

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 5th October 2016 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs B Richards, A Wingrave, JS Jones, M Harvey, P Davies, K Whitehead Ross.

Part Attendance: Cllr DK Davies.

Cllr P Davies took the Chair in absence of Cllr J Thomas.

642: Apologies: Cllrs R Didcote, J Thomas, HR Richards, APH Davies, HC Clarke, JAM Davies, I Whitehead-Ross, P Fellowes.

643: 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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 21st September 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Item 633 – Cllr A Wingrave reported that comments she had made in relation to the Golf Football Course were reported inaccurately in the Evening Post. It was requested that a letter should be written to the Editor of the Evening Post requesting that a Notice of Correction is issued.

646: 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 £2,331.74 Account No's 354 and 361 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.

Resolved: That the payments are approved.

647: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 321 and 352.

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

648: Planning Applications:

P2016/0800 – Two storey rear extension. 3 Dynevor Place, Skewen, Neath SA10 6RG.

(Applicant – Mrs Lalremsiem of 3 Dynevor Place, Skewen, Neath SA10 6RG).

No Observations.

Late Application:

P2016/0849 – Details pursuant to Condition 4 (Construction Method Statement) of Planning Permission P2016/0456 (Temporary access track and demolition works approved on the 13/09/16). Land South of Coed Darcy, Former BP Oil Refinery, Llandarcy, Neath. (Applicant – St Modwen Developments).

All the Councils' previous objections stand.

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

The Clerk and Cllr P Davies reported that they had attended the SLCC Larger Councils Meeting in Neath, and found it very informative.

650: To receive information from Planning Aid Wales about planning training being carried out in the area.

The information was noted by the Members.

651: To receive information from NPTCBC's Rural Team regarding Google's "Digital Garage" that will be taking place in early November somewhere in NPT.

The information was noted by the Members.

652: To receive information from NPTCBC regarding workshops that are being run in the area to receive the views of the public regarding the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2014.

The information was noted by the Members.

653: To receive a letter from Rosemary Morris regarding the withdrawal of the Community Bus to collect less able members to attend the Ladies OAP Section Meeting held in Carnegie Hall.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Council should write to NPTCBC to request that they consider reinstating the collection route.

654: To receive a letter from Skewen and District Historical Society regarding proposals for the WW1 Memorial, and wall space for photos in Carnegie Hall.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: It was agreed that the WW1 names can be put on the Cenotaph, and the Members suggested that if there are too many name to fit of the Cenotaph, then an additional plaque could be erected on the wall at Carnegie Hall close to the Cenotaph. The Clerk was asked to inform the Historical Society that the Model of SS Maine is now back in place, and the Eisteddfodd Chairs are in a safe place. The Clerk was also instructed to inform the Historical Society the Council are not offering any further wall space for photos or memorabilia at this time.

655: To receive information from the Clerk regarding the legislative need to purchase a vibration management system and approve the purchase of the system if appropriate.

The Clerk reported that there is a legal requirement to have a vibration management system in place and explained what would be needed. The Clerk informed the Members that it had been impossible to get like for like quotes because different companies systems differed so much. The Clerk also reported that there would be an ongoing cost of approximately £1,200 per annum for the replacement of the sealed units every 12 – 18 months.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Standing Orders/Financial Regulations are suspended to accept one quote and approve the purchase of the system and the ongoing costs.

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656: To receive an update from the County Borough Members regarding their meeting with Aled Evans to discuss the Community Council's offer regarding Skewen Library.

The Borough Members reported on the Meeting and mentioned that Skewen Library usage figures have increased. It was reported that the current building is not viable long term, and that the Library Service require extra rooms to expand the service. The Community Council were informed that NPTCBC had agreed to accept an offer of a financial donation and that they would need £15,000. The Members were also informed that NPTCBC would consider running the service in its entirety from Carnegie Hall if the Community Council were able to relocate some of the users that would be displaced. It was also mentioned that NPTCBC would look into providing a lift in Carnegie Hall.

Resolved: That the Community Council offers £15,000 for the next financial year (2017/18) to allow more time to find a long term solution.

657: To inform the Members that the Clerk will not be present at the next Council Meeting on 19th October 2016 as she will be on leave. Additionally, to remind Members that only the legislative items and informational items will be on the Agenda, and that the Clerical Assistant will be taking the minutes for the meeting.

The information was noted by the Members.

658: To receive a Guide to the Code of Conduct.

The Clerk provided an update regarding the amendments to the Code of Conduct which the Community Council approved in March 2016, and reminded Members of their obligations. The Members signed to acknowledge the acceptance of the update and guide.

659: Correspondence:

a) To receive a confirmation that the Boundary Commission has received the Community Council's comments.

The information was noted by the Members.

**Cllr P Davies
Vice Chair**