

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 1st June 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs DK Davies, B Richards, R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, K Whitehead Ross, JS Jones.

510: Apologies: Cllrs A Wingrave, HC Clarke, P Fellows, HR Richards, J Davies, APH Davies.

511: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr J Thomas declared an interest in item 514 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.

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

a) AGM held on 18th May 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Council Meeting held on 18th May 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

c) Festival Committee Meeting held on 18th May 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

The Clerk reported that Tim Barrel from South Wales Police will attend the Council Meeting on the 20th July 2016 to give a short presentation. The Clerk reported that he asked if the Members have any specific questions if he can have them in advance.

Information on the following topics were requested:

- Crime Prevention Initiatives.
- Parking Issues in Crymlyn Burrows due to the University Campus, with students parking in the village because of a lack of parking on the Campus Site.
- The viability of the Police 101 line.

514: 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 £2,555.89. Account No's 107 and 117 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.

515: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 86 and 101.

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

516: Planning Applications:

P2016/0426 – External sports facilities including 2 No. MUGA, with associated lighting and fencing (Revised location to that approved under P2016/0682). Learning & Resource Centre, Fabian Way, Crymlyn Burrows SA1 8EN. (Applicant – Swansea University, C/o Agent).

No observations.

P2016/0441 – Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extension. Construction of single storey side extension including integral garage and roof space accommodation, plus dormers to front and rear. 15 Serecold Ave, Skewen, Neath SA10 6ED. (Applicant – Mr & Mrs 111 Crymlyn Rd, Skewen, Neath SA10 6DT).

No observations.

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P2016/0466 – Advertisement Collar. 15-16 New Rd, Skewen, Neath SA10 6UT. (Applicant – Ms Jan Clark, Notemachine UK ltd, Russell House, Elvicta Business Park, NP8 1DF).

No observations.

P2016/0460 – Retention of ATM to front elevation. 15-16 New Road, Skewen, Neath SA10 6UT. (Applicant – Ms Jan Clark, Russell House, Elvicta Business Park, Crickhowell, NP8 1DF).

No observations.

Late Application: P2016/0420 – Two storey and single storey rear extensions. 3 Stanley Road, Skewen.

No observations.

Late Application: P2016/0456 – Retention and completion of works to facilitate the temporary construction of access track and associated works (permission for a temporary period of 18 months, within a maximum of 12 weeks use would be permitted) plus the regularisation of works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order together with site clearance works and ecological mitigation/compensation. Land South of Coed Darcy, Former BP Refinery. (Applicant – Mr R Joseland – Agent).

The Members strongly objected to the above Planning Application for the following reasons:

St Modwen have already breached Planning Conditions by starting work to clear the area, including the destruction of trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders. The Members all agreed that St Modwen should be prosecuted for these actions. The Members strongly believe that it is unacceptable for large Development Companies to get away with this type of breach in Planning Legislation, when any individual would get prosecuted.

The Members are very concerned about the impact this development would have in what is a very sensitive area for wildlife. It was noted that this area is in very close proximity to a SSSI. The Members reported on a recent BBC programme which was filmed in the area, which identified several new species of insects. It was stated that the wildlife does not know where the SSSI boundaries are, and that it is inevitable that some wildlife will enter the development area.

The Members are also very concerned about the impact the access track could have on the Towers Hotel and the local residents. The Members are concerned about the noise pollution that construction Lorries would cause.

The Members strongly objected to any further trees that are protected by TPO's being cut down, and to any development in the area.

The Clerk was asked to request that if the Planning Department were to approve the above Planning Application against the wishes of the Community Council, that the Planning Department ensure that there is very strict enforcement in any conditions imposed by the Planning Department, with regular visits from Enforcement Officers.

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

None.

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517a: To receive a report from the Festival Committee held on 18th May 2016.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That all the recommendations are approved.

518: To receive/approve/sign the Annual Accounts for the 2015/2016 financial year.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Annual Accounts for the 2015/16 financial year are approved and signed.

519: To receive/approve/sign the Annual Return for the 2015/2016 financial year.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Annual Return for the 2015/16 financial year is approved and signed.

520: To receive the NPTCBC Corporate Improvement Plan 2016 – 2019 Summary.

The information was noted by the Members.

521: Correspondence.

a) To receive a Consultation Document from NPTCBC regarding a proposal to increase the number of pupils to be admitted to Ysgol Hendrefelin, Heol Hendre, Bryncoch, Neath, and to extend the age range of pupils for whom provision is made at the assessment facility.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr J Thomas
Chair**