

## COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 17th September 2014 at Carnegie Hall.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs APH 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.

**9848: Apologies:** Cllrs DK Davies, J Davies, B Richards, HR Richards, M Harvey.

**9849: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

Cllrs A Wingrave and P Bebell declared an interest in item 9854 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.

**9850: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -**

**a) Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**b) Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**9851: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

None.

**9852: 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 £7,218.43 Account No's 321 and 322 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.

**9853: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 299 and 300.**

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

**9854: Planning Applications: -**

**P2014/ 0763 – Construction of detached dwelling. Land adjacent 32 Newell Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Hughes, Land adjacent 32 Newell Road, Skewen).**

No observations.

**9855: 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 Battle of Britain Parade along with Cllrs H Bebell and DK Davies.

Cllr APH Davies reported that he had attended a service at the Church of the World and had enjoyed the event especially the Choir.

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**9856: To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.**

Cllr I Whitehead Ross reported on the meeting.

**Resolved:**

4) That Qtr 1's Accounts are approved.

5) The information was noted by the Members. It was agreed to write of the debt of £30.00 for Skewen Craft Fair.

6) The vandalism for Qtr 1 was noted.

**9857: To receive/discuss/approve a revised Draft Charter Agreement between Town/Community Councils and NPTCBC.**

The Clerk reported that she was disappointed that it had been written into the Charter that NPTCBC could withdraw the services that could be provided at a cost within the scope of the Charter at any time.

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk and Cllr APH Davies should discuss the issue at the NPTCBC Liaison Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014, and report back to the Members to decide if the document should be approved.

**9858: To receive information regarding a Vacancy for a Committee Member for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Committee.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**9859: To receive a request for financial assistance from Skewen & District Industrial Heritage Association.**

This item was passed to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for further discussion.

**9860: To receive a request from Swansea Vale Bowls Club to use Coedffranc Community Council's Bowling Green starting from the next season.**

The Clerk reported that there is capacity for the club to play out of Coedffranc. The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That permission is granted.

**9861: To receive a request from Trallwyn Ladies Bowls Club to use Coedffranc Community Council's Bowling Green starting from the next season.**

The Clerk reported that there is capacity for the club to play out of Coedffranc. The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That permission is granted.

**9862: To receive a letter of thanks from the Skewen Historical Society.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**9863: To receive a request from a metal detectorist to have permission to detect objects in Skewen Park (copy enclosed).**

The Members discussed the issue. Some members were concerned about H&S risks of little holes being dug in the ground. It was stated that giving permission could set a precedent. It was also reported that some Members had seen a news programme which stated that items of historical value were being hoarded and rather than being displayed for the benefit of the community.

**Resolved:** That permission is denied.

**9864: To receive information from DLA Piper UK LLP regarding the Tidal Lagoon (Swansea Bay) Generating Station Order**

Cllr H Bebell informed the Members that there is now some doubt as to whether the Entertainment Centre will be built. Additionally, Cllr Bebell reported that there is some concern about where the project will land and what access route would be taken through the SSSI. Cllr A Wingrave reported that the SSSI would have to be protected by law. The Members discussed the issue and decided that the information should be noted at this time

**9865: To receive information regarding a Vacancy for a Chair of the National Advice Network in Wales**

The information was noted by the Members.

**9866: To receive information regarding the dredging debris placed on the bank of Tennant Canal.**

The Clerk reported that she had written to Mr Gareth Nutt at NPTCBC, and the letter had then been passed onto Wayne Curtis who informed the Clerk that it was not the responsibility of NPTCBC, and that Coombe Tennant Estate own the land in question. Mr Curtis suggested that the Clerk contact Leeder Management for a response. The Members discussed the contents of the email response from Leeder Management. It was stated that although there is not a Right of Way on this route the Members were under the impression that there was a good neighbour agreement in place allowing the public to walk on this route. Additionally, the Members questioned NPTCBC's Policy on opening up the canals in the Neath area to the public, and stated that they thought that NPTCBC were supposed to be taking positive action to ensure that all the canal routes are accessible to the general public.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk writes to Mr Gareth Nutt to express the Councils disappointment in the response received and contact the Site Supervisor for the Tennant Canal to discuss the issue.

Additionally, Cllr APH Davies agreed to contact Steve Abselom to find out if he had any additional information.

**9867: Correspondence:**

**a) Consultation on Withdrawal of Subsidised bus Services from NPTCBC.**

The Clerk was asked to put this item onto the next Agenda.

**b) To receive information about the modernisation of Skewen Post Office.**

The Clerk was asked to put this item onto the next Agenda.

**c) To receive a request from Harp Rovers to use the football pitch in Skewen Park on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September free of charge for a charity game.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That permission is granted to allow the game free of charge.

**d) To receive a copy of The Law of Consultation from the WLGA for information.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**e) SLCC Secretaries Branch Meeting.**

The Clerk reported that she has been asked to attend the SLCC Branch Secretaries Meeting in London on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The Clerk reported that there is a Full Council Meeting on that evening that she would miss, and that she was concerned because she would not be at the following Full Council Meeting as she would be on leave. The Clerk requested that the Members allow the Clerical Assistant to be able to conduct meetings with basic items put onto the Agenda over and above the legislative items that currently go onto the Agenda when the Clerical Assistant is taking the meetings.

The Clerk reported that any item requiring background information or advice from the Clerk would not be put onto the Agenda in her absence.

The Members discussed the information.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk has permission to attend the SLCC Branch Secretaries Meeting. Additionally, it was agreed that the Clerical Assistant would be allowed to take meetings with items over and above the Legislative requirement, provided that they are basic straight forward items not requiring any background information or advice from the Clerk.

**Cllr APH Davies**  
**Chair**