

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 2nd April 2014 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, R Didcote, P Bebell, A Wingrave, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, P Fellows.

9691: Apologies: Cllrs HC Clarke, B Richards, HR Richards, H Bebell.

9692: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs APH Davies and P Bebell declared an interest in item 9697 as Members of the Planning Committee. They left the room during discussions.

Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in item 9697 items P2014/0222 & P2014/0209. 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.

9693: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 19th March 2014.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9694: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that the Council had got through to the Second Stage of the People and Places bid to upgrade the facilities in Skewen Park. Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported that we have been asked to remove the section relating to the improvement of the Tennis Courts.

9695: 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 £19,837.90. Account No's 1 and 28 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.

9696: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 582 and 600.

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

9697: Planning Applications: -

P2014/0209 – Plot 3, Cwrt y Betws, Lane from B4290 to Cwrt y Betws Farm, Jersey Marine. Detached two storey dwelling and associated engineering and highway works. (Applicant – Mr Knight, 37 The Meadows, Skewen).

No observations.

P2014/0210 - Plot 2, Cwrt y Betws, Lane from B4290 to Cwrt y Betws Farm, Jersey Marine. Detached two storey dwelling, garage and associated engineering and highway works. (Applicant – Mr Thomas, 32 The Meadows, Skewen).

No observations.

P2014/0222 – The construction of 545 residential student bed spaces, gym, sports hall, crèche and student union facilities and associated works (Bay Campus Phase 1B) Bay Campus, Fabain Way, Jersey Marine, Neath. (Applicant – St Modwens Development).

No observations.

P214/0222 – Plot 24, Glas y Gorlan, Jersey Marine. Two storey dwelling incorporating rear conservatory (change of house type) (amended DAS 20/03/14). (Applicant – Mr Jones C/O Plot 24, Glas y Gorlan, Jersey Marine).
No observations.

P2014/0189 – Plot 19 Glas y Dorlan (Ocean View Phase 2), Jersey Marine. Two storey detached dwelling (change of house type to include conservatory). (Applicant Mr Orton, C/O Plot 19 Glas y Dorlan, Jersey Marine).
No observations.

P2014/0190 – Plot 79 Glas y Dorlan (Ocean View Phase 2), Jersey Marine. Retention of two storey detached dwelling (change of house type to include rear conservatory) (Applicant – Mr G McLean, 79, Glas y Dorlan, Jersey Marine).
No observations.

P2013/0794 – Retention and completion of works comprising the installation of French doors and windows on the ground floor front and side elevations plus first floor rear elevation, balustrade and tiling to rear escape, canopy to front entrance plus new boundary walls with railings and security lighting (amended plans received 20/03/14 and 26/03/14). The Travellers Well, 8 Dynevor Place, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Ian Gorvett, The Travellers Well, 8 Dynevor Place, Skewen).
No observations.

Late Application: P2014/0249 – Three storey detached building, ancillary works and landscaping for the proposed Energy Safety Research Institute (Amended external appearance from that approved by P013/0455). Land off Fabian Way, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Swansea University).
No observations.

Late Application: P2014/0288 – convert Garage into living area. 52 Cae Morfa, Neath. (Applicant – Mr Tear, 52 Cae Morfa).
No observations.

9698: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported that he had attended the Communities First Cluster Celebration and had enjoyed the event.

9699: To receive quotes/discuss/approve if applicable the installation of an alarm system for the Memorial Hall and to discuss/decide what other measures could be taken to secure the building.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Council should install a Monitored Alarm with Police Notification with the company providing the lowest Tender. Additionally, it was agreed to put metal bars on the windows and Metal Gates on the rear fire exit doors and stage fire exit stage doors.

9700: To receive a request from the Clerk to purchase an additional commercial safe for the Council Office.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk has permission to purchase a safe.

9701: To discuss the Tow Path in Jersey Marine being blocked as raised by Cllr DK Davies.

Cllr DK Davies reported that he has received a number of complaints about the Tow Path being blocked in Jersey Marine. It was reported that the route is not a legal Right of Way but is regularly used by the public. It was noted that there was an Agreement of Access in place. It was queried if Skewen Angling Society actually carries out the dredging in Tennant Canal on behalf of the Tennant Canal Association. Cllr A Wingrave reported that she had a contact in Skewen Angling Association and would find out what the situation is.

Resolved: That Cllr A Wingrave contacts Skewen Angling Association to find out what the situation is about the dredging of Tennant Canal, and report back to the Clerk to let her know if she should write to the Tennant Canal Association to ask for the waste to be moved.

9702: To receive confirmation from Lyn Llewellyn of his continued independence and discuss/approve appointing him as the Internal Auditor for the forthcoming financial year.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Lyn Llewellyn is re-appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2014/15.

9703: To discuss/approve if the Paddling Pool should just be painted by our own staff before it is re-opened or if it should be resurfaced professionally.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Council's own staff should re-paint the pool.

9704: Correspondence:

None.

**Cllr A Wingrave
Chair**