

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 15th July 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

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

158: To receive a presentation from Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay Project.

Mr Ioan Jenkins the Divisional Director, and Oriel Price reported on the stages of construction following the approval of consent from the various authorities. It was reported that 16 Turbines will be constructed under the sea and provide energy over a 120 year period. The scheme would provide approximately 1,850 jobs during the construction phase, and 90 full time posts upon completion. There will be specific parking dedicated for visitors, and a bus which will transport visitors to and from the Visitor Centre. Work is due to commence in February 2016 and will completed in 2019. Mr Jenkins then answered the Members queries.

159: Apologies. Cllrs HR Richards, B Richards, R Didcote, P Bebell, P Fellowes.

160: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr H Bebell declared an interest in item 163 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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 1st July 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

To receive an update from NPTCBC regarding the Section 106 money for Crymlyn Road (Tennant Park), and the Section 106 money for the Crymlyn Parc Development.

To receive notification from the Clerk that an Insurance Claim for an incident at Caewathan Community Centre has been approved. To receive notification from the Clerk that the Council has received a Claim in respect of a trip in Crymlyn Burrows Playground, which has been handed over to the Insurance Company for them to deal with the issue on the Council's behalf.

163: 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 £8,083.25 Account No's 173 and 188 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.

164: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 131 and 160.

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

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165: Planning Applications:

P2015/0396 – Application under S73A to allow for the submission of details in relation to condition 2 (External Materials) 4 (Landscaping) 5 (Means of Enclosure) 15 (Alignment of driveway access) of Planning Permission P2002/0551 (Approved on the 19/09/2002. 28 Ocean View, Jersey Marine, Neath SA10 6HR. (Applicant – Mr Gavin Thomas – 28 Ocean View, Jersey Marine, Neath)

No observations.

P2015/0510 – Storage Building. Earlswood Depot, Earlswood Access Road, Jersey Marine, Neath SA10 6NG. (Applicant – Mr Richard H Davies, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen SA31 1SP)

No observations.

Late Planning Application - P2015/0584 – Felling of Sycamore tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order T4/W1. 3 Sunnyland Crescent, Skewen, Neath SA10 6TY. (Applicant – Mrs Pamela Williams, 3 Sunnyland Crescent, Skewen, Neath SA10 6TY).

No observations.

Late Planning Application - P2015/0516 – Installation of ATM to shop front. Block C Fabian Way, Crymlyn Burrows, Neath SA1 8QQ. (Applicant – Mr Alex Calvert, Santander, 201 Grafton Gate Eat, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK9 1AN).

No observations.

Late Planning Application – P2015/0591 – Internally illuminated fascia sign. Bay Studios, Unit B, Swansea Gate Business Park, Fabian Way, Neath, SA1 8QJ. (Applicant – Mr Roy Thomas, Bay Studios, Unit B Swansea Gate Business Park, Fabian Way, Neath SA1 8QJ).

The Members commented that the illuminations must not distract passing vehicles.

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

Cllr I Whitehead-Ross reported that he attended an Emergency School Governors Meeting at Crymlyn Burrows Primary School. It was announced that the current Headteacher is retiring due to ill health, and Mrs Sian Jefford has been assigned to the position for the next year.

167: To receive a letter from Peter Black AM regarding the Playground at Jersey Marine.

The Clerk provided the Members with an update of the current situation and the outstanding actions, which included installing new bins, fencing along the boundary of the toddlers play area, installing a barrier in the gate opening, and installing fencing to stop the balls bouncing into the resident's gardens in the football area. The Clerk reported that she had also ordered picnic benches for the site. The Clerk also reported that she was waiting for a copy of the Independent Inspection following the installation. The Members discussed the issue. It was stated by some of the Members that all play equipment could be dangerous in wet weather, and that there should be some risk in play areas because children learn by their mistakes.

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Resolved: The Clerk should send Peter Black AM an update of the works that will be carried out, and include a copy of “Play that Rocks” and the response from the Play Equipment Contractor for Jersey Marine in response to his letter for his perusal. The Clerk was also asked that once the Independent Inspection has been carried out that she contacts our Insurance Company to confirm that they are satisfied that the rocks remain in the playground. The Clerk was also given permission to investigate anti climb fencing for behind the football area.

168: To receive a response from the Contractor that designed and installed the play area for Jersey Marine in response to Peter Black’s letter, and receive a copy of “Play that Rocks.

The information was noted by the Members.

169: To receive/approve the costs from NPTCBC for the Christmas Lighting 2015.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the costs are approved.

170: To receive the Annual Report from Ombudsman Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

171: To receive information from the Clerk regarding advice from the Insurance Company to carry out a full survey of all the trees on all the sites maintained by Coedffranc Community Council by a qualified arborist.

The Clerk reported that the Council’s Insurance Provider have requested that the Council carries out a full tree inspection by a qualified arborist to help them in the event of an incident or claim. The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact Nick Thomas from NPTCBC for his advice and to find out if NPTCBC has the capacity to carry out the work.

172: To receive the responses from the questionnaire that the Community Council distributed to the residents of Jersey Marine regarding Jersey Marine Community Centre.

The Clerk reported that approximately 300 questionnaires had been delivered in the village, but only 7 had been completed and returned. From those responses, only 1 person was interested in taking part in a Management Committee on an unconditional basis.

The Members discussed the issue. It was stated that even if funding could be secured to re-build the Hall, it was doubtful if the local residents would actually use it considering the very poor response to the Questionnaire. It was stated that residents from Llandarcy have also used Jersey Marine Community Centre in the past, and that thought should be given to providing a joint venue/community building. The use of the Llandarcy Institute was suggested as a possible joint community building.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact NPT to ascertain what their intentions are for the Llandarcy Institute going forward. It was agreed that the Council would not take any further decision on the future of Jersey Marine Community Centre until the information on the future use of the Llandarcy Institute had been considered.

173: To receive a request to put a tablet type head stone (type used for cremated remains plots) on a Plot R of the earthen graves which goes against the Community Councils Rules and Regulations.

The Clerk reported that the dimensions of the tablet would fall outside of the Community Councils dimensions in their Rules and Regulations for Plot R. The Clerk reported that anyone purchasing a grave is given a copy of the Rules and Regulations, along with the Certificate of Exclusive Right of Burial at the time of purchase.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the request is refused.

174: To receive notification that a NPTCBC Liaison Forum is scheduled for 27th July 2015 if anyone wishes to put any item on the Agenda.

The information was noted by the Members. Cllr I Whitehead Ross asked that the issue of NPTCBC providing a Community Transformation Fund in line with the City & County of Swansea Council is put onto the Agenda for discussion.

175: To receive quotes for new vertical blinds for Carnegie Hall.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the lowest quote is accepted.

176: To receive information from the Clerk regarding installing a new mini switch board telephone system in the offices.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Council go ahead with the 5 year Lease/Ownership Plan for the Telephone Switchboard System.

177: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding changes to the Local Bus Service.

The information was noted by the Members.

178: Correspondence.

To receive information from Play Right about a Play Scheme being held in Aberdulais – 27th – 31st July 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr H Bebell
Chair**