

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 18th June 2014 at Carnegie Hall.

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

9763: To receive a visit from Karl Eenmaa T/Chief Inspector of Operations Neath/Port Talbot, South Wales Police.

Karl Eenmaa T/Chief Inspector of Operations Neath/Port Talbot, South Wales Police attended the meeting along with Mr Tim Burrel.

Mr Eenmaa asked the Members to consider allowing the local PCSO's to hire the halls for an hour or two on occasion to host "Have a cuppa with a copper" sessions. (See item 9772)

9764: Apologies: Cllrs M Harvey, DK Davies, P Fellows, J Davies, HR Richards B Richards

9765: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs P Bebell and A Wingrave declared an interest in item 9770 as Members of the Planning Committee. They left the room during discussions.

Cllrs P Bebell and H Bebell declared an interest in item 9778 and left the room for the decision to be taken after giving the Members the relevant information on the project. 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.

9766: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) AGM held 28th May 2014

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Council Meeting held on 28th May 2014

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9767: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None.

9768: 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 £15,310.28. Account No's 143 and 168 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.

9769: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 91 and 100.

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

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9770: Planning Applications: -

P2014/0322 – Construction of covered lorry bay, covered storage, and smoking area, palisade fencing to site perimeter, car parking areas and hard and soft landscaping. Kings Dock Building, Fabian Way. (Applicant – Mr Pretty, Gracelands Investments Ltd).

The following observations were made:

Doubling footprint size of existing building.

Noise issues.

Close to proposed housing development.

Working hours of the site were queried.

P2014/0418 – Part two storey part single storey rear extension. 24 Villiers Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Williams, 24 Villiers Road, Skewen).

No observations.

Late Application: P2014/0448 – change of use of hairdressers (Class A1) to café (Class A3) on ground floor and Hairdressers (Class A1 on first floor). 213 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Haddon, 213 New Road, Skewen).

Observation that there are already 3 cafes in close proximity.

Late Application: P2014/0519 – conversion of garage to living accommodation. 34 The Meadows, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Evans, 34 The Meadows, Skewen).

No observations.

Notice from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Application by Tidal Lagoon (Swansea Bay) plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay.

The information was noted by the Members.

9771: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr APH Davies reported that he had attended the Cytan Service in Skewen Park on the 8th June and had enjoyed the event.

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported that he had attended the Neath Community First Cluster Steering Group Meeting and had information for Members to look at if they were interested.

9772: To receive an update from the Clerk regarding the request from South Wales Police, for the Community Council to provide suitable accommodation for their Officers to work from in the event of Skewen Police Station closing down.

The Clerk reported that the Computer Suite in Carnegie Hall no longer needed to be earmarked for South Wales Police for the foreseeable future.

The Clerk reported that the building no longer has an internet connection as it had been cancelled because the computer suite was not being used.

The Members discussed the issue.

It was reported that because the computers in the room are approximately 9 years old, and the only program they have installed is an old version of photo-shop, that it makes more sense to remove the computers and rent the room out for normal use. The Members also discussed the request from South Wales Police to have the use of a room in either Carnegie Hall or the Memorial Hall to meet with the public.

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Resolved: That the room is made available for hire again following the removal of the computers.

To approve the request to allow the police to use rooms in Carnegie Hall or the Memorial Hall for sessions to meet the public, provided that they are booked through the office in a timely fashion. It was agreed that there would be no cost for these sessions and that the arrangement would be reviewed in approximately 6 months.

9773: To receive a Report from Mr Lyn Llewellyn Internal Auditor.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Report is approved.

The Clerk was thanked for her work.

9774: To receive a letter from Skewen Historical Society regarding their W.W.1 Heritage Day.

The information was noted by the Members.

9775: To receive the Swansea Bay Campus News.

The information was noted by the Members.

9776: To receive a letter from Network Rail regarding the Railway Communications System.

The information was noted by the Members.

9777: To receive the minutes of the PACT Meeting held on 29th May 2014.

The information was noted by the Members.

9778: To receive information from Cllr H Bebell regarding work that the Management Committee of Crymlyn Burrows Community Centre are undertaking, and receive/discuss a request for the Council to contribute to the cost of replacing the ceiling in the building.

Cllr H Bebell reported on the work that the Management Committee are undertaking and explained that they have a short fall in their funds to complete the work.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That the Council provides a financial donation of £600 to the Management Committee to cover the cost of the short fall for the ceiling to be replaced in Crymlyn Burrows Community Centre.

9779: Correspondence.

a) To receive a letter of thanks from PSCO Darren Thomas for the invitation to the Chairs Dinner.

The information was noted by the Members.

9780: 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.

9781: To receive an update from the Clerk regarding the ongoing issue for the Lease for Jersey Marine Community Centre.

The Clerk read out a letter she had received from Rob Hay.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should organise a meeting for herself, Cllr APH Davis and Cllr H Bebell to meet with the Management Committee to discuss the Councils concerns.

Cllr APH Davies
Chair