

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

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

418: To meet with NPTCVS for a presentation to explain what type of work they undertake.

Helen Evans from the Council for Voluntary Services gave a presentation to explain what type of work NPTCVS undertakes. Helen then responded to the Members queries.

419: Apologies: B Richards, HR Richards, J Davies, M Harvey, APH Davies, DK Davies, P Bebell, P Fellows.

420: 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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 17th February 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

None.

423: 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 £71,547.86. Account No's 602 and 630 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.

424: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 580 and 601.

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

425: Planning Applications:

P2016/0089 - Retention of engineering works to create tiered garden and associated timber tiered platform and access steps. 33 Drummau Park, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Whitmore, 33 Drummau Park, Skewen).

No observations.

Late Planning Application: P2015/0158 – 27 residential dwellings and associated highway, drainage and engineering works (amended layout and drainage details. Land rear of 102, Crymlyn Road, Skewen. (Applicant – Hale Homes Wales).

No observations.

Late Planning Application: P2016/0140 – demolition of existing garage and construction of detached outbuilding for overspill annexe accommodation. 107 Crymlyn Road, Skewen, Neath. (Applicant – Mr Jones, 107 Crymlyn Road, Skewen).

No observations.

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

The Clerk updated the Members on the response she had received from Aled Evans regarding the Library.

The Members discussed the issue. It was agreed that NPTCBC need to agree to employ one full time member of staff, paying 100% of their salary costs as a starting point for any further discussions to proceed. Without agreement on this issue, the Members felt that the cost of taking on the library service would be too prohibitive for them to consider progressing. Furthermore, the Members agreed that before discussions progress, an estimated figure would be needed for Option 3. The Members failed to see why an estimated cost could not be calculated, as the figure that NPTCBC would need for this option to be viable will remain the same whether the Community Council could afford it or not.

Members also noted that during the Council Meeting held in January 2016, Aled Evans was asked to find out if NPTCBC would consider assisting in the costs for securing the hall and providing an alarm if the Community Council did agree to relocate the library service into Carnegie Hall, and to date, a response on this issue had not been received.

Resolved: That the Clerk contacts Mr Aled Evans to inform him of the following: The Members voted unanimously that NPTCBC need to agree to employ one full time member of staff, paying 100% of their salary costs as a starting point for any further discussions to proceed. Without agreement on this issue, the Members felt that the cost of taking on the library service would be too prohibitive for them to consider progressing. Furthermore, the Members agreed that before discussions progress, an estimated figure would be needed for Option 3.

That the clerk requests a response to the additional issues raised during the Council Meeting held in January 2016, when Mr Aled Evans was asked to find out if NPTCBC would consider assisting in the costs for securing the hall and providing an alarm if the Community Council did agree to relocate the library service into Carnegie Hall.

427: To receive a request from Emma Jones the new NPTCBC Local Area Co-ordinator for the Skewen, Neath Abbey and Longford area to attend a meeting to let Members know what type of work she undertakes.

The information was noted, and it was agreed that Emma should attend a Council Meeting to discuss what type of work she undertakes.

Resolved: That Emma Jones should be invited to a future Council Meeting.

428: To receive the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2016/17.

The information was noted by the Members.

429: To receive a request from PCSO Cerys Waygood to use a room in Carnegie Hall to take her breaks and do her admin tasks due to the closure of Skewen Police Station.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to PCSO Waygood and that the small room by the toilets would be sufficient for her needs.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That permission is given for PCSO Waygood to have access into the hall to use the small room by the toilet and that the Clerk provides her with keys for access into the building.

430: To receive a request from Skewen RFC for them to get approval to investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant to install an artificial pitch in Tennant Park in the location of the playground.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That representatives from the Rugby Club meet with the Project Development Committee to discuss the proposal in more detail.

431: To receive a Consultation Document from NPTCBC regarding Ysgol Hendrefelin.

The Members noted the information.

432: To receive a request for Financial Assistance from Neath Port Talbot Shopmobility.

The Members discussed the request.

Resolved: That a donation of £100.00 is given.

433: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding Consultation for Major Developments.

The information was noted by the Members.

434: To discuss/decide if the Temporary Handy Man's 6 months Contract should be extended.

The Clerk explained that because the weather had been so bad some of the outside work that she had hoped would be completed within the 6 months contract has not been done.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That a Contract for a further six months is approved.

435: Correspondence.

a) To receive a request from NPTCBC Recycling Department to hold a Road Show in the Car Park at Skewen Park on Friday 22nd April 5pm – 7pm.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is granted.

**Cllr H Bebell
Chair**