

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 17th February 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

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

402: Apologies: H Bebell, R Didcote, J Davies, APH Davies, B Richards, HR Richards, I Whitehead Ross.

403: To receive Declarations of Interest.

None.

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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Cllr P Bebell queried why there was not a more detailed minute of her Report regarding the Wales Ambulance Service Trust Meeting at the last meeting. The Clerk informed Cllr P Bebell that the item **“To receive a Report from any Member concerning meeting at which he or she represented the Council”** is only for Reports for meetings attended to specifically represent the Community Council.

406: 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 £7,420.83. Account No's 580 and 601 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.

407: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 576 and 578.

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

408: Planning Applications:

P2016/0059 – Non-material amendment to planning Permission P2015/0649 for Residential Buildings 13, 14, 17 & 18 to alter internal ground floor layout to Building 13 facilitate 4 additional bed spaces. Bay Campus, Fabian Way, Jersey Marine, Neath. (Applicant – St.Modwens Developments, C/o Agents,,)

No observations.

P2016/0055 – Single Storey rear extension, rear dormer extension plus detached store building. 12 Park Drive, Lonlas, Skewen, Neath SA10 6SF.

(Applicant – Miss Joanne Rees, 21 Hill Rd, Neath Abbey SA10 7NR).

No observations.

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

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting with Aled Evans, Wayne John and David Phillips to discuss the Library. The Clerk reported that the information requested at that meeting had not been forwarded in the Options Schedule she has received as requested. The Clerk requested permission to defer the discussions with NPTCBC due on the 2nd March 2016 until at least April 2016, and the information requested has been provided.

Resolved: That the Clerk defers the meeting to discuss the future options for the Library until the additional information requested for Option 3 (to make a financial contribution to the running costs) has been provided, and confirmation that NPTCBC are prepared to pay for one full time member of staff has been received.

410: To review any requests to use Caewathan as a Training Pitch, and to discuss/decide if the Community Council should continue to Lease Caewathan Playing Fields, or cancel the Lease in the review break in the Lease in April 2016.

The Clerk reported that letters were sent out to all the clubs in the Coedffranc area and that there had been no uptake for the offer of using Caewathan Playing Field as a training pitch.

The Clerk reported that she had been told by David Phillips from the Estates Department that NPTCBC would not consider giving the land Freehold to the Community Council. The Clerk also reported that David Phillips had said that the Estates Department would look favourably to giving the lease to another community based group, on the same or similar terms as the Community Council.

It was suggested that the land could be used for allotments.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should investigate what would be involved in this change of use and report back to the Members.

411: To review any requests to use the top football field in Skewen Park as a Football Pitch, and to discuss the letter from Skewen Cricket Club regarding a request to create a second cricket field on the pitch.

The Clerk reported that she has received one request to use the top football field in Skewen Park from Longford FC.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the issue should be deferred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for further discussion.

412: To receive/approve quotes for the purchase of a new tractor.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the lowest quote is accepted.

413: To receive/respond to a letter from Skewen Historical Society regarding the Commemorative tree planting at Skewen Park.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is given for Skewen Historical Society to be involved in planting the trees provided the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Council are also invited to the event.

414: To receive/respond to a letter from Peter Black regarding Dog Bins in Tennant Park.

The Members discussed the issue.

The Clerk informed the Members that all of our dog bins are emptied as least weekly. Cllr Wingrave reported that there is sometimes a problem because people do not put the bags in properly, and subsequent bags then rest on the top, so the bins appear to be full, when in fact there is hardly anything in them.

It was pointed out by the Members that Tennant Park is mainly sports pitches, so ideally dog owners should not be using this area for their dog walking. The Members suggested that the dog walkers that have complained should use Skewen Park rather than Tennant Park to walk their dogs.

The Members felt that the current bins are not inaccessible, and that in fact, all of Tennant Park is a bit muddy because of the weather conditions we have had in recent months. The Members stated that they do not want to incur any costs to move the existing bins.

Resolved: That the information is noted.

415: 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 public are excluded from the meeting.

416: To receive a request from a Member of Staff to join the Pension Scheme.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is granted.

417: Correspondence.

a) Update from South Wales Police regarding the vandalism report.

The information was noted by the Members.

Emergency Item

To discuss increasing the price for single Bowls Club Match tickets to ensure that it is cheaper to buy a Season Ticket than it is to pay individually for games.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: The price of individual tickets is increased to £10.00 per game

**Cllr J Thomas
Vice Chair**