

COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 7th March 2018 at Carnegie Hall.

Attendance: Cllrs M Harvey, P Davies, J Thomas, K Whitehead, AR Aubrey, D Harvey, LJ Pocock, TJ Bevan, MA Fender, DK Davies.

1203: To receive a presentation from Sue Ireson regarding a be-friending scheme under a project called Connecting our Communities.

Sue Ireson informed the Members of a new project that NPTCVS have launched. The project is based on assisting the high Percentage of lonely people over the age of 65 that are living in the Community providing support and company to alleviate loneliness. It was asked if we could assist with advertising the project. It was agreed if Sue provided the information that the Clerk would arrange to put notices on the Council's Notice Boards and the Council's Website.

PCSO Mike Griffiths attended the Meeting to introduce himself.

1204: Apologies: Cllrs APH Davies, A Wingrave, C Wingrave, K Amos, J S Jones, C Fletcher, B Richards.

1205: To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr A Aubrey declared an interest in item 1210 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.

1206: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 21st February 2018.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

1207: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk reported that a Grant Funding Application the H&S Officer had submitted to the Welsh Government for £5,740.00 for refurbishing the Play Equipment at Tennant Park has been approved.

1208: 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 £8,693.38. Account No's 673 and 702 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.

1209: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 645 and 666.

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

1210: Planning Applications:

P2016/0868 – New 15 space overflow car park and associated engineering works, and the retention of change of use from Sports Pavilion (Class D2) to Restaurant (Class A3), a rear conservatory and the retention and completion of rear raised decking area (amended red line and description 22/02/18). Llandarcy Academy of Sport, Llandarcy, Neath. (Applicant – Llandarcy Park Ltd).

No observations.

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Late Application: P2018/0186 – Single storey extension to front elevation. Coedffranc Memorial Hall, Skewen Park. (Applicant – Coedffranc Community Council).

No observations.

P2018/0079 – First Floor front extension. 14 Lucy Road, Skewen. (Applicant Mr Grimes, 14 Lucy Road, Skewen).

No observations.

P2016/0541 – Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission P2013/0064 to extend the time for implementation of the permission (for a new highway access incorporating a viaduct bridge and associated drainage, landscaping linking Coed Darcy to Ffordd Amazon) together with details pursuant to condition 16:

Environmental Management Plan. Former Llandarcy Oil Refinery, Llandarcy. (Applicants: Mr Rupert Joseland , St Modwens Developments Ltd, C/o Agent,,).

No observations.

1211: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

Cllrs APH Davies & DK Davies will report at the next meeting on the NPTCBC/Town/Community Councils Forum they attended on Monday 5th March 2018.

1212: To receive and respond if appropriate to the Code of Audit Practice from the Auditor General for Wales.

The information was noted by the Members.

1213: To receive and respond if appropriate to the Future Generations Framework for Projects and Guidance.

The information was noted by the Members.

1214: To receive a request to respond to the Consultation for the Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales.

The Members discussed the issue and the information was noted. The Clerk urged all Members to make comments on this issue.

1215: To receive and respond if appropriate to notification from NPTCBC regarding the review of the Local Development Plan.

The information was noted by the Members.

1216: To receive a request from Cllr Helen Ceri Clarke for the Community Council to consider installing a drinking fountain in or near the toilets in Skewen Park to reduce plastic bottles.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the request is regrettably refused on the grounds of prospective hygiene, vandalism and cost concerns.

1217: To receive and respond if appropriate to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities.

The information was noted by the Members.

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1218: To receive a request to waive the fee for a Two Hour Dance-A-Thon in the Memorial Hall to raise money for Muddy Run Cancer Research.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the hirer is to pay in advance and the money will be reimbursed.

1219: To inform the Members that the Clerk will not be present at the next Council Meeting on 21st March 2018 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.

1220: Correspondence.

a) To receive the Auditor General for Wales Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils Report for 2016/17.

The information was noted.

**Cllr P Davies
Chair**