

## COEDFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

**Attendance:** Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, HR Richards, B Richards, R Didcote, P Bebell, H Bebell, A Wingrave, M Harvey, J Thomas, P Fellows.

#### **557: To receive a presentation from Police Sergeant Tim Barrell.**

Tim informed the Members that he is the Neighbourhood Sergeant and provided the Members with a short presentation detailing the type of work that the police undertake. Tim stated that he felt that because there are so many community meetings to attend, it is not practical to send officers to meetings, and that his officers were better out dealing with police issues.

Tim reported that his area covers, Skewen, Neath, and Briton Ferry and that the officers for all the wards help each other. Tim discussed the current problems facing policing and reported that his PCSO's work with Local Authority Enforcement, Trading Standards and other organisations.

Tim then discussed the Members previously raised questions:

**101 Police Line** – Tim informed the Members that this area was not within his remit so he was unable to provide answers to the viability of the service.

**Crime Initiatives** – Tim reported on the Know the Score Campaign and on the Violent Crime in the Night Time Economy initiatives.

**Parking issues around the University Campus** – Tim reported that he acknowledged the initial problems. He reported that since the Residents Parking has been introduced, he had not received any new complaints. The Members requested that he liaised with the University to request that all new students are provided with a travel plan, and that they are informed that they are not permitted to park in Crymlyn Burrows village.

Tim then answered the Members queries.

**558: Apologies:** Cllr I Whitehead Ross, K Whitehead Ross, P Davies, J Davies.

#### **559: 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.

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

##### **a) Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Cllr H Bebell updated the Members regarding item 549. Cllr Bebell reported that the reason he had not responded to Mrs Morris is because he had passed the letter on to NPTCBC, and thought that they would respond. Cllr Bebell reported that he has now responded to the letter. Cllr Bebell went on to give the Members an update regarding the issue.

#### **562: 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 £9,657.73. Account No's 200 and 208 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.

#### **563: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 161 and 198.**

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

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**564: Planning Applications:**

**P2016/0520 – Variation of condition 3 of Planning Permission P2013/0150 (5 dwellings with associated engineering operations) to allow a further 6 months for the submission of reserved matters. Land rear of 11-19 Castle Street, Skewen. (Applicant – Mr Jones, Old Mill Farmhouse, Lettons Way, Powys).**

No observations.

**P2016/0541 – Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2013/0064 to extend the time for implementation of permission (for a new highway access incorporating a viaduct bridge and associated drainage, landscaping linking Coed Darcy to Fordd Amazon). Former Llandarcy Oil Refinery. (Applicant – St Modwen).**

Cllr H Bebell updated the Members.

**Resolved:** That the previous objections about this development still stand.

**P2016/0528 – Change of use of land to hand car wash facility including the erection of two freestanding canopies plus siting of steel storage container and portable office building. Land at Park Avenue Lonlas, Neath. (Applicant – Mr Abdulezat, 22 Clos Aneira, Fforestfach Swansea).**

No observations.

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

None.

**566: To receive information regarding the Active Travel Consultation.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**567: To decide if the Community Council would like to put any topics on the Agenda for the next NPTCBC Liaison Forum Meeting which will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

Cllr P Bebell suggested the following topic:

Cleaning and maintenance of Road Signs throughout the NPTCBC area.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk should request that this issue is put onto the next Agenda.

**568: To receive a response from Atkins regarding the proposed 40mph speed limit on both the M4 J43 Slip Roads.**

Cllr APH Davies reported that he had received complaints about the speed that traffic travels on the slip road. Cllr APH Davies reported that he had contacted SWATRA (Trunk Road Agency), and read out a response that he had received.

The information was noted by the Members.

It was agreed that no objections to keeping the speed at 40mph should be put forward.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk should inform Atkins that the Council has no objections to keeping the speed at 40mph.

**569: To receive information from Grace Halfpenny regarding a recruitment drive for the NPT Older Persons' Council.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**570: To receive notification that the Community Council has been given a grant from NPTCBC to cover 90% of the costs for the Lease for Caewathan Community Centre for the next 5 years.**

The information was noted by the Members.

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**571: To receive notification that there will be an increase in the monthly cost for the Council's web site to cover: hosting, support, maintenance and to give an increased file load to allow the Council to upload all the attachments relating to its Council Meetings in line with legislation.**

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That the increase in cost is approved.

**572: Correspondence.**

**a) To receive information from NPTCBC regarding the consultation period for the Local Development Plan which will start in Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and end on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**b) To receive information from the City & County of Swansea regarding the consultation period for the Local Development Plan which will start in Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and end on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**Emergency Item**

The Clerk presented a request to locate a Cemetery Bench in a location not previously agreed on the Cemetery Bench Plan.

The Members discussed the issue.

**Resolved:** That permission is granted to allow the Bench to be placed in the requested position.

**Cllr J Thomas  
Chair**