

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 16th November 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs J Davies, B Richards, R Didcote, A Wingrave, P Davies, J Thomas, K Whitehead Ross, P Fellows.

Part Attendance: Cllrs JS Jones.

695: Apologies: Cllrs H Bebell, P Bebell, APH Davies, M Harvey, DK Davies, HR Richards, I Whitehead-Ross, HC Clarke.

696: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr K Whitehead-Ross declared an Interest in Item 704 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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

Cllr J S Jones arrived at this point.

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 2nd November 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Item 685 – Cllr A Wingrave has spoken to the Enforcement Officer and Cllr B Richards has noticed that they have started to clean up around the Chapel.

699: 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 £11,005.57. Account No's 435 and 463 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.

Resolved: That the payments are approved.

700: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 429 and 430.

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

701: Planning Applications:

Late Planning Application - P2016/0830 – Two storey detached dwelling with associated car parking. 24 Talbot Rd, Skewen, Neath SA10 6BR. (Mr Gary Reilly of 24 Talbot Rd, Skewen, Neath SA10 6BR).

No Observations.

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

Cllr B Richards gave her thanks to the Clerk and her husband for doing the Refreshments at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November at Carnegie Hall and reported that the event had been well attended.

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

Cllr A Wingrave reported on the meeting.

2) **Resolved:** That Qtr 2's Accounts are approved.

3) The information was noted:

Resolved: That the access licence for 115 Crymlyn Road should not be pursued for this financial year because the resident has passed away.

4) The information was noted and the Clerk was asked to request an update from South Wales Police on the issues that were reported.

5) The Members discussed the issue of re-arranging the play equipment in Jersey Marine Playground.

Resolved: That the play equipment should not be moved because the cost would be prohibitive, and because the playground was purposely designed to allow for different age groups in different part of the playground.

704: To receive a letter of thanks from Unison regarding the Community Councils offer of a financial donation to support the Library Service.

The information was noted by the Members.

705: To discuss/decide if the staff should receive a Christmas Bonus this year.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a Bonus of £120 per person is given.

706: To receive notification that Karen Jones NPTCBC will be attending the Council Meeting on the 7th December 2016 to update Members on the Future Generations Well-being Act as requested in the NPTCBC/Community Council Liaison Forum.

The information was noted by the Members.

707: To receive a copy of the National Standards for Community Health Councils in Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

708: To receive additional information as requested at the last Council Meeting for a request to waive the fee for the Memorial Hall for a Charity Event

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the fee is to be waived.

709: To receive a letter of thanks from Vale Bowls Club for the use of the Bowling Greens for the last season.

The information was noted by the Members.

710: To receive NPTCBC's final decision (and additional information) with regard to the Consultation for British Telecom for the removal of phone boxes in the NPT area and discuss if the Community Council wish to adopt the phone box in Llandarcy.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk writes to BT requesting to Adopt the Phone box in Llandarcy.

711: To receive a response from the Highways Department of NPTCBC regarding the Community Council's enquiry to find out if the lane at the side of the Rock & Fountain Public House would be acceptable as access/egress for a car park at the bottom of Skewen Park.

The information was noted by the Members.

712: To discuss if the Community Council should consider suspending Financial Regulations/Standing Orders to appoint the Contractor already approved to carry out Stage 1 of the path renewal, to allow continuation with Stage 2 of the path renewal by accepting a single quote.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That it is approved that Financial Regulations/Standing Orders are suspended to allow a single quotation to be accepted, and for the Clerk to authorise the work on behalf of the Community Council.

713: Correspondence.

a) To receive a determination from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg regarding the application for a Chemist in Llandarcy.

The information was noted by the Members.

b) To receive information from NPTCBC to notify the Council that they are carrying out exploratory work for the drainage on Fabian Way bordering with Crymlyn Burrows Playground.

The information was noted by the Members.

Cllr J Thomas
Chair