

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 5th April 2017 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, B Richards, M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, K Whitehead.

Part Attendance: Cllrs JS Jones, HC Clarke.

834: Apologies: Cllrs H Bebell, P Bebell, J Davies, R Didcote, A Wingrave, HR Richards

835: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs M Harvey and HC Clarke declared an interest in items 850 and 851 and left the room during the discussions.

Cllr JS Jones declared an interest in the Emergency Item and left the room during the discussions.

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.

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

a) Council Meeting held on 15th March 2017.

Approved as a true and accurate record with the exception that apologies for HR Richards were omitted from the minutes.

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

The Clerk reported that she has submitted a Lottery Funding Application to cover the costs of installing defibrillators as discussed at the last Council Meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had received acknowledgment of the Community Council's response to the Boundary Commission Review.

838: 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 £18,351.98. Account No's 693 and 698 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.

839: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 677 and 688.

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

Cllr JS Jones arrived at this point.

840: Planning Applications:

P2017/0271 – Installation of 2 No. air conditioning units. 37 New Rd, Skewen, Neath SA10 6UT. (Applicant – Bestway National Chemists Ltd, Well Pharmacy, New Rd, Skewen).

No observations.

P2017/0308 – Change of use from Sales and Marketing Suite (Use Class B1) to Chiropractic and Medical Aesthetics Clinic (Use Class D1/sui generis mixed use). 5 Crown Way, Llandarcy, Neath. (Applicant – Dr Sarah Parkes, Chiromedical, 100 Cimla Crescent, Neath SA11 3NP).

No observations.

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

Cllr J Thomas reported that he and Cllr P Davies had attended a service at St Johns Church. Additionally, they attended the Civic Dinners for Britton Ferry and Neath Town Councils. They reported that they had enjoyed all the events.

842: To receive information from NPTCBC for Local Bus Service Revisions.

The information was noted by the Members.

843: To receive information from NPT on the Public Service Board draft Wellbeing Assessment Consultation, ending on 12th April 2017.

The information was noted by the Members.

844: To receive a letter of thanks and presentation of a book written by Carol Wiltshire.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Council would put information about the sale of the book onto the Community Council website.

845: To receive information from Skewen Cricket Club regarding concerns about the safety of playing on the first 4 wickets because of vandalism of the nets erected in 2015.

Dick Owens and Sian Owens the Cricket Clubs Secretary attended the meeting to represent the Cricket Club. Dick was given permission to speak by the Chair of the Community Council. Dick reported that the Community Council had given permission to erect netting to block off the cricket squares from the skate board park two years ago. It was reported that it had worked well the first year, but during the second year, the net got vandalised constantly, and is now totally unusable. Dick reported that the Cricket Club regularly has to do H&S Assessments, and due to the netting being damaged, the Cricket Club has had to take the decision not to use the first 4 wickets. Dick requested that the Community Council give permission and funding to install 3 meter metal fencing and place a net above the fencing. It was reported that the quote is expected to be in the range of £1,200.00 - £1,500.00. The Cricket Club representatives reported that the Club does not have the funds to complete the work themselves.

The Members discussed the issue. It was reported that the Community Council should support the Cricket Club due to the location of the Skate Park. However, it was noted that the responsibility and insurance of the fencing and netting would be with the Cricket Club not the Community Council.

Resolved: That permission and funding for the project is approved subject to the quote not exceeding the upper limit of the expected price noted above. It was also noted that the Cricket Club would be responsible for arranging for the works, plus insuring and maintaining the fence once it is installed.

846: To receive a request to support a Parliament Petition to put a levy on Professional Football Clubs for some of their wealth to be used to provide play areas for children.

The information was noted by the Members.

847: To receive a letter of thanks from Unison for the Council's donation to NPTCBC to support Skewen Library for the next financial year.

The information was noted by the Members.

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848: To receive a request to hold the Annual Disability Football Tournament in Skewen Park again this year.

The Clerk reported that she had approved the Tournament because the request had not come in on time to get approval from the Council. The Clerk informed the Members that she had informed the group that they must get the request in early enough for Council approval if they wish to put the Tournament on in future years.

Resolved: That the Members ratify the Clerks decision.

849: To receive an update from the Clerk regarding outstanding Section 106 Agreements.

The Clerk provided an update on all the outstanding Section 106 Agreements. It was reported that no further funding has been secured for the further development off Crymlyn Road (Hale Site), and that no further funding has been secured as yet for the Crymlyn Grove Site. However, NPTCBC did secure an allotment facility on the site that is in the process of being laid out. The Clerk was advised that discussions are ongoing.

Additionally, the Clerk notified the Members that a Section 106 Agreement has become available from the Cartref Development for £22,340 for the provision, enhancement and improvement of and access to sports, specifically pitch and non-pitch sports at Skewen Park.

The Clerk suggested that the Members should consider proposals for this money, and that she should put the item onto the next Agenda for discussion.

Resolved: That the issue of the Section 106 Agreement for the Cartref Development should be put onto the next Agenda for suggestions and discussions on how to use the money.

Cllr HC Clarke left the meeting at this stage.

850: To receive a request from Skewen Rugby Club for the Community Council to consider contributing the £12,445.64 Section 106 Agreement money for Crymlyn Road Development (Hale site) towards a drainage scheme bid in Tennant Park due to a short fall in their bid. Additionally, they are asking for the Community Council's agreement to request that NPTCBC release part of the Section 106 Agreement for the Crymlyn Grove Development to contribute towards the scheme.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That this issue should be deferred to the next Council Meeting to give Members time to view Tennant Park and the drainage installed by the Hale Development prior to making any decisions.

851: To receive a request for permission to approve a Hard Standing in Tennant Park from Skewen Rugby Club.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That permission is granted as long as the Community Council are not expected to contribute any funds to the works. It was requested that if Planning Permission is necessary that the Community Council should receive a copy of the plan for inspection prior to work commencing.

852: Correspondence.

None.

Emergency Item

To receive an invitation for comments from NPTCBC regarding an Alleged Public Footpath at the rear of Golwyg Y Bryn, in the Community of Coedffranc.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Community Council fully supports the Application.

Cllr J Thomas, Chair