

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 4th March 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, P Fellows, K Whitehead Ross.

10,025: Apologies: Cllrs HR Richards, I Whitehead Ross, J Davies, HC Clarke, R Didcote, B Richards.

10,026: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs J Thomas, P Davies, K Whitehead Ross and A Wingrave declared an interest in item 10,034 and left the room during the discussions. Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in 10,049, he left the room during the 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.

10,027: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 4th February 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

10,028: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk provided an update on the Section 106 Agreement from Crymlyn Road (Tennant Park) and the Section 106 Agreements for Crymlyn Parc and Llandarcy.

The Clerk queried if she should purchase Past Chairs badges this year or wait until they are needed, because the current Chair and Vice Chair already have a Past Chairs Badge.

Resolved: That if a Councillor has been a Chairman once, it is not necessary to have another Past Chair's badge for subsequent Chairmanships. It was decided to delay the purchase until the badges are needed.

10,029: 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 £7,667.78. Account No's 591 and 593 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.

10,030: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 562 and 589.

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

10,031: Planning Applications:

P2014/1209 – Variation of Condition 3 relating to the areas of the site that can be used for caravan storage of Planning Permission P2013/0286. Portacover Machinery Movements, Llandarcy. (Applicant – Portacover Machinery Movements, Llandarcy).

No observations.

P2015/0079 – first floor front extension. 71 Crymlyn Parc, Skewen. (Mr Jenkins, 71 Crymlyn Parc, Skewen).

No observations.

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P2015/0078 – Retention of engineering operation to change the use of land from gardens serving Nos 85/86 New Road to car park. Land to rear of 85 and 86 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Joseph Cresci, 81 New Road, Skewen).
No observations.

P2015/0078 – New shopfront, incorporating access for first floor flats. 86 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Joseph Cresci, 81 New Road, Skewen).
No observations.

P2015/0800 – Retention of engineering operation to change the use of land from gardens serving Nos. 85/86 New Road to car park. (Applicant – Mr Joseph Cresci, 81 New Road, Skewen).
No observations.

P2014/1111 – Replacement of existing garage doors with windows to facilitate conversion of garage to living accommodation. 64 Cae Morfa, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Bennett, 64 Cae Morfa, Skewen).
No observations.

P2015/0132 – variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2014/0052 to allow for an extension of time for the commencement of development by an additional 12 months. Land rear of Cefn Lodge Nursing Home. (Applicant – Cefn Lodge Nursing Home).
All previous objections still stand and Knotweed Eradication Treatment should be enforced.

P2015/0116 – Non material amendment for the removal of Conditions 26,27,28 (code for sustainable homes of Planning Permission P2011/0800. Phase 1A and 1B Coed Darcy. (Applicant – Persimmon Homes).
No observations.

10,032: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.
None.

10,033: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding discussions around Summer Play Scheme provision.
The information was noted by the Members.

10,034: To receive an application for funding for Volunteers Change Lives.
The Members discussed the issue.
Resolved: That a donation of £200 is made to the organisation.

10,035: To receive a copy of the Neighbourhood News for January 2015.
The information was noted by the Members.

10,036: To receive a copy of the Safe & Sound Winter Edition Newsletter.
The information was noted by the Members.

10,037: To receive information/an invitation for the incumbent Chairman to attend the Battle of Britain Commemorative Concert on Friday 18th September 2015.

The information was noted by the Members. Cllrs H Bebell and P Bebell agreed to attend the event.

10,038: To receive information from the Welsh Government regarding volunteering to sit on Community Health Councils in Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,039: To receive information for the Welsh Government regarding the opportunity to apply for an Independent Member to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,040: To consider if the Community Council should remove the public payphone from the Memorial Hall due to lack of use.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the telephone line should be disconnected.

10,041: To receive/respond if appropriate to a Consultation Document from the Welsh Government regarding Tax Devolution in Wales – Land Transaction Tax.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,042: To receive a revised timetable for the consultation to close Tonmawr Early Years Assessment Centre.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,043: To receive an invitation to a Welsh Stakeholder Event on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive on Friday 6th March at the Welsh Government Offices, Cathays Park, Cardiff.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,044: To discuss/agree Terms of Reference for the Project Development Committee.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved:

- That the Clerk can call meetings when needed rather than getting deferrals from the Full Council.
- The Committee will have 8 Members including the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council.
- That the Committee reports its recommendations to Full Council for approval.
- The Committee's remit will be to source funding, carry out community consultations, and complete application forms and additional documentation as required.
- That Paul Hinder attends the first meeting in order to train the members.
- Nominations for the Committee will be given to the Clerk in advance of the AGM in May 2015, along with the nominations to any other Committee that they wish to sit on. (Nomination Forms to be circulated by the Clerk in April 2015).

10,045: To approve the successful Tender for the play equipment at Jersey Marine Playground funded from the Section 106 Agreement.

Alison Harris from NPTCBC Play Works reported on the Tender process and how the Tenders were scored. The Members discussed the issue and looked at the drawings for the proposals.

Resolved: That the Tender Procedure from NPTCBC is approved. It was noted that using the Tender Scoring Procedure that Kompan was the successful candidate. The Clerk reported that she would contact NPTCBC to ask for the Section 106 money to be released to the Community Council.

10,046: To receive up to date contact details for South Wales Police.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,047: To receive a copy of a Written Statement from Leighton Andrews AM regarding the White Paper, Reforming Local Government.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,048: To discuss/approve the Terms of Engagement and Roles and Responsibilities required for the Internal Auditor for the next three financial years, prior to inviting the Internal Auditor to respond and provide the relevant information, including an assurance of independence and competence for the role of Internal Auditor.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Terms of Engagement and Roles and Responsibilities are approved.

10,049: To receive a copy of an Objection Report regarding the amalgamation of Neath Abbey Infants School with Mynachlog Nedd Junior School.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,050: To receive a Decision Statement from NPTCBC regarding the amalgamation of Neath Abbey Infants School with Mynachlog Nedd Junior School.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,051: To receive a copy of the Neighbourhood news from South Wales Police for February 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,052: To receive a letter from Skewen Bowls Club regarding a request for the Community Council to consider a re-allocation of which teams play on which Bowling Greens.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That this query is to be deferred until after the Clerk has met with all the Bowls Clubs on 24th March 2015.

10,053: To receive information regarding local bus service revisions.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,054: To receive a request for the use of the football pitch in Skewen Park for the Annual Disability Football Festival on the 8th March 2015.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a donation is given to the cost of the pitch hire.

10,055: To receive an invitation from St Johns Church to participate in a Flower Festival at the end of June, and Christmas Tree Festival in December 2015.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That this item is referred to the Festival Committee.

10,056: To receive the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report for 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,057: To inform the Members that the Clerk might not be present at the next Council Meeting on March 18th 2015 as she will be on a Training Course. Additionally, to remind Members that only the legislative items and informational items will be on the Agenda, and that the Clerical Assistant will be taking the minutes for the meeting.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,058: Correspondence.

a) To receive a consultation letter from NPTCBC regarding Court Deputy Savings Proposals.

The Members discussed the issue at length and decided to accept both proposals.

b) To receive the Tidal Lagoon Newsletter No. 15.

The information was noted by the Members.

c) To enquire if Members have anything to put onto the NPTCBC Liaison Forum for the next meeting on Monday 23rd March 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

d) To receive the Natural Resource Management Bulletin for February 2015.

The Clerk was asked to circulate this item for the next Agenda

e) To receive the Spring Fuel Poverty Forums – Focusing on Pre-payment Meters.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr APH Davies
Chair**