

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 3rd January 2018 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs A Wingrave, P Davies, J Thomas, K Whitehead, C Wingrave, TJ Bevan, AR Aubrey, M Harvey, DK Davies, MA Fender, LJ Pocock, APH Davies, J S Jones.

1134: Apologies: Cllrs B Richards, K Amos, C Fletcher, D Harvey.

1135: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr A Aubrey declared an interest in item 1140 and left the room during the discussions. Cllr K Whitehead declared an interest in item 1144 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.

1136: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 20th December 2017.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

1137: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None.

1138: 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 £4,068.56 Account No's 551 and 564 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.

1139: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 509 and 516.

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

1140: Planning Applications:

Late Application: P2017/1161- Retention of single storey side and rear extension. 1 Hill View, Jersey Marine, Neath. (Applicant – Mr J Fletcher, 1 Hill View, Jersey Marine, Neath).

No Observations.

1141: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

None.

1142: To receive/respond if appropriate to information from the Law Commission regarding Planning Law in Wales Consultation.

The information was noted by the Members.

1143: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding their Consultation for the draft budget proposals for 2018-19 and beyond.

The information was noted by the Members.

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1144: To agree a fee for the exclusive hire of a room in Carnegie Hall from Friday 22nd December 2017 to 29th January 2018 inclusive, for Whitehead Ross Education and Consulting.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a discount of 20% is given off the hire fee.

1145: To receive costings from NPTCBC Architects Department for the plans/specifications, and estimates for the works for the proposed additional car park provision.

The Members discussed the issue and it was agreed that the Council could not afford to complete this project with their current funds.

Resolved: That the proposals are put on hold, and the money that was earmarked for this project is transferred into the pot of money for the office extension.

1146: To discuss/agree on the location for the next phase of cremated remains in Coedffranc Cemetery.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the matter is deferred for the Estates Committee to investigate the appropriate area.

1147: To receive costings for the MUGA in the revised position from the preferred supplier and discuss/agree what the remaining capital budget should be spent on.

The Members discussed the issue at length.

Resolved: That the Tender is accepted and approved to go ahead.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Cricket Club to find out what is being stored in the metal container alongside the Cricket Club before the Council arrange for the container to be moved.

It was noted that the MUGA would be funded by:

Cartref 106 Agreement £22,000

NPT Minor Project Grant £8,000

Capital Budget £25,000

The Clerk reported that this leaves a capital budget of £24,000 to use on other projects.

It was agreed that approximately £5,000 would be needed to complete the new cremated remains section, which would leave a remaining capital budget of £19,000.

It was agreed to use the earmarked reserves of £25,000 for playground equipment, plus the £19,000 remaining capital budget which equates to a budget of £44,000 for play equipment (inclusive of safety matting) in Skewen Park.

It was agreed that the Clerk contacts the play equipment providers to ask them for their proposals for play equipment suitable for 2 to 10 year olds for the £44,000 budget.

1148: To receive information regarding costs for converting the paddling pool into a splash pad.

The Members discussed the issue. Cllr APH Davies reported that the paddling pool area is very popular, and during the good weather it is the most used area in the park, therefore, the Council need to make every effort to either convert the area to a splash pad or refurbish the paddling pool.

Resolved: That the decision is deferred in order to source funding opportunities.

1149: Correspondence.

None.

**Cllr P Davies
Chair**