

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Attendance: Cllrs J Thomas, P Davies, DK Davies, A Wingrave, HC Clarke, I Whitehead-Ross, B Richards, HR Richards, R Didcote.

Part Attendance: Cllr DK Davies.

677: Apologies: JAM Davies, APH Davies, K Whitehead Ross, H Bebell, P Bebell, P Fellows, M Harvey.

678: To receive Declarations of Interest.

None.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 19th October 2016.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Cllr I Whitehead Ross raised item 669 and queried if financial assistance for the National Charities with large reserves and turnovers should be considered at all by the Members. The Members discussed the issue, and agreed that in future, only requests from groups/charities with a turnover of less than £200,000.00 would be put onto the Agenda for consideration.

Cllr DK Davies arrived at this point.

681: 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 £4,543.73. Account No's 429 and 430 were selected at random for an explanation by the Clerk at the next meeting. Copies of accounts were circulated and the Clerk responded to member's queries.

Resolved: That the payments are approved.

682: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 373 and 401.

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

683: Planning Applications:

P2016/0917 – 2 No. Bus Shelters. Swansea Bay Campus, Fabian Way, SA1 8EU.

(Applicant – St. Modwen Development Ltd, Park Point, 17 High St, Longbridge B31 2UQ).

No observations.

P2016/0868 – Retention of change of use from Sports Pavilion (Class D2) to Restaurant (Class A3). Llandarcy Academy of Sport, Llandarcy, Neath SA10 6JD.
(Applicant – Llandarcy Park Ltd, Llandarcy Academy of Sport, Neath).

No observations.

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P2016/0911 – Single Storey Rear Extension. 2 Pitchford Lane, Llandarcy, Neath SA10 6FL. (Applicant – Mrs Yvonne James, 2 Pitchford Lane, Llandarcy, Neath SA10 6FL).

No observations.

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

Cllr P Davies reported that he and Cllr J Thomas had attended a Charing Skills Training Course run by One Voice Wales, and that they had found the course to be informative.

685: To discuss the condition of Horeb Chapel as raised by Cllr B Richards.

Cllr B Richards reported that she is concerned by the deterioration of Horeb Chapel and that it is at least in part, Grade 2 listed. Cllr Powell reported that she is also concerned about condition of fixtures and fittings within the Chapel and in particular an Organ/Choir Screen that she knows to be listed. The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk writes to the Planning Department at NPTCBC to request that they investigate the issue. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Department that the Members are concerned because the visual deterioration is detrimental to the village, and that no upkeep seems to be taking place in line with Grade 2 listing planning requirements both internally and externally.

686: To receive information from NPTCBC on Local Service Revisions.

The information was noted by the Members.

687: To remind the Members that it is Remembrance Sunday on 13th November 2016 and that there will be a service at Carnegie Hall at 11am.

The information was noted by the Members. Cllr DK Davies reported that there will also be a Service at St. Johns Church at 9.30am.

688: To receive an update from the Clerk with regards to the Gas Works at Elba Crescent.

The Clerk reported on correspondence from the Community Council's Solicitor.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk should arrange for the Solicitor to instruct a Charter Surveyor as per her suggestion.

689: To receive a request from a resident to waiver the cost of a charity dinner dance at the Memorial Hall in January 2017.

The issue was discussed by the Council.

Resolved: That more information is requested before any decision takes place.

690: To receive a copy of the Autumn Edition 2016 NPT Community Safety News.

The information was noted by the Members.

691: To receive a copy of NPTCBC's Summary Annual Report.

The information was noted by the Members.

692: To receive estimated costs from NPTCBC for the Community Council's Elections in May 2017.

The information was noted by the Members.

693: To receive further information that the Community Council requested regarding taking over a Lease Agreement for Llandarcy Institute.

Cllr A Wingrave reported that if the Library was to be relocated into Carnegie Hall, consideration to the service users of Carnegie Hall would be needed. Cllr Wingrave suggested that Llandarcy Institute could provide a possible solution to re-house some of the groups that could be displaced. Cllr Wingrave went on to report that if the Community Council are considering providing accommodation for the Library to be re-housed in Carnegie Hall for a Peppercorn rent to NPTCBC for them to run the service, then NPTCBC should consider providing Llandarcy Institute for a Peppercorn rent, instead of the Community Council having to apply for a grant on an annual basis.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That Cllr A Wingrave is given the authority to negotiate with NPTCBC Officers/Members to try and get approval for Llandarcy Institute to be Leased to the Community Council for a Peppercorn rent, and report back to Full Council once she knows if this is likely to be feasible.

694: Correspondence.

a) To receive a response from NPTCBC regarding Community Transport.

The Clerk was asked to forward the response to Rosemary Morris.

**Cllr J Thomas
Chair**