

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 18th November 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs H Bebell, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, B Richards, HR Richards, P Bebell, JS Jones.

Part Attendance: Cllr APH Davies.

306: Apologies: Cllrs P Fellows, R Didcote, A Wingrave, HC Clarke, DK Davies, J Davies.

307: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs K Whitehead Ross and I Whitehead Ross both declared an interest in items 308/309 and did not take part in 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.

Cllr APH Davies arrived at this point.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 4th November 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 4th November 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

c) Project Development Committee held on 11th November 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

The Members conveyed their sincere thanks to the Clerk and her husband for their efforts to organise the Remembrance Sunday Service. Thanks was also given to the Salvation Army for their hard work in providing the service.

310: 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 £9,014.48. Account No's 411 and 419 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.

311: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 344 and 380

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

312: Planning Applications:

To receive the information requested regarding Planning Application P2015/0862.

The information was noted by the Members.

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P2015/0913 – Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2010/0690 (Approved on 29/11/2010) to extend the period of time for the commencement of development for a further 5 years. Land adjacent to 112 New Road, Skewen, Neath. (Applicant – Ms Pauline Rolt, 11 Glanbrydan Avenue, Uplands, Swansea SA2 0HR).

Members raised security objections to the fencing which is making the telephone box very dark at night for anyone needing to use it. Members would like to verify the reasons for requiring another 5 year extension period, and the delay in progressing. Members have suggested that a shorter period of 1 year be given.

P2015/0993 – Retention and completion of detached outbuilding. 22 Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Miss McDonald-Mohan, 22 Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows).

No Observations.

P2015/0998 – Demolition of existing conservatory, side extension and lobby. Construction of single storey side extension and lobby extension. The Lodge, Drummau Rd, Skewen, Neath SA10 6NR. (Applicant – Mr Tim Valler, The Lodge, Drummau Road, Skewen, Neath SA10 6NR).

No Observations.

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

Cllr P Bebell attended the Planning Service Committee meeting with NPT Hospitals. The Meeting discussed the issue of problems with parking at Neath, Morriston and Singleton Hospitals and are looking at ways to solve the increasing problem.

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

Cllr I Whitehead-Ross reported on the information.

2. **Resolved:** That Qtr 2's Accounts have been approved.

3. The information was noted

Resolved: That the debt of £9.00 for invoice 974 in the 2014/15 financial year was written off.

4. The information was noted.

315: To receive a report from the Project Development Committee.

Cllr I Whitehead-Ross reported that the Meeting was brief, and a list of potential projects were discussed. Cllr A Wingrave suggested that the Committee start with a small project, for instance, refurbishing the Crazy Golf in order for the Committee Members to become familiar with the grant funding process.

Resolved: That the Project Development Committee have permission to proceed.

316: To receive/respond if appropriate to information from the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales on the budget plans for 2016/17.

The information was noted by the Members.

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317: To receive a response from the Planning Department regarding the Council's request for information about the 23 car park spaces specifically for the SSSI Site and the beach on Fabian Way.

The information was discussed and it was asked if the Clerk and the Chairman could respond to the letter from the Planning Department to convey their concerns that the land was originally dedicated to the general public, but is currently being misused by the University students and academics.

318: To receive NPTCBC's Annual Report Summary for 2014-15.

The information was noted by the Members.

319: To receive a letter of thanks from Skewen Bowls Club regarding their use of the Bowling Greens.

The information was noted by the Members.

320: Correspondence.

a) To receive a letter of thanks from Skewen Historical Society.

The information was noted by the Members.

b) Notification of thanks from Ron Didcote for approving a Special Dispensation for him not to attend meetings for an additional 6 months due to ill health.

The information was noted by the Members.

c) Information from South Wales Police regarding the movement of roles.

The information was noted by the Members.

d) To receive a response from NPTCBC regarding the possible cut of the Mobile Library Service.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr H Bebell
Chair**