

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 18th September 2013 at the Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, JS Jones, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, P Fellows, HC Clarke.

9452: Apologies: Cllrs M Harvey, B Richards, HR Richards, J Davies.

9453: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs APH Davies and P Bebell declared an interest in item 9458 as Members of the Planning Committee. They 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.

9454: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 4th September 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9455: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None.

9456: 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 £18,287.03. Account No's 303 and 312 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.

9457: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 262 and 282.

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

9458: Planning Applications: -

P2013/0828 – 1 no. Non illuminated V Board sign. Land off Fabian Way, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Swansea University and St Modwens).

No observations.

P2013/0770 – Retention and completion of a single storey side extension (amendment to P2012/0216). 21 Coombe Tennant Avenue, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Dergress, 21 Coombe Tennant Avenue, Skewen).

No observations.

To receive information about a Planning Appeal for Wishing Well Farm for the demolition of existing agricultural outbuilding to facilitate construction of a new dwelling.

The information was noted by the Members.

Late Application: P2013/0830 – Retention of detached dwelling, garage and raised decking area. 39A Drummau Park, Skewen. (Applicant Mr W Moore, 39A Drummau Park, Skewen).

Observations regarding the raised decking area overlooking Property Nos: 29, 30 & 31.

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9459: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr APH Davies and DK Davies reported that they had attended the Battle of Britain Parade. Cllr A Wingrave reported that she had attended the opening ceremony of the Pray for the UK Church. Cllr APH Davies reported that he had attended a meeting of One Voice Wales and would report back at a future meeting.

9460: To receive information from the Welsh Government regarding a Consultation Document regarding Designated Persons Order (Number 1).

The information was noted by the Members.

9461: To receive a request from Struthers Memorial Church to hold a Fire Work Display in Caewathan Playing Fields on the 5th November 2013.

The Members discussed the request. It was stated that they would need to take out Insurance for the event.

Resolved: That permission is granted if they take out Insurance to cover the event and notify the properties adjoining the field in advance.

9462: To receive an update regarding access to Jersey Marine Beach from Cllr H Bebell and to receive additional information and photos from Cllr DK Davies.

Cllr DK Davies provided information regarding the photographs that he had provided for distribution to the Members. Cllr DK Davies stated that from looking at the original SSI site map from National Resources Wales, over the years the maps held by NPTCBC had altered slightly. Cllr DK Davies requested that the Council write to St Modwens asking them to provide a footpath in accordance with Section 40 of the Highways Act.

Cllr H Bebell reported that the footpaths still exist, and that signs will be put up once the entrance site has been developed. Cllr H Bebell showed photos of Cllr P Bebell walking on the footpaths to the beach. Cllr P Bebell stated that it was enshrined in law that the residents of Crymlyn Burrows would have access rights to the beach. Cllr H Bebell stated that BP Chemicals had put rocks and sand to block access to off road bikers at the request of the Crymlyn Burrows Association.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Chair, Cllr H Bebell and Cllr DK Davies meet on site to discuss the issue further, and then if appropriate, that the Clerk writes to St Modwens asking them to tidy the area up and put up signs showing the access route to the beach.

9463: To discuss the issues raised in the Liberal Democrats Newsletter being circulated in the West Ward as raised by Cllr H Bebell.

Cllr H Bebell reported that he is unhappy about the claims being made in the Liberal Democrats Newsletter being circulated in the West Ward. He reported that Peter Black AM is claiming that he has arranged to have works done, that have actually been arranged by Cllr H Bebell or the Community Council.

Cllr HC Clarke stated that a letter had been received by the Community Council requesting that a bench is placed in Crymlyn Burrows Playground prior to the Estates Committee meeting on site to recommend that two of the donated benches should be located there, and therefore, the Newsletter was not inaccurate.

The Members noted the discussions.

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9464: Correspondence.

- a) **To receive information from NPTCBC regarding changes to the bus schedule.**

The information was noted by the Members.

- b) **To discuss where and when the Members Christmas Dinner should take place.**

It was suggested that the Christmas Dinner could be held at the Smiths in Neath Abbey. The Clerk reported she would put the issue on the next Agenda asking Members to contact John Thomas to confirm if they would be attending.

**Cllr A Wingrave
Chair**