

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 4th January 2017 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, B Richards, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, I Ross, K Whitehead.

Part Attendance: Cllrs JS Jones, DK Davies.

747: Apologies: Cllrs A Wingrave, H Bebell, P Bebell, J Davies, HR Richards, P Fellows, R Didcote.

748: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in Items 754 and 757 and left the room during 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 JS Jones arrived at this point.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 21st December 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

None.

751: 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 £1,182.65. Account No's 536 and 541 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.

Cllr DK Davies arrived at this point.

752: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 501 and 502.

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

753: Planning Applications:

P2016/1096 – Details pursuant to the discharge of Condition 7 of Planning Permission P2011/0880 relating to the design and construction of the pedestrian steps over cliff face. Land South of Coed Darcy, Former BP Refinery, Llandarcy, Neath. (Applicant – Persimmon Homes).

The Members discussed the issue. There were no observations for this Application.

754: To receive notice of a Pre-application Consultation response under article 2D of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Wales) Order 2012 for the Proposed development at Swansea Bay Campus, Fabian Way, Swansea.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should write to confirm that the Council has no significant observations at this time.

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

None.

756: To receive a response from NPTCBC regarding the condition of Horeb Chapel.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the information should be noted.

757: To receive an update from Skewen Rugby Club regarding their bid to obtain grant funding to put a new drainage scheme in place on the training pitch for which the Rugby Club hold a Preferential User Agreement in Tennant Park, and decide if the Community Council should pay for the works and get refunded by Skewen Rugby Club.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact Skewen Rugby Club to find out if the grant could be paid directly to the Council as the land owner, so that the Council could pay for the works. The Clerk was also authorised to seek professional clarification with a VAT Consultant if necessary.

758: To receive a Report from the Clerk following a call from Swansea East MP Carolyn Harris to make Children's funerals free of charge.

The Clerk reported that this item had not been put on the Agenda for a decision.

The Clerk reported that this item is for the Members to give their views on the issue, so that the Community Council could report their views back to the South Wales Burial Authority Forum, in order that Coedffranc Community Councils views would form part of the official response being drafted by South Wales Burial Authority Forum to the Government.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the following views should be passed on to the South Wales Burial Authority Forum at the meeting on the 6th January 2017:-

- That the Exclusive Right of Burial and the Internment should be free for children living within the Coedffranc area, but if and when an adult goes into the grave, the full cost for the Exclusive Right of Burial should be charged at that time, which would ensure that adults were not getting use of the Exclusive Right of Burial granted for the child, free of charge.
- That the Community Council should have the right to charge the full costs for the Exclusive Right of Burial and the Internment for children who live outside of the Community Council's area.
- The Community Council would like clarification on what the age limit would be to be eligible to receive a free children's funeral.
- If this becomes a Government Directive the Community Council would like clarification from the Government if any funding would be made available to help alleviate some of the additional costs that the Burial Authority would be covering.

759: Correspondence.

None.

Cllr J Thomas
Chair