

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 6th Feb 2013 at Carnegie Hall.

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

Part Attendance: Cllrs P Fellows, DK Davies.

9145: Apologies: Cllrs R Didcote, JAM Davies, JS Jones, H Bebell.

9146: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr APH Davies, P Bebell and A Wingrave declared an interest in item 9151 as Members of the Planning Committee. They left the room during discussions. Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in item 9151 – Application No.P2012/0345 and left the room during this discussion.

Cllr K Whitehead-Ross declared an interest in item 9154 and left the room during the discussion.

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.

9147: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 16th January 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9148: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None.

9149: 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 £4,656.58 Account No's 472 and 474 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.

9150: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 431 and 432.

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

9151: Planning Applications: -

P2013/0049 – Extension to building for use as a waste transfer station (Sui-generic use) non-hazardous waste. Workshop, Elba Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Mr Stiens, 2 Deep Glade Close, St Thomas).

No observations were made.

P2013/0008 – First floor rear extension. 5 Woodland Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Williams, 5 Woodland Road, Skewen).

No observations were made.

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P2012/1144 – 14 Non illuminated banner signs and one freestanding non-illuminated sign at Northern Access Rd, Coed Darcy, Llandarcy. (Applicant – St.Modwens Developments.

Would like verification why 15 signs are required?

P2013/0067 – Details pursuant to Condition 22 of Planning Permission P2010/2229 approved on the 31/08/12 Imported Materials Validation. Former BP Transit Site, Fabian Way, Jersey Marine, Neath. (Applicant – St.Modwen Development & Swansea University

No Observations were made.

Late Planning Applications:-

P2012/0345 – Residential development of 81 dwellings with roads, public open space and associated works. Land at Ocean View, Jersey Marine. (Applicant – David Wilson Homes, Oak House, Village Way, Tongwynlais, Cardiff)

Requesting a confirmation letter from David Wilson Homes with regards to donation money for Playground at Jersey Marine.

P2013/0064 – Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2005/1617 (Approved on the 8/2/08) to extend the time for implementation of the permission for a period of three years. (Applicant – St. Modwen Developments)

No observations were made.

P2013/0048 – Retention of change of use from one dwelling to two three bed dwellings. 21-23 Parc Bryn, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Matthew Benjamin, Benjamin Property Rentals, 38 Llanerch, Pontlliw)

No observations were made.

9152: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr I Whitehead-Ross reported on a meeting which he and the Clerk attended with Paul Hinder from NPTCBC. This was spoken about at item 9161 in more detail.

9153: To receive a response from the contractor who laid the flooring in Caewathan Community Centre.

The information was noted and deferred.

9154: To receive information/quotes for a gas supply into Skewen Park to service the Memorial Hall.

Cllr K Whitehead-Ross declared an interest and left the room during this discussion. It was agreed to go ahead with the supplier that provided the cheapest quotation for the complete works.

9155: To receive further correspondence from Sian Mainwaring regarding the use of the Astro turf facility for hockey.

The information was noted and it was suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs Mainwaring outlining the reasons why it is not suitable to have Hockey on a Astro-turf pitch that was supplied by the Football Association of Wales and for her to contact NPTCBC for their help.

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9156: To receive information from Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay and decide if they should attend a future meeting to make a presentation to the Council.

It was agreed that a presentation would be beneficial to the Members and for the Clerk to arrange a suitable time.

9157: To receive a letter regarding dogs on leads from Mrs Eirlys Davis.

Information was noted and council have requested a letter to be sent to Mrs Davies, thanking her for her valid comments and to notify her that the matter is being dealt with.

9158: To receive a copy of the Consultation Response from One Voice Wales to the National Assembly for Wales regarding the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill.

The information was noted.

9159: To receive a request for financial assistance from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales.

The item was deferred.

9160: To discuss the protocol for Community Councillors to inform the public on Community Council decisions as raised by Cllr Harry Bebell.

The item was deferred.

9161: To receive a request from Paul Hinder to approve a draft Environment Policy and a draft Equal Opportunities Policy (needed for the grant application form for the Skate Park proposal) and to confirm that the Council has agreed that they will be the Contributing Third Party for 11% (as agreed in item No. 8973 in the Council Meeting held on 5th September 2012), and to confirm the Council's ongoing commitment that we will maintain, insure and inspect the new Skate Park

It was a unanimous vote to agree the 11% increase. It was agreed to review and update the Environment and Equal Opportunities Policies by the next meeting.

9162: To receive a response from NPTCBC regarding the letter sent by Cllr Ian Whitehead Ross on behalf of the Business Forum making enquiries about parking issues and CCTV in Skewen.

The information was noted.

9163: Correspondence.

a) To receive a request for a donation of a pin or badge depicting the Coedffranc Coat of Arms from David Witworth.

It was agreed that a pin or badge should be sent to the collector of Welsh Council pins and badges.

Cllr HR Richards

Chair