

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 21st October 2015 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs J Thomas, HR Richards, B Richards, JS Jones, M Harvey, I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross.

263: Apologies: P Davies, DK Davies, R Didcote, APH Davies, J Davies, P Bebell, H Bebell, HC Clarke.

Cllr J Thomas stood in as Chair in the absence of Cllr H Bebell.

264: 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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 7th October 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record with exception to Item 243, where it was noted that there was a spelling error in line 12, which should have read “without”.

b) Personnel Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2015.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

The Clerk reported that she had been told that she was unable to attend the Meeting for the Public Service Board Members and that One Voice Wales was there to represent the Town/Community Councils.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Solicitor again regarding Llandarcy Playground Section 106 money, and requested that the Solicitor chase the issue up again.

267: 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 £6,960.68 Account No's 333 and 341 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.

268: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 285 and 287.

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

269: Planning Applications:

P2015/0862 – One Detached split level dwelling with associated off street car parking. (Amended plans and DAS received 12/10/15). Land to rear of 18 Sidings Terrace, Skewen, Neath SA10 6RE. (Applicant – Ms Lydia Rise, 3 Dundaff Close, Camberley, GU15 1AF).

The Members requested information on the parking arrangements for the original house.

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

None.

271: To receive a report from the Personnel Committee.

The information was noted by the Members.

272: To receive a copy of the Natural Resource Management Bulletin for October 2015.

The information was noted by the Members.

273: To receive a copy of the Minutes from the PACT Meeting for September 2015 from South Wales Police.

The information was noted by the Members.

274: To receive an update from Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon.

The information was noted by the Members.

275: To discuss cuts to the Mobile Library service as raised by Cllr P Davies.

This issue was deferred.

276: To receive/discuss/comment if appropriate to the Draft Annual Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Additionally to receive details of proposed changes in the Remuneration of Members of Community and Town Councils.

The information was noted by the Members. The Clerk was asked to clarify if there is a £500 limit on the Chair's Allowance.

277: To receive/discuss/comment if appropriate to the Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2016/17 from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The information was noted by the Members.

278: To receive a request from Skewen Historical Society to waive the cost of the Memorial Hall for the Launch of their Book "Skewen – Our Village in W.W.1".

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a donation should be given to cover the cost of the hire of the hall.

279: Correspondence.

None.

280: 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 excluded from the Meeting.

281: To receive a request from a member of staff for a contribution towards driving lessons.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is granted to pay for 10 lessons on the completion of his Probationary Period, with the proviso that the member of staff agrees to pay the cost back to the Council if he leaves the organisation within a year of completing the lessons.

**Cllr J Thomas
Vice-Chair**