

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 5th June 2013 at the Memorial Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs HR Richards, B Richards, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, P Fellows, HC Clarke.

Part Attendance: Cllrs JS Jones.

9314: To inspect Skewen Park to find a suitable location which could be used as a designated area, to allow dogs off leads to exercise should it be required.

The Members discussed the issue.

The suggested area for an exercise area for dogs to be able to run off their leads should the Council proceeds with the Dog Control Order process was:

From the gate behind the Rock & Fountain car park (gate 2) to the gate by the bus shelter on Burrows Road (gate3) and up to the first path. The paths from both these gates to where they meet will mark the boundary. All the grassed area enclosed within these paths to the boundary to the houses on Burrows Road is the designated area.

Sign posts would be erected to mark the area for the public.

Cllr JS Jones arrived at this stage.

9315: To discuss/approve going through the Dog Control Order process and the associated consultation process, to allow the Community Council to ensure that dogs are kept on leads at all times in Skewen Park, with the exception of the designated area.

The Clerk gave the Members an update on the process for creating a Dog Control Order and informed the Members that she had held provisional discussions with officers from NPTCBC to find out if they could help with the process. The Clerk reported that the provisional discussions had gone well, but the Council would need the approval and co-operation from the relevant Head of Services.

The Clerk reported that the Community Council would need help from the Legal Department, the Enforcement Department and the Publicity Department in order to progress.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the NPTCBC Members make contact with the relevant Head of Departments to determine if they are prepared to provide the Community Council with the necessary support to put forward a Dog Control Order

9316: Apologies: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, J Davies, M Harvey, R Didcote

9317: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr P Bebell declared an interest in item 9292 as a Member of the Planning Committee. She left the room during 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.

9318: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) AGM held on 22nd May 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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b) Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9319: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that there would be additional costs for the removal of the boiler in the Memorial Hall because asbestos had been found in the boiler.

9320: 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 £5,951.47. Account No's 136 and 144 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.

9321: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 82 and 101.

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

9322: Planning Applications: -

P2013/0455 – Three storey detached building and ancillary works for a proposed Energy Safety Research Institute (use Class B1). Land off Fabian Way. (Applicant – Swansea University and St Modwens).

No observations.

P2013/0150 – 5 dwellings and associated engineering operations. (Outline application with all matters reserved). Rear of 11 – 19 Castle Street, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Williams, Old Mill Farmhouse, Dinas Powys).

The Council have objected to the Application listed above on the following grounds. There are two a Rights of Way running through site which the Members wish to preserve.

They are extremely concerned that there other properties that use the lane for access and egress and development of this site would restrict their access to Cardonnel Road and Pentreffynn Road, and would also restrict access to Ferry View and Clifton Place.

The access lane is held up by a retaining wall which protects the existing houses in the vicinity.

There are already parking concerns in the area without the additional parking requirement that this site would create.

There are concerns that the existing highway infrastructure leading to this site is not sufficient for additional traffic the site would create and that the lane is not sufficient to hold construction traffic.

There are also concerns about drainage issues in the area.

9323: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

None.

9324: To receive the Report from the Internal Auditor for 2013.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Report is approved.

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9325: To receive the PACT minutes from the Meeting held on the 28th March 2013.

The information was noted by the Members.

9326: To draft a Policy for the attendance of Political Party Representatives to attend Council Meetings.

The Members discussed the issue.

It was stated that the Community Council Meetings should not be political, and therefore, Political Parties should not be granted permission to make presentations or speak to the Community Council unless specifically invited to attend.

Resolved: That permission would not be granted to anyone representing a Political Party to make a presentation/speak to the Council, unless the Community Council specifically invites them to attend the Council Meeting.

9327: To receive a request to appoint a School Governor to fill the Vacancy for Crymlyn Primary School to replace Cllr P Bebell who is moving to a LEA Governor at the school.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Cllr J Thomas is nominated.

9328: To receive notification of the One Voice Wales 2013 Conference and AGM to be held on Saturday 5th October 2013 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells.

The information was noted by the Members.

Cllrs P Bebell and APH Davies were nominated to attend.

9329: Correspondence.

a) Notification of the One Voice Wales Larger Council's Conference on Wednesday 10th July 2013 at the Hafod a Hendre Building, Royal Welsh Showground.

The Members discussed the information.

Cllr APH Davies was nominated to attend the Conference.

9330: To resolve to exclude the public for the following item pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 and Paragraph 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: That the press and the public are removed from the Meeting.

9331: To receive a request from Western Power Distribution to sign a Way leave Consent (Termed) or an Owner Way leave Consent.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk seeks additional advice from the Solicitor.

**Cllr A Wingrave
Chair**