

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 15th April 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, R Didcote, JS Jones, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross.

10,099: To receive a presentation about their research regarding WW1 from Skewen Historical Society.

Mrs Virginia Jones and Ann Morgan gave a presentation to the Members.

It was reported that the Skewen Historical Society had been successful in receiving £6,000 funding to make a book using the information they had obtained in their research. It was reported that to date, they have a list of over 500 residents from Skewen who served in WW1 and a list of 106 men killed in action.

Mrs Jones reported that Skewen Historical Society would like to leave behind a lasting legacy from the research it had undertaken, in the form of a permanent WW1 Memorial.

10,100: Apologies: Cllrs J Davies, B Richards, HR Richards, A Wingrave, HC Clarke.

10,101: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr APH Davies declared an interest in item 10,108 and 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.

10,102: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: - a) Council Meeting held on 1st April 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

10,103: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr JS Jones queried why Jersey Marine Community Centre had been cleaned if it is shut to the public. It was reported that the building had been cleaned to hold the Elections in the building. The Clerk informed the Members that the Engineer who had carried out the Condition Report had stated that the building could be used for the one day to hold the Elections.

Cllrs A Wingrave, J Thomas and P Davies were thanked for undertaking the work.

10,104: 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 £8,526.07. Account No's 21 and 32 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.

10,105: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 12 and 17.

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

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10,106: Planning Applications:

P2015/0098 – Demolition of existing storage building and construction of garage/storage building. 15-16 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant: Mr Arbourne, Jefferies Stores, 15-16 New Road, Skewen).

No observations.

P2015/0256 – Demolition of detached outbuilding and construction of two storey side extension. 7 Sunnyland Crescent, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Mellin, 7 Sunnyland Crescent, Skewen).

No observations.

Late Application: P2015/0078 – New shopfront, incorporating access for first floor flats, (additional details). 86 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Cresci, 81 New Road, Skewen).

No observations.

Late Application: P2015/0080 – Retention of engineering operation to change the use of land from gardens serving Nos. 85/86 New Road to car park (amended plans received 02.04.15). Land to rear of 85/86 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Cresci, 81 New Road, Skewen).

No observations.

10,107: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllr APH Davies was thanked for inviting everyone to the Annual Chair's Dinner.

10,108: To receive a request from the Skewen Historical Society to erect a permanent WW1 Memorial raised by public subscription, with Coedffranc Community Council taking the initiative to fulfil this request (copy enclosed).

The Members discussed the issue. Cllr DK Davies reported that there is legislation covering the ownership and maintenance of cenotaphs and war memorials which requires the County Borough Council to be responsible for their upkeep and maintenance.

The Clerk reported that the Historical Society had not provided any information on what type of WW1 Memorial they would like to be erected.

The Members were supportive in principal, but felt that legal clarification should be sought before any decisions are undertaken and that the Council should know what type of WW1 Memorial is expected.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact Mr David Michael from NPTCBC to obtain legal clarification, and contact Skewen Historical Society to try and get some clarification on what type of Memorial they would like to be erected.

10,109: To receive a letter of support from Peter Black AM in support of the WW1 Memorial requested above.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,110: To receive the Neighbourhood News from South Wales Police.

The information was noted by the Members.

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10,111: To receive correspondence from Peter and Linda James regarding securing the boundary between her property and the Cemetery.

The Clerk provided the Members with background information. The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the issue is referred to the Estates Committee for their recommendation.

10,112: To receive a Consultation Survey regarding the Government's White Paper "Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People".

The Clerk requested each Member fill's in the form individually because it is an important issue and they should get as many responses as possible.

10,113: To receive a copy of a Written Statement regarding Assets of Community Value from the Welsh Government.

The information was noted by the Members.

10,114: To receive a request from the Park Superintendent to purchase more golf clubs and balls for the crazy golf.

The Clerk reported that the Park Superintendent had requested to purchase new golf clubs and additional balls due to loss and damage of existing stock.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is granted.

10,115: Correspondence:

a) To receive a report from the Chief Executive of NPTCBC regarding the Government's White Paper "Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People".

The information was noted by the Members.

b) To receive a Consultation Report regarding the proposal to establish an Early Assessment provision at Ysgol Newydd Dyffryn Clydach and to close the Early Years Centre located at Tonmawr Primary School.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the document electronically and put the item onto the next Agenda.

c) To receive notification of the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Conference on the 8th July 2015 in the Royal Welsh Showground.

The information was noted by the Members.

d) To receive/respond if appropriate to the Community Review 2015 – Public Consultation on Further Draft proposals 13th April – 8th May 2015.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the document electronically and put the item onto the next Agenda.

**Cllr APH Davies
Chair**