

## COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at Carnegie Hall.**

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

**Part Attendance:** Cllr DK Davies, HR Richards.

**201: Apologies:** Cllrs M Harvey, J Davies, R Didcote, APH Davies B Richards, P Fellows.

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

Cllr K Whitehead Ross declared an interest in item 203 (a) and did not take part in the approval of the minutes.

Additionally, it was noted that no other Member that had declared an interest in the last meeting took any part in the approval of the minutes for that meeting.

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

**a) Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Approved as a true and accurate record with the amendment that Cllr J Thomas Chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr H Bebell.

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

None.

**205: 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 £4,310.28. Account No's 261 and 262 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.

**206: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 189 and 234.**

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

**207: Planning Applications:**

**P2015/0675 – 1 Internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 internally illuminated projecting sign. 37 New Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Bestway Group, Manchester).**

No observations.

**P2015/0759 – Consultation from Swansea City Council with regard to a proposed solar farm. Land at Carn Nicholas Farm Bonymaen, Swansea. (Applicant – City & County of Swansea).**

The Clerk was asked to express concerns about the visual impact of the development which would be seen from some areas in Coedffranc.

**LATE APPLICATIONS –**

**P2015/0795 – Single storey rear extension. 54 Cae Morfa, Skewen, Neath SA10 6EH. (Applicant – Mr Derwyn Russell, 54 Cae Morfa, Skewen, Neath SA10 6EH).**

No observations.

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

None.

**209: To receive notification of the nine motions being put forward the One Voice Wales Conference.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**210: To receive information from the Clerk regarding the alarm system in the Mess Room/Garage and decide if a new system should be installed.**

The Clerk reported that the Alarm System in the Mess Room/Garage is currently leased from ADT. The Contract that the Council are currently on, entails a call out fee if the alarm needs the engineer to work on the system. This contract can be changed to cover the call out fee at an additional cost. However, the Clerk reported that she had calculated that if the contract is cancelled, and a new alarm system was installed the system would pay for its self within 3 years, and after the 3 years, the savings would be approximately £250 per annum.

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk arranges for the system to be replaced with a new system provided by the same company that installed the alarm system in the Memorial Hall.

**211: To receive information/ respond if appropriate to information from the Welsh Government regarding a Consultation for the Government's Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission).**

The information was noted by the Members. Cllr DK Davies agreed to compile a response, and report back to the Members at a future meeting.

**212: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding bus time revisions.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**213: To receive information regarding a proposed permanent 50mph speed limit along the eastbound M4 J42 slip road towards Earlswood traffic signals.**

The Members discussed the issue and did not have any objections.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk reports that the Council has no objection to the scheme.

**214: To receive information from the Clerk regarding training she will be receiving on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from the SLCC, and training on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 provided by Academi Wales Public Sector Training (run by the Welsh Government).**

The information was noted by the Members.

**215: Correspondence.**

None.

**216: To resolve to exclude the public for the following item pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 and Paragraph 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.**

**Resolved:** That the press and public are removed from the meeting

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**217: To discuss if the Charge Hand should get an enhanced pay rate when covering for the Park Superintendent's holidays and sickness.**

The Clerk gave a short report and the Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Charge Hand should get an enhanced rate at spinal column point 23 when covering for the Park Superintendent, after he has been consulted and agrees to the change in his contract conditions.

**218: To discuss if the Clerical Assistant should get an enhanced pay rate when covering for the Clerk's holidays and sickness.**

The Clerk gave a short report and the Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Clerical Assistant should get an enhanced rate at spinal column point 20 when covering for the Clerk.

**Cllr H Bebell**  
**Chair**