

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 19th March 2014 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs DK Davies, B Richards, H Bebell, A Wingrave, J Thomas, K Whitehead Ross.

Part Attendance: Cllr APH Davies.

9670: Apologies: Cllrs P Davies, I Whitehead Ross, HR Richards, M Harvey, P Fellows, HC Clarke, J Davies, JS Jones, R Didcote, P Bebell.

9671: To receive Declarations of Interest.
None.

Cllr APH Davies arrived at this point.

9672: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -
a) Council Meeting held on 5th March 2014
Approved as a true and accurate record.

9673: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
None.

9674: 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 £8,812.40. Account No's 582 and 600 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.

9675: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 579 and 580.
The Clerk provided explanations, which were accepted by the Council.

9676: Planning Applications: -
None.

9677: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.
NPTCBC give the group an update on the setting of the Council Tax and informed everyone that it would be set by February 28th February 2014.
The group were informed that claims for the grant for Community Council's Web Sites would need to be submitted by the end of March 2014, with details of the money spent and a link to the web site so that they could verify it before paying out the grant. NPTCBC informed the group that there is a review taking place on the Review of Community & Electoral Arrangements. The group were informed that the last review conducted by NPTCBC was in 2007. It was reported that under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972, Local Authorities had a duty to report what works they have undertaken to ensure that adequate reviews have taken place. The consultation document was published on the 3rd March 2014 and the consultation will finish on the 30th June 2014.
The group were given an update regarding the Model Charter and were told that we are getting closer to a finished working document.

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Liaison Forum Community Council Issues

It was agreed that a notice to submit items to the Agenda for the Liaison Forum and copies of the Agenda's and Minutes would be submitted to both the Members of the Group and to their Clerks to ensure adequate participation.

Various issues regarding Highway Maintenance, drain clearance and risk of flooding were discussed. It was suggested that at the next meeting an update could be provided, and that the item could be a Standing Item on the Agenda so that the Community Councils are kept apprised. NPTCBC reported that the last Highway Maintenance Report was published in July 2013 but that it was a work in progress. It was reported that due to very tight budget constraints, NPTCBC are moving to a Risk Management Approach, and that there would be one less machine with operative on the Gully Sucking Crew, and that there would be one less operative on the Gritting Crew.

Cllr APH Davies reported that he had attended an Area Meeting of One Voice Wales, and that topics discussed included One Voice Wales changing to a Company Limited by Guarantee, a reduction in External Audit Fees and the repeal of Section 105 (Payments by Community Councils).

Cllr APH Davies also reported that One Voice Wales new website would be up and running on 31st March 2014.

Cllr A Wingrave reported that she had attended a function for the Welsh Tournament of the Short Mat Bowls for over 60's and under 21's and had enjoyed the day. Cllr Wingrave reported that Skewen Short Mat Bowls Club had thanked the Council for the three new mats that had been provided.

9678: To receive/respond if appropriate to the City & County of Swansea Local Development Plan update.

The information was noted by the Members.

9679: To discuss refurbishing the War Memorial at Crymlyn Burrows Community Centre as raised by Cllr H Bebell.

Cllr H Bebell reported that Crymlyn Burrows Management Committee would like to have the War Memorial restored and requested permission for the Council staff to remove the plaque and replace it once it has been restored.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is granted.

9680: To receive information from Cllr H Bebell about opportunities that he is investigating to obtain funding for Crymlyn Burrows Community Centre and Park.

Cllr H Bebell reported that he is investigating funding opportunities for Crymlyn Burrows.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Cllr H Bebell should continue with his investigations, in the hope of obtaining funding to improve the facilities in Crymlyn Burrows.

9681: To receive information about a Customer Information Event to be held on Thursday 20th March 2014, to give residents an update on the Sewerage Plant issues raised last year.

The information was noted by the Members. Cllr H Bebell also informed the Members that he is trying to re-establish the Liaison Committee.

9682: To receive a request from the Clerk to remind Members to self-nominate for any Committees that they are interested in sitting on. (Please note the Festival Committee stay in place for the 4/5 years of Office). Please provide written nominations to the Clerk before 25th April.

The information was noted by the Members.

9683: To receive a request from the Clerk to allow the six Members nominated to be the Council's Signatories at the start of their Term of Office to remain as the Council's Signatories for the 4/5 years of their Office.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the request is approved.

9684: To receive a copy of the Bay Campus News.

The information was noted by the Members.

9685: To receive information from NPT Local Service Board about an Air Quality Event.

The information was noted by the Members.

9686: To receive information from Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay regarding their Planning Inspectorate Application Reference: EN010049.

The information was noted by the Members. Cllr H Bebell reported that he is concerned that the outfall pipe for the sewerage plant could release effluent inside the Lagoon. He informed the Members that he had been assured by Welsh Water that this would not be the case, but that he was still concerned because effluent had previously been discharged into the Bay in the event of emergencies.

9687: To discuss if the Council should consider applying to WREN for funding to improve the stage area and install a sound system in the Memorial Hall as raised by Cllrs B Richards and J Thomas.

The Clerk provided information from Paul Hinder the Grants Advisor for NPTCBC. The Members discussed the issue. It was reported that WREN always have funding available because the fund is topped up every year by tax from landfill. It was suggested that the Council should not submit a bid to WREN at present because it could jeopardise other bids that the Council were considering.

It was also noted that there had already been approval for purchasing and installing a new sound system in the Memorial Hall and that the Clerk was waiting for information from Cllr HC Clarke regarding her suggested specifications and costs.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact Cllr HC Clarke to try and get the outstanding information and report back to the Members at a future meeting.

9688: To receive a request from the Parish of Skewen Parochial Church for a letter of support for their application for grant funding.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk provides a letter of support. Additionally the Clerk was asked to find out if it would be beneficial for individual Members to write letters of support.

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9689: To receive quotes/discuss/approve if applicable the installation of an alarm system for the Memorial Hall.

This issue was deferred until the next meeting.

9690: Correspondence.

None.

**Cllr A Wingrave
Chair**