

## COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at Carnegie Hall.**

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

**9990: Apologies:** Cllr DK Davies, HR Richards, B Richards, P Bebell, P Fellowes.

**9991: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

Cllrs Ian and Karl Whitehead-Ross declared an interest in Item 9998 as they are Directors of Whitehead Ross Education and Consulting. 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.

**9992: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -**

**a) Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**b) Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**9993: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Clerk informed that Members that she had met with the Probation Service on a couple of occasions, and that they had carried out a site survey in Carnegie Hall. The Clerk reported that they had agreed to paint Carnegie Hall after their scheduled work has been completed. The Clerk reported that the Council will need to pay for the paint and consumables.

**9994: 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 £10,578.32 Account No's 533 and 561 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.

**9995: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 524 and 530.**

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

**9996: Planning Applications: -**

**P2015/0002 – Replacement of existing 17.5m telecommunications mast and antennas with new 17.5m column mast accommodation 6 Antenna and 2 dishes, together with the replacement of 2 ground based equipment cabinets with a proposed single cabinet. Pentwyn Farm, Skewen. (Applicant – Vodafone Ltd).**  
No observations.

**Late Application: P2014/0845 – Installation of a 20MW gas powered standby electricity generation plant (amended noise report and air quality report 12.01.15). Edward Ware Homes, Llandarcy. (Applicant – UK Power Reserve Ltd).**

No observations.

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**9997: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.**

Cllr Ian Whitehead-Ross reported on a telephone call that he had regarding the capital aspect of the bid to People & Places.

Cllr JS Jones arrives at this point.

**9998: To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.**

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported on the Meeting.

**2. To receive Qtr 3's accounts.**

**Resolved:** That Qtr 3's accounts are approved.

**3. To receive details of Aged Debtors.**

Noted by Members.

**4. To receive details of vandalism during the Qtr.**

Noted by Members.

**5. To set the fees and charges for 2015/16.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:**

Memorial Hall: nil % increase

Carnegie Hall: nil % increase

Access Licence: nil % increase

Sports Permits: nil % increase

Cemetery: nil % increase

**6. To set the Precept for 2015/16.**

See item 9999.

**7. To discuss/recommend what the Section 106 money for Crymlyn Parc should be spent on (£41,666.00)**

It was reported that NPTCBC have been donated a parcel of land behind the Development because there is a mains gas pipe running through the land. Cllr Bebell reported that NPTCBC have already earmarked some of the Section 106 money to install a pathway, benches and carry out landscaping in that area. The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk should contact NPTCBC to enquire how much would need to be put aside for this work, because until the remaining budget was known, there would not be much point in putting any suggestions forward.

**8. To discuss/recommend what the Section 106 money for Tennant Park should be spent on (£12,445.64).**

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reminded the Members that £2,500 has already been spent in anticipation of this money being received for the renewal of the Short Mat Bowls Mats. The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the remaining budget should be used to purchase two new benches and play equipment for Tennant Park.

**9999: To set the Precept for the Financial Year 2015/16.**

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported that a nil % increase to each household would result in £21,583 more precept from NPTCBC.

It was noted that the Net Wages, PAYE had increased due to the Council's own pay award and the Government's pay award.

The Insurance Budget had been calculated on expectations.

A nil % increase to each household would give the Council a Capital Budget of £71,112 which is an increase in the Capital Budget of £10,852 compared to last year.

The Members discussed what was needed within the Budget for the financial year, and decided to recommend that there was a nil % increase to the tax payer, which would give an overall Precept from NPTCBC of £343,661.

The Members discussed what recommendations to make to full Council for the Capital budget and decided upon the following:

Cost of purchasing new parks machinery equipment  
£5,000.00

It was recommended that the remaining Capital Budget of £66,112 should not be allocated to any specific project until further discussion had taken place.

It was noted that £20,000 has been put into the Capital Qtr 4 projection for the renewal of pathways in Skewen Park, along with £1,500 for the work around the second bowling green.

It was recommended that the remaining capital budget of £24,500 would be carried forward in earmarked reserves to continue the renewal of the paths in Skewen Park.

*Ear marked reserves carried forward:*

*Flooring in Caewathan Community Centre £3,275*

*Renewal of pathways in Skewen Park £24,500*

**Resolved:** That there is nil % increase to the tax payer.

**10,000: To discuss the content of Councillors Newsletters as requested by Cllr JS Jones.**

Cllr JS Jones reported that a Newsletter that was circulated before Christmas had offended some Members of the Council as it appeared that Members were taking the credit for things that Coedffranc Community Council had done. The Members discussed the issue. Cllr HC Clarke reported that the article in her Newsletter about the £41,600 Section 106 money was for the Crymlyn Parc Development, and was not the same pot of money that is currently being dealt with by the Community Council for the Llandarcy site. Cllr HC Clarke also pointed out that NTPCBC had not informed the Community Council that the money was available to spend in the locality.

**10,001: To discuss if any Member would like any item put onto the Agenda for the next Liaison Forum due to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.**

The information was noted by the Members.

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**10,002: To receive notification from Darren Thomas that he is leaving his role of Police Community Support Officer to start as a Police Constable.**

The information was noted by the Members. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks for his work in the area.

**10,003: To receive a request from Rhian Doyle to hold a craft club free of charge in one of our buildings.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Council grant 6 months use of Carnegie Hall free of charge, provided that the classes can fit in around the paying hall users.

**10,004: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding to changes in the local bus service network.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**10,005: To receive information from the Clerk regarding the mess left behind following a booking for a children's party.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Council will charge £9 for industrial Cleaning and it was stated that the individual would be warned that if it happens again they will be excluded from making future bookings.

**10,006: Correspondence.**

**a) To receive a copy of One Voice Wales Consultation Response re: Overriding Easements and Other Rights.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**b) To receive a copy of One Voice Wales Consultation Response re: Front Loading of the Development Management System.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**c) To receive a copy of One Voice Wales Consultation Response re: Planning Committees, delegation and Joint Planning Boards.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**d) To receive and respond if appropriate to NPTCBC's consultation document "Physical Disability & Sensory Impairment Commissioning Strategy".**

The information was noted by the Members.

**e) To receive notification of a Joint Conference being run by the SLCC and One Voice Wales to be held in Llandrindod Wells on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**10,007: 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 the public are excluded from the meeting.

**10,008: To receive an update regarding the Section 106 money for Llandarcy.**

The Clerk provided an update for the Members.

**Cllr APH Davies  
Chair**