

## COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Carnegie Hall.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs APH Davies, A Wingrave, JS Jones, P Davies, J Thomas, K Whitehead, P Fellows, B Richards.

**853: Apologies:** Cllrs J Davies, R Didcote, H Bebell, P Bebell, I Ross, HR Richards.

**854: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr K Whitehead declared an interest in the Emergency Item and left the room during the discussions. Cllr APH Davies declared an interest in item 867 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.

**855: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -**

**a) Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

None.

**857: 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 £11,830.66. Account No's 41 and 74 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.

**858: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 693 and 698.**

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

**859: Planning Applications:**

**Late Application: P2017/0320 – Erection of 2.3m high security fencing. Llanellec Precision Engineering, Jenkins Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Llanellec Precision Engineering).**

The Members objected. Having looked at the plans, the Members believe that this proposal would obstruct access from Old Road along Jenkins Road, which is currently used as a footpath by the people living in the community. It is believed that this route has been used for over 50 years, and therefore, a Right of Way has been established. Furthermore, it is believed that Llanellec Precision Engineering do not currently own some of the land that they propose to fence off, and therefore, the Members believe that this is an attempt to capture land.

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

None.

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**861: To receive information regarding a Facebook Group created to embarrass offenders for dog owners who do not clean up their dog foul of pavements and in parks. The creator of the Facebook Group has requested support from the Community Council by promoting the link on the Community Council Website, and allowing posters to be put up in Skewen Park and Tennant Park.**

The Members discussed the issue. There were concerns on the legality of taking photos or videos, and posting them in a public domain without the consent of the person in the photo or video. Additionally, there are concerns that the Facebook page is not being supervised adequately as there are offensive photos and comments that are not taken off the site by the Administrator. Furthermore, it was thought that the Facebook page could be used for vindictive purposes. There were photos of owners with dogs on the site, without any evidence that their dog had fouled, however, the comments attached indicated that someone had seen their dog foul and the owner had not cleaned up, and therefore, the comments could be slanderous.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk seeks legal advice.

**862: To receive a copy of the South Wales Region Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation Newsletter.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**863: To discuss/decide if Standing Orders and Financial Regulations should be suspended to cancel the Council Meeting due to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 due to the Council Elections being held the following day.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Council should suspend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to cancel the Council Meeting due to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 due to the Elections.

Additionally, it was agreed that the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair would have the authority to authorise the payment schedule that would be due on the date of the Council Meeting to ensure that no late payment penalties are incurred.

**864: To receive a request from Skewen Rugby Club for the Community Council to consider contributing the £12,445.64 Section 106 Agreement money for Crymlyn Road Development (Hale site) towards a drainage scheme bid in Tennant Park due to a short fall in their bid. Additionally, they are asking for the Community Council's agreement to request that NPTCBC release part of the Section 106 Agreement for the Crymlyn Grove Development to contribute towards the scheme.**

The Members discussed the request. It was agreed that the Community Council should contact NPTCBC to find out if the Section 106 for the Crymlyn Road Development (Hale Site) of £12,445.64 could be used to part fund the Rugby Clubs bid. However, it was agreed that the Community Council would not request that any money from the Crymlyn Grove Development should be contributed towards the scheme.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk contacts NPTCBC to find out if the Section 106 for the Crymlyn Road Development (Hale Site) of £12,445.64 could be used to part fund the Rugby Clubs bid.

**865: To discuss/decide what the Section 106 Funding from the Cartref Development should be used for. The funding is £22,340 and must be used "for the provision, enhancement and improvement of and access to sports, specifically pitch and non-pitch sports at Skewen Park.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That this issue should be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Members to have more time to think about it.

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**866: To receive a response from NPTCBC regarding the Community Council's request to buy the Lease for the land that Caewathan Community Centre sits on.**

The Clerk reported that NPTCBC had informed her that it is not the Authorities wish to dispose of their freehold interest in the site.

The information was noted by the Members.

**867: To receive a request from Skewen Historical Society to meet with Member after the May Election to discuss their proposal for proposed the WW1 Memorial**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That permission is granted to allow representatives to speak at a meeting after the Elections have been held.

**868: Correspondence.**

**a) To receive notification from the Lottery Fund that the Community Council's application for funding for defibrillators was unsuccessful.**

The Clerk informed the Members that she would be meeting with the Charity Cariat to discuss further options.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Emergency Item**

The Clerk reported that she had received phone calls from the Police following damage to Carnegie Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Police wanted to know if the Council wished to prosecute the two girls that had caused the damage, both of which were minors. The Clerk reported on how the police would like to handle the issue. The Members discussed the issue.

Opinion was spilt and a Resolution was put forward and an Amendment followed.

**The Amendment was voted upon first:** This was to prosecute the girls – this vote was 2 for and 4 against.

**The Resolution was then voted upon:** This was for the Police to arrange a meeting between the two girls, the Police and representatives of the Community Council to discuss the potential consequences of the girl's actions, and for the girls to apologise – this vote was 4 for and 2 against.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk informs the Police that the Council would like the Police to arrange a meeting between the two girls, the Police and representatives of the Community Council to discuss the potential consequences of the girl's actions and for the girls to apologise. It was agreed that Cllrs M Harvey and DK Davies should represent the Community Council at the meeting. It was also agreed that the girls should be banned from ever entering any of the Community Council's properties in the future.

Furthermore, it was agreed that the Clerk should Agenda the item at the next Council Meeting to discuss if any actions should be taken against the company that had hired the hall and were responsible for supervising the girls who caused the damage.

**Cllr J Thomas  
Chair**