

## COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at Carnegie Hall.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs APH Davies, J Davies, DK Davies, H Bebell, A Wingrave, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, HC Clarke.

**9832: Apologies:** Cllrs R Didcote, HR Richards, B Richards, P Bebell, P Fellows, K Whitehead Ross.

**Part Attendance:** Cllr JS Jones.

#### **9833: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr A Wingrave declared an interest in item 9838 as a Member of the Planning Committee. She left the room during discussions.

Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in item 9841 and left the room during discussions.

Cllr HC Clarke declared a personal interest in item 9841 and did not take part in the 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.

#### **9834: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -**

##### **a) Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**Cllr JS Jones arrived at this point.**

#### **9835: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

None.

#### **9836: 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 £7,203.99. Account No's 299 and 300 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.

#### **9837: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 264 and 269.**

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

#### **9838: Planning Applications:**

**P2014/0747 – Garage. 27 Crymlyn Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Cooper, 27 Crymlyn Road, Skewen).**

No observations.

**P201//0658 – Single storey side extension and external decking area. Neuadd Drymmau, Drymmau Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Ms R Valler, Neuadd Drymmau, Skewen).**

No observations.

**P2014/0813 – Additional turnstiles to staff entrance. Amazon, Crymlyn Burrows. (Applicant – Amazon, Crymlyn Burrows).**

No observations.

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**P2014/0795 – Outbuilding for overspill residential accommodation. 9 Prettyman Drive, Llandarcy. (Applicant – Mrs A Wingrave, 9 Prettyman Drive, Llandarcy).**

No observations.

**Late Application: P2014/0605 – demolition of garage and construction of side and rear extension (Amended Plans). 24 Drummau Park, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr C Mitchell, 24 Drummau Park, Skewen).**

No observations.

**9839: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.**

Cllr APH Davies reported that he had attended the WW1 Event held by Skewen Historical Society and that the event had gone very well with a good turnout.

**9840: To receive information from the Welsh Government regarding the development of a Welsh Marine Plan.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**9841: To discuss a request from Skewen Rugby Club.**

Four Representatives attended the meeting. Neil Ranft was nominated to represent Skewen Rugby Club and report on the request.

Neil initially asked to allow rugby training and rugby games to be played on the bottom football pitch in Tennant Park. Cllr APH Davies informed Neil that the Council would not consider that request because that was not what the letter that had been circulated to the Members had requested. Neil was asked if he wished to progress on the contents of the letter alone, and he agreed to proceed on that basis. It was reported that the Council currently have approximately 12 football sides taking into consideration all the different age groups. Chris Richards reported that the football field was used on a Saturday morning by Coedffranc Junior Football Teams and on Saturday afternoons by Coedffranc Adult Football Team and Harp 3<sup>rd</sup>'s Adult Football Team. It was reported that the mini football teams currently use pitches at the bottom of Skewen Park on a Saturday. Neil was asked if the use of those pitches on a Sunday would be acceptable, and he reported that they would not be convenient because all the equipment needed is stored in Tennant Park. The Clerk reported that historically, there had been issues with mini football teams playing across a pitch because the spectators were causing damage to the pitch. The Members discussed the request and queried some issues with Neil.

**Resolved:** That the mini rugby teams are allowed to use the bottom football pitch in Tennant Park on a Sunday if the Rugby Club's pitch held on a Preferential User Agreement is too wet to use. Additionally, the pitch will only be provided on the condition that the spectators will be managed by the Rugby Club to ensure that the pitch is not damaged. It was agreed that if the Rugby Club fail to manage spectators and damage is done to the pitch, that the use of the pitch would be withdrawn.

**Cllr A Wingrave left the Meeting at this point.**

**9842: To receive a copy of the Motions put forward for the One Voice Wales AGM.**

The information was noted by the Members.

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**9843: To receive/approve a quotation from NPTCBC for the Christmas Light Provision for 2014.**

The Members discussed the information.

**Resolved:** That the quotation is approved.

**Cllr JS Jones left the meeting at this point.**

**9844: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding the Local Development Plan Notification of “Focussed Changes” Consultation and Submission of the LDP for Examination and respond if appropriate.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**9845: To receive information from the Clerk and Cllr APH Davies regarding the meeting held with a representative from the Cricket Club, and decide upon what actions to take.**

The Clerk and Cllr APH Davies reported on their meeting with Dick Owen.

Cllr APH Davies reported that the Cricket Club would like to erect 2/3 posts and put up a net in the area behind the Skate Board Park. It was proposed that the net would not stay in place for the whole season, it would be erected and taken down just for the duration of the games.

It was reported that the Council’s Insurance Providers had said that the responsibility of cricket balls hitting any one, would be with the Cricket Club. However, Cllr APH Davies asked that the Council Members do not only think of the legal position, and that the Council should consider what is best for the children using the Skate Park.

Cllr APH Davies suggested that the Council should give the Cricket Club a donation of up to £1,200.00 to purchase the equipment and carry out the work involved with the erections of the posts themselves.

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Council agrees in principal to giving the Cricket Club a donation of up to £1,200.00 provided the specification and exact locations of the posts are agreed with Cllr APH Davies and the Clerk.

Cllr APH Davies and the Clerk were asked to report back to the Members when the details have been finalised with the Cricket Club.

**9846: To receive a request from the Skewen Historical Society to have use of Carnegie Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> August to set up for the WW1 Heritage Day and on 2<sup>nd</sup> September to take down the display free of charge.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the additional time should be given free of charge.

**9847: Correspondence.**

**a) To receive a letter from Unison requesting support from Members to write to the MP/AM.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr APH Davies**

**Chair**