

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 20th November 2013 at the Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, R Didcote, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, P Fellows, HC Clarke.

Part Attendance: Cllrs JS Jones, M Harvey.

9532: Apologies: Cllrs A Wingrave, DK Davies, B Richards, HR Richards, J Davies.

9533: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr APH Davies declared an interest in item 9538 as a Member of the Planning Committee. He 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.

9534: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 6th November 2013

Approved as a true and accurate record.

b) Festival Committee Meeting held on 6th November 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

c) Estates Committee Meeting held on 13th November 2013.

Approved as a true and accurate record with the following amendments:

The last but one paragraph should have said that the Clerk was asked to obtain prices for a diesel welder generator.

The last paragraph should have said that the Clerk has the authority to purchase the necessary equipment and instruct the staff to progress with the works within her existing remit, not that the Chair of the Council and Chair of the Estates Committee had taken the decision and instructed the Clerk to go ahead with the purchase of the equipment and to start the work.

9535: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported on an update from NPTCBC regarding disabled parking facilities for NPTCBC Civic Centres as raised in the Liaison Forum.

9536: 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 £6,177.78. Account No's 406 and 408 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.

9537: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 378 and 392.

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

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Cllr R Didcote took the Chair in place of Cllr APH Davies when he left the room for this item.

9538: Planning Applications: -

P2013/0886 – one detached dwelling. Land rear of 161 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Mayers, 161 New Road, Skewen).

No observations.

P2013/0938 – Variation of Condition 16 of Planning Permission P2003/0742 (Approved 06/07/2004) in respect of timing of improvement works to pond and grassland habitat. Woodland View, Cwrt y Bettws, Llandarcy. (Applicant – Mr Phillips, Woodland View, Cwrt y Bettws, Llandarcy).

No observations.

Late Application: P2013/0064 – Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2005/1617 (approved 8/2/08) to extend the time for implementation of the permission period of three years. Former Llandarcy Oil Refinery, Llandarcy. (Applicant – St Modwens).

No observations.

9539: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting with the Skate Park Installer and that dependent on the weather, work would commence on the 25th November 2013. The Clerk reported that she and Cllr APH Davies had attended a meeting with members of the NPTCBC Liaison Forum to discuss the Charter Agreement and make suggested amendments.

9540: To receive a report from the Festival Committee.

The Clerk reported on the recommendations.

The Members discussed if any other schools should be involved in the opening of the Skate Park, and it was agreed that the issue would be discussed at the next Festival Committee Meeting.

Resolved: That all the recommendations are approved.

9541: To receive a report from the Estates Committee.

Cllr R Didcote reported on the meeting and the Members noted the information.

The Members ratified the Clerks decision to go ahead with the purchase of a diesel welder generator and for the work to commence.

Cllr JS Jones arrived at this point.

9542: To receive a copy of the Neighbourhood News from South Wales Police.

The information was noted by the Members.

9543: To receive a request from Sue Ware regarding the model of the SS Main.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That permission is granted to move the model into room 2. Additionally the Clerk was asked to obtain a price to get the model professionally cleaned.

9544: To discuss a request to hold the Cytan Service on Sunday 28th June 2014 in Skewen Park and in the Memorial Hall if the weather does not permit an outdoor service.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That permission is granted to hold the event in the Memorial Hall or Skewen Park free of charge.

9545: To receive information from Coedffranc Football Mini & Junior Club regarding their earlier request to put a storage container in one of the Parks.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That the Clerk should clarify if the measurements given are in feet or meters, and that the issues should be passed to the Estates Committee to meet in the New Year to suggest possible locations and report back to Council.

Cllr M Harvey arrived at this point.

9546: To discuss a request from Cllr JS Jones for all Members who circulate a Newsletter to provide a copy to the Clerk, so that she can electronically circulate the Newsletter to every Member for their information.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That Members are asked to provide a copy of any Newsletters that they circulate to the Clerk, so that she can forward them electronically to all the Members.

9547: To receive a request from the Clerk to provide your preferred e-mail contact details if you are not already on the list enclosed.

The request was noted by the Members.

Emergency Item raised by Cllr I Whitehead Ross:

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported that 900 students would be based on site at the Swansea Bay Campus but that 5000 students would be accessing their services. He reported that the Community Council has not been contacted as part of the consultation process and requested that Swansea Bay Futures are allowed to attend a meeting to provide the Members with a presentation and answer any queries that they might have. Cllr K Whitehead Ross reported that the student village in Swansea was scheduled for demolition.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Swansea Bay Futures should be invited to a future Council Meeting to make a presentation and answer any queries that the Members might have.

Cllr I Whitehead Ross and K Whitehead Ross left the meeting at this point.

9548: To discuss/decide if Standing Orders should be suspended to accept one quote for the sound system in the Memorial Hall as requested by Skewen Park Players.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That the quote is not accepted at this time and that the Clerk obtains additional information and reports back to the Council in the New Year.

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9549: To receive a letter from the Public and Commercial Services Union regarding a review into a review into the DVLA.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That the Clerk should write to the Secretary to find out what specific support the Community Council could give. It was also noted that individual Councillors could offer support.

9550: To discuss/decide if the staff should have vouchers for Christmas this year.

The Members discussed the issue

Resolved: That the staff should have vouchers this year.

9551: To remind the Members that the Clerk will not be present at the next Council Meeting on December 4th 2013 as she will be on leave. Additionally, to remind Members that only the legislative items will be on the Agenda, and that the Clerical Assistant will be taking the minutes for the meeting.

The Members noted the information.

9552: To ask if any Members are interested in going on a Council Trip to Croyde Bay in Devon in May 2014.

This issue was deferred until the 18th December 2013.

9553: Correspondence.

a) To receive a letter of thanks from Struthers Memorial Church regarding the fire work display.

The information was noted by the Members.

b) To receive information from One Voice Wales on action being taken against illegal money lenders.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr APH Davies
Vice Chair**