence from two members of staff requesting a staff loan.

The Members discussed the requests.

Resolved: That both requests are approved.

9144: To receive an update on various legal issues.

The Clerk gave the Members an update, which was noted by the Members.

**Cllr A Wingrave
Vice Chair**