

## COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Carnegie Hall.**

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

**Part Attendance:** Cllrs M Harvey, J A M Davies, J S Jones.

#### **9893: To meet with Representatives of Skewen Rugby Club to discuss drainage concerns in Tennant Park.**

The Council Members met with the Representatives of Skewen Rugby Club and discussed the issue. It was agreed that Skewen Rugby Club will provide drawings of the works that have been previously undertaken on the drainage at Tennant Park. This issue will be put on a future agenda once the information has been received.

The Members discussed the request for fencing around the Rugby Field and the Clerk noted that the issue was time sensitive.

**Resolved:** The fence is approved in principle, pending full specifications and drawings for full approval. The Fencing Specification must be no higher than 1.8m on the North and East fence lines and no higher than 1m on the West and South fence lines and have a flat handrail on the top.

**9894: Apologies:** Cllrs P Bebell, H R Richards, B Richards, P Fellows.

#### **9895: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr A Wingrave declared an interest in item 9900 as a Member of the Planning Committee. She left the room during discussions.

Cllrs K Davies and M Harvey declared an interest in Item 9911 and left the room during discussions.

Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in item 9893 as a Members of Skewen Rugby Club.

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.

#### **9896: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -**

##### **a) Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

#### **9897: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

None.

#### **9898: 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 £ 12,683.70 Account No's 366 and 375 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.

Cllr M Harvey arrives at this point.

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**9899: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 324 and 344.**

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

**9900: Planning Applications: -**

**P2014/0969 – Conversion of garage to living accommodation. 84 Crymlyn Parc, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr O'Sullivan, 84 Crymlyn Parc, Skewen).**

No Observations.

**Late Planning Applications: -**

**P2014/0959 – Front extension to existing garage. 66 Park Drive, Lonlas, Neath. (Applicant – Mr W J Thomas, 66 Park Drive, Lonlas, Neath)**

No Observations.

**9901: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.**

Cllr APH Davies reported that he was asked to officially open the 25 year celebrations for Skewen Short Mat Bowls as the Chairman of Coedffranc Community Council. He also attended the One Voice AGM and reported on the motions approved.

Cllrs JS Jones and JAM Davies arrive at this point.

**9902: To receive a request from Tawe Bowls Club to play out of Coedffranc**

Chris Richards provided the Members with information.

The members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the request from Tawe Bowls Club to play out of Coedffranc is approved for a trial period of 1 year, provided that they accept the Green in its current condition (with works being done for improvement throughout the next Bowls Season), and are prepared to share the changing facilities. It was noted that the fixture list would need to be carefully organised by the various Leagues involved.

**9903: To receive a request from Park Travellers to remove the spikes from the railings along the football pitch in Skewen Park due to balls being bust**

The members discussed the issue

**Resolved:** That the top of the spikes should be cut off as soon as is possible.

**9904: To receive and respond if appropriate to the Review of designated Landscapes in Wales**

The information was noted.

**9905: To receive and respond if appropriate to the consultation from NPTCBC regarding the Polling District Review**

The information was noted.

**9906: To receive a copy of the response from One Voice Wales to the Government White Paper on the Reforming Local Government**

The information was noted by the Members

**9907: To receive a request from Struthers Church to hold a Fire Works Display on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

The members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the request is approved subject to receiving the appropriate Insurance Cover.

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**9908: To receive an update from the Clerk about the blockage in the pathway for Tennant Canal.**

The Clerk reported that she had not received a response from Gareth Nutt to date.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk writes to Gareth Nutt again.

**9909: To receive a request from a Dog Trainer to use Carnegie Hall for dog training sessions**

The members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Council agree to give permission on a 3 Month Trial period, subject to signing a contract to ensure that the room is thoroughly cleaned after each session. It was agreed that the staff should conduct thorough inspections of the hall after every booking.

**9910: To receive a letter from a resident living in Crymlyn Burrows regarding queries relating to the Council restricting dogs in Crymlyn Burrows Park**

The Clerk reported that there was inaccurate information in the e-mail, and that the residents had never voted on dogs being allowed in the Park. The Clerk reported that she could provide the Minutes from a previous Council Meeting stating that no dogs are allowed in Crymlyn Burrows Park.

The Members discussed the issue. It was noted that signage made and erected by the Council had no less authority than a manufactured sign. It was also noted that the decision not to allow dogs in the park was taken by the Council not by an individual Councillor.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk provides a copy of the minutes showing the Council's decision not to allow dogs in Crymlyn Burrows Park, and addresses the other issues raised in the e-mail.

**9911: To receive a consultation document from NPTCBC regarding Neath Abbey Infants School**

The information was noted.

**9912: To receive the Draft Annual Report for 2015/16 from the Independent Remuneration Panel**

The information was noted by the Members

**9913: To receive a copy of the bid put into People and Places by Cllr Ian Whitehead Ross for information**

The item was deferred for a future agenda.

**9914: Correspondence.**

**a) To receive notification that Huw Griffiths is moving from his role in Neath/Pontardawe and will be replaced by Andy Davies.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**b) To receive a copy of the NPTCBC Byelaws for Hackney Carriages.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr APH Davies  
Chair**