

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 6th May 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross.

10,116: Apologies: Cllr DK Davies, A Wingrave, HC Clarke, APH Davies, P Fellows, HR Richards, B Richards.

10,117: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in items 10,129 & 10,130 and did not take part in any 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.

10,118: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 15th April 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Personnel Committee Meeting held on 15th April 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

c) Estates Committee Meeting held on 16th April 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd April 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

10,119: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that the solicitor is still chasing NPTCBC regarding the 106 Agreement for Llandarcy.

10,120: 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 £6,849.08. Account No's 33 and 43 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.

10,121: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 21 and 32

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

10,122: Planning Applications:

P015/0273 – Application for Hazardous Substances Consent for up to 150 tonnes of Hydrofluoric acid category B1 substance. Gower Chemicals Ltd, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Gower Chemicals Ltd).

The following information was requested:

How will the tanks be secured?

What will the Hydrofluoric Acid be used for?

How long will the Hydrofluoric Acid be stored for?

How will the company ensure that Health & Safety is complied with to ensure the safety of both local residents and staff?

How will the tanks be decommissioned if unused or removed?

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10,123: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

None.

10,124: To receive a report from the Personnel Committee.

Cllr K Whitehead Ross reported on the meeting and the information was noted by the Members.

10,125: To receive a report from the Estates Committee.

Cllr H Bebell reported on the meeting.

The Members discussed the recommendations.

2) Resolved: That Struthers Church are allowed to install a gate through the railings at the East side of their property (from front of the building – to the right side) provided the following conditions are met.

- The gate will be double locked with the Community Council controlling access with their lock, which would be opened along with all the other park gates in the morning and locked along with all the other park gates at dusk.
- The Community Council charges for an annual Access Licence at a cost of £30.00 per annum.
- That there is agreement that if the Church ever leases or sells the property that the railings will be reinstated prior to the sale/lease going ahead.

3) Resolved: That the area to the left of the garage (where steps have been created), should have railings reinstated (with no spikes on top). That the Council should try to reinstate the hedge in the areas where growth has been slow to regenerate after the retaining wall being built.

10,126: To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported on the Meeting.

2) Resolved: That Qtr 4's/Year End Accounts are approved.

3) The aged debtors were noted.

Resolved: It was agreed that the outstanding payment would exclude the person hiring any of the Council's property until payment had been received.

4) The details for the Qtr's vandalism was noted.

5) Resolved: That no charges are applied this season, but that research into how the other bowling clubs operate financially takes place before the fees are set next year.

6) Resolved: That a Public Consultation should take place in Jersey Marine Village to establish what the building is being used for, and if the residents are prepared to take any part in running the Community Centre. A Questionnaire was approved at the meeting, and it was agreed that the Finance & General Purposes Committee Members should drop the questionnaire in to all the houses in the village. Responses will be sent back to the Clerk for collation either by email or post. Once the Clerk has collated the responses the issue will then be referred back to the Council for them to consider what actions to take.

10,127: To receive a copy of the 106 Agreement from NPTCBC for land rear of 102 Crymlyn Parc (Tennant Park) as requested at an earlier meeting.

The Members information was noted.

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10,128: To discuss/decide if standing orders should be suspended to move the AGM to be held prior to the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th May.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Standing Orders are suspended to allow the AGM and Full Council Meeting to take place on Wednesday 20th May 2015.

10,129: To receive a Consultation Report regarding the proposal to establish an Early Assessment provision at Ysgol Newydd Dyffryn Clydach and to close the Early Years Centre located at Tonmawr Primary School (circulated electronically on 16/04/15)

The information was noted by the Members.

10,130: To receive a Statutory Notice from NPTCBC to alter Ysgol Newydd Dyffryn Clydach, Heol Penlan, Longford, Neath so that provision for the assessment of children of nursery and reception age who have been identified as having significant communication difficulties is established.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,131: To receive information regarding a Community Organisation Evening regarding the opportunity to hear the plans for the new school Ysgol Newydd (Bae Baglan).

The information was noted by the Members.

10,132: To receive/respond if appropriate to the Community Review 2015 – Public Consultation on Further Draft proposals 13th April – 8th May 2015 (circulated electronically on 16/04/15)

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the information should be noted and that there were no comments at this time.

10,133: To receive information from Mr David Michael regarding the legal position for the proposed erection of a WW1 Memorial.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact Mr Michael to inform him that the Council had decided to take no further action until the Historical Society had made a decision on what type of WW1 Memorial they aimed to fundraise for.

Additionally, the Clerk was asked to contact the Historical Society to ask them to consider what type of WW1 Memorial they were aiming to raise funds for.

10,134: To receive information from the Ombudsman for Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,135: To receive a request from SSAFA Lifelong support for our Forces and their Families to hold a clothing recycling bank in the car park in Skewen Park.

There were concerns about the bin overflowing and the chance that other companies could ask to have their receptacles in the carpark which would make the carpark look very untidy.

Resolved: That permission is denied.

10,136: To receive information regarding the Clean Coast Week 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,137: To receive information from One Voice Wales regarding the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,138: To receive information from the Clerk on cost to treatment to exterminate a fly infestation in the Cemetery Chapel.

The Clerk reported that there is a problem with very large numbers of cluster flies in the Cemetery Chapel. The Clerk reported that Rentokil had proposed a programme of works to try and eliminate the infestation.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Rentokil are authorised to try and eliminate the infestation.

10,139: To receive quotes for a new Allett C20 Mower.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Clerk identifies if there are any delivery charges and the cheapest company should be approved.

10,140: Correspondence.

a) Letter from NPTCBC regarding bus revisions for the First 54 – Longford – Aberdulais route.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr H Bebell
Vice Chair**