

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20th March 2013 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, HR Richards, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, P Fellows, HC Clarke.

9213: To meet with David Edwards from the Communities First Project.

The Community First Team gave a presentation and provided the Members with a Neath Communities First Cluster Map, a Staffing Structure and information on the type of projects being funded. It was reported that the launch for the project would take place in Caewathan Community Centre on the 23rd April.

The Team then responded to Members queries.

9214: Apologies: Cllrs B Richards, M Harvey, R Didcote, K Whitehead Ross, J Davies, JS Jones.

9215: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs APH Davies, A Wingrave and P Bebell and declared an interest in item 9220 as Members of the Planning Committee. They left the room during discussions.

Cllr I Whitehead Ross declared an interest in item 9218 and 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.

9216: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 6th March 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9217: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk informed the Members that Paul Hinder had requested to attend the next Council Meeting to give the Members a brief update on the Skate Park funding bid. It was agreed that it was acceptable for Paul Hinder to attend the Council Meeting.

9218: 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 £10,255.84. Account No's 507 and 521 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.

9219: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 488 and 503.

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

9220: Planning Applications: -

To receive further information about Planning Application P2012/1144.

The information was noted by the Members.

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P2013/0052 – Change of use of ground floor from shop (use Class A1) to one bedroom flat, together with external alterations to windows, external staircase plus replacement detached garage and bin-store. 182 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Sparks, 64 Bryn Road, Brynmill, Swansea).

No observations.

9221: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported that the Business Forum held on the 13th March had been successful and that 8 businesses had attended. Cllr Whitehead Ross reported that the Forum had been disappointed by the response from NPTCBC Head of Planning, and that they intended to write to NPTCBC individually as businesses. Cllr Whitehead Ross did report that the Forum was hoping to invite the Head of Planning to their next meeting to discuss the parking issue, but this was not supported by the Council. Cllr Whitehead Ross reported that the Forum planned to start up their own quarterly newsletter and advertise to keep trade local by offering discount schemes. Cllr APH Davies reported that he had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee for One Voice Wales, and informed the Members that he would report back when he had more information regarding the funding for website development for Community/Town Councils.

9222: To receive a copy of the Neighbourhood News from South Wales Police.

The information was noted by the Members.

9223: To receive a booklet from the Ombudsman.

The information was noted by the Members.

9224: To inform the Members that the launch date for the consultation in Jersey Marine for the Section 106 Agreement will take place in Jersey Marine Community Centre on Friday 29th March 1pm – 3pm. This will be run by NPTCBC Play Works.

The information was noted by the Members.

9225: To discuss/approve reappointing Lyn Llewellyn as the Internal Auditor for the next financial year.

The Members discussed the information provided.

Resolved: That Lyn Llewellyn is re-appointed as the Internal Auditor for the next financial year.

9226: To discuss if the Council should use Smart Water on its machinery and sign up to the Annual Membership Scheme.

The Members discussed the information provided.

Resolved: That the Council goes ahead to sign up to the scheme.

9227: To receive an application for financial assistance from the NSPCC

The Members discussed the information provided.

Resolved: That no money would be granted to the NSPCC.

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9228: To receive an application for financial assistance from Cylch Ti a Fi Playgroup.

The Members discussed the information provided.

Resolved: That a donation of £200.00 is made.

9229: To receive quotes for the removal of the existing boiler and replacement of gas boiler for the Memorial Hall.

The Clerk reported that she had put the issue on the Agenda because she had been promised the third quote before the Council Meeting, but unfortunately it had not been provided.

Resolved: That the item is deferred until the third quote is received.

9230: To receive a copy of a Model Concerns and Complaints Policy for adoption by Public Service Providers in Wales.

The Members discussed the information provided.

Resolved: That the information was noted.

9231: To receive a response from One Voice Wales regarding the correct protocols for Members.

The Members discussed the information provided.

Resolved: That the information provided was noted.

9232: Correspondence:

a) Letter from One Voice Wales regarding SLCC Training Seminar.

Resolved: That Cllr APH Davies should attend along with the Clerk.

b) Letter from March Hywel Protection Group regarding a proposed wind farm development.

Resolved: That the Clerk informs the group that the Council sympathies with the Group but are unable to help because the development is out of the Coedffranc area.

9233: 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 excluded from the Meeting.

9234: To receive an update on legal issues from the Clerk.

The Clerk provided an update which was noted by the Members.

Cllr HR Richards
Chair