

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 7th January 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, HR Richards, B Richards, P Bebell, H Bebell, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, HC Clarke.

9978: Apologies: Cllrs M Harvey, A Wingrave, P Fellows, R Didcote.

9979: To receive Declarations of Interest.

None.

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.

9980: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 17th December 2014.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

9981: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that she is still trying to arrange the Estates Committee Meeting with the Management Committee of Jersey Marine Community Centre. The Clerk reported that the Chair (Sally Charles) had been away since before Christmas and only returned on the 2nd January 2015 so she was unable to speak to her until that date. The Clerk reported that Mrs Charles had contacted her on the 7th January 2015 to inform her that she had not been able to contact all of the other Management Committee Team to arrange a suitable date. The Clerk reported that she would organise the Estates Committee Meeting as soon as a date could be fixed.

The Clerk reported that she had tried to organise a meeting with NPT Play to take the Jersey Marine Playground project forward now that the money was available from NPTCBC, but that Sophie Wright is away until 19th January 2015, so a meeting will be arranged as soon as possible after that date to progress the project.

9982: 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 £1,768.91 Account No's 524 and 530 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.

9983: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 476 and 513.

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

9984: Planning Applications: -

None.

9985: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr APH Davies reported that at the last meeting of the One Voice Wales Executive Committee, it had been confirmed that One Voice Wales had become a Limited Company.

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Cllr APH Davies also reported that he had attended the One Voice Wales Area Branch Meeting. He reported that he was concerned about the route the discussions led by One Voice Wales were taking in relation to the Delegation of Services from the County Borough Authorities. Cllr APH Davies reported that if the County Borough Authorities state that they are going to stop particular services, that Community Councils should be extremely careful about considering taking over the service. Cllr Davies reported that Community Councils should not make a knee jerk reaction, and should complete full due diligence before even considering taking over any service.

9986: To receive information from One Voice Wales regarding the dog ban in Crymlyn Burrows Park.

The Members discussed the information provided by One Voice Wales.

Resolved: That the Clerk should write to the individual to advise him on the legal advice.

9987: To discuss the content of Councillors Newsletters as requested by Cllrs H Bebell and JS Jones.

This item was deferred because Cllr JS Jones was not present at the meeting.

9988: To receive and respond if appropriate to a Consultation Report regarding Neath Abbey Infant School and Mynachlog Nedd Junior School.

The Clerk reported that she had received a Statutory Notice from NPTCBC which she read out during the meeting.

The Members asked for the following comments to be made:

Concern was raised by the Members that by the reports own conclusion (specifically comments by Estyn, parents and pupils) that both Neath Abbey Infant School and Mynachlog Nedd Junior School are very good schools.

Each school is supported by a Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. The response states the Council's policy is to advertise the new posts nationally. Therefore, external people could be appointed as Head/Deputy of the new school and make the existing personnel redundant.

It should be acknowledged the Heads/Deputy's currently in post will be at risk of redundancy and the Council should ensure their maximum job security so to retain their knowledge/experience (if the staff wish to remain) and prevent the school standards from being affected, as a result of replacing them. The redeployment process should apply to the Heads/Deputy's (and their retention prioritised) as part of the new appointment process.

9989: Correspondence:

a) To receive and respond if appropriate to a Consultation Document from NPTCBC regarding making arrangements for the pupils placed at the Early Years Assessment Centre at Tonmawr Primary School to attend a newly established Early Years Assessment Provision at Neath Abbey Infants School.

The information was noted by the Members.

Cllr APH Davies
Chair