

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 7th December 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs DK Davies, R Didcote, JS Jones, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, P Fellows.

714: To receive a presentation from Karen Jones NPTCBC regarding the duties of Town/Community Council's under the Future Generations Well-being Act.

Karin Furlow provided the Members with information and then responded to the Members queries. Karin reported that the Public Service Board will carry out a Well-being Assessment by May 2017 and produce a Well-being Plan by 2018. The Members requested that the Members of all the Community/Town Councils that fall under the Statutory Duties in NPTCBC should be invited to take part in a consultation meeting.

715: Apologies: Cllr I Ross, J Davies, K Whitehead, A Wingrave, H Bebell, P Bebell, HR Richards, B Richards, HC Clarke, APH Davies.

716: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr DK Davies declared an interest in Item 730 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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 16th November 2016

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Festival Committee Meeting held on 16th November 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

None.

719: 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 £11,810.91. Account No's 465 and 496 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.

720: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 435 and 463.

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

721: Planning Applications:

P2016/1018 – Retention of fitness gym. Unit 12 Lonlas Business Park, Lonlas.

(Applicant – Reebok Crossfit 365 Ltd).

No observations.

Late Planning Applications:

P2016/0995 – Change of use from Class D1 (Day Centre) to Class B8 (Storage and Distribution with sale counter) plus external alterations. Units 8,9 & 10 The Courtyard, D'Arcy Business Park, Llandarcy, Neath SA10 6EJ. (Applicant – Miss St Pierre – Screwfix Direct Ltd, Trade House, Mead Ave, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil BA22 8RT).

No Observations.

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

Cllr J Thomas and the Clerk attended Skewen Gents OAP Christmas Dinner at the Glynclydach and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Cllr JS Jones attended the Young Farmers Christmas function.

723: To receive a report from the Festival Committee.

Cllr P Davies reported on the Festival Meeting and the Santa Parade and mentioned that there was not much support from the Members for the Santa Parade.

Resolved: That all recommendations are approved.

724: To receive a request for financial assistance from Seren and Kelsey Hughes representing Wales Women Cricket Development Team.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a donation of £100 each should be made.

725: To receive a request from Struthers Church to purchase the land on the right and possibly to the left of their Church.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the request is not approved.

726: To receive the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Electoral Reviews: Policy and Practice, Timetable and Council Size Policy.

The information was noted by the Members.

727: To receive information about the Cistercian Way long distance path.

The information was noted by the Members.

728: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding changes to the local bus services.

The information was noted by the Members.

729: To receive an update from Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay.

The information was noted by the Members.

730: To receive a request from Skewen Short Mat Bowls to allow them to move the bowling mats over to allow 3 mats to be fitted in alongside the Christmas Tree.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Park Superintendent performs a Risk Assessment, and that the request should be approved once the Risk Assessment has been completed.

731: To receive a request for the Survivors of Stroke Wales to waive the fee for a fundraising afternoon in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 11th December 2016.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a financial donation is to be provided to cover the cost.

732: Correspondence.

None.

733: (*For information only*): To remind Members that there will be a Christmas Dinner at the Smiths Arms (at Members own expense) following the Council Meeting to be held on 21st December 2016. If you intend to come please complete the menu form enclosed and return along with a deposit of £5.00 per person to Cllr J Thomas. The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr J Thomas
Chair**