

## COEDFFRANC TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Memorial Hall.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs M Harvey, DK Davies, A Wingrave, JS Jones, P Davies, J Thomas, AR Aubrey, MA Fender, D Harvey, LJ Pocock, C Wingrave, TJ Bevan.

The Members held a minutes silence for the passing of Ron Didcote.

**1376: Apologies.** Cllrs B Richards, APH Davies, K Amos, K Whitehead, C Fletcher.

**1377: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr M Harvey declared an interest in item 1393 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.

**1378: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -**

**a) Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**b) Festival Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**1379: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Cllr A Wingrave referred to Item 1365 regarding canvassing for a Management Committee at Caewathan Community Centre. It was suggested that we put a notice on Facebook to gauge interest before leafletting.

The Clerk reported on the current situation with the HSE and provided the Members with an update she informed the Members that she had held a meeting with the solicitor appointed by the Council's insurance providers.

**1380: 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 £63,249.38 Account No's 329 and 407 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

**1381: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 300 and 326.**

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

**1382: Planning Applications:**

**To receive a Report on Planning Applications that have been dealt with between meetings.**

Cllr A Wingrave reported that she had spoken to Jenny Griffiths in the NPTCBC Planning Department who confirmed the technicalities of the concerns on P2018/0449.

**Resolved:** The information was accepted by the Members.

**1383: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.**

None.

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**1384: To receive a report from the Festivals Committee.**

Cllr A Wingrave reported on the meeting.

**Resolved:** That all the recommendations are approved.

**1385: To receive a request from Talking Books Wales for Financial Assistance.**

The Members discussed the request.

**Resolved:** That the request is refused.

**1386: To receive an invitation from The Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Company to their Open Days.**

The information was noted by the Members

**1387: To receive information on training being provided by One Voice Wales.**

The information was noted by the Members

**1388: To approve/sign the legal Agreement with NPTCBC for the Christmas Lighting.**

The members discussed the Agreement.

**Resolved:** That the legal Agreement with NPTCBC is approved and signed.

**1389: To receive/discuss a letter from Struthers Church requesting that the Council reconsider some of its original terms for the Lease Agreement approved in February 2018.**

Cllr A Wingrave suggested that the Council should approve leasing the parcel of land both sides of the church. It was proposed that the boundary fence remains in place and cannot be opened for access. The Church would be responsible to pay all the associated legal fees. It was agreed that permission would not be given for a car park, and if any changes are required, the Church must receive approval from the Council before commencing any works.

**Resolved:** That it is approved for the Church to lease the parcel of land both sides of the Church, the boundary fence will remain in place and a car park will not be permitted. If the Church intends to carry out any works on the leased land, the Church must request permission from full Council and cannot proceed without explicit authorisation. The Church will pay for all the legal fees associated with the Lease Agreement and fence the area off at their own cost.

**1390: To receive a response from the Vice Chancellor regarding the Councils letter about the car parking issues in the University.**

The Members discussed the information.

**Resolved:** That a letter thanking the Vice Chancellor for his response is sent.

**1391: To discuss/respond if appropriate to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Review.**

The Members discussed the information.

**Resolved:** That Cllr APH Davies' response is accepted and is sent to the Boundary Commission for their consideration.

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**1392: To receive correspondence from NPTCBC regarding including Carnegie Hall onto a list of Buildings of Local Importance.**

Cllr A Wingrave reported that she had spoken to NPTCBC and raised her concerns about the implications of putting Carnegie Hall on a list of Buildings of Local Importance. The Members discussed the information. There were concerns that if Carnegie Hall were to be put onto a list of Local importance there could be financial implications in the future, and that the Council could end up with a building that it could not afford to keep.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk sends a reply stating that the Town Council currently do everything they can to preserve the heritage of the building in the most sympathetic way possible. Therefore, the Town Council request that Carnegie Hall is not placed onto a List of Buildings of Local Importance at this time.

**1393: To review/approve the draft Deed of Surrender of the Lease for Skewen Rugby Supporters Club and the new draft Lease for SRFC (The Supporters Club).**

The Members discussed the information.

**Resolved:** That the draft Lease Agreement is approved.

**1394: To receive information/quotes for a collapsed dry stone wall at Carnegie Hall.**

The Clerk informed the Members that she had contacted the Council's insurers and had been informed that it is possible that the collapsed wall might be covered by the insurance schedule. The Clerk informed the Members that she is waiting for the Loss Adjusters to come out to inspect the wall to confirm if the insurance will cover it or not.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk keeps the Members informed of progress.

**1395: To receive Local Service Revisions from NPTCBC.**

The information was noted by the Members.

**1396: To discuss the deteriorating condition, and future use of Jersey Marine Community Centre, and decide upon any actions necessary.**

The Members discussed the issue at length. It was agreed that the building could not be used by the public for Health and Safety reasons. The Clerk read out an email from a resident. Cllr A Wingrave reported that the Council do not have the financial resources for a rebuild which would be in the range of £250,000 and £450,000. The Members discussed the possibility of demolishing the building, but again there were financial implications with this scenario because of the asbestos in the fabric of the building. The Council discussed if the building and land that it sits on should be sold.

**Resolved:** That the building is sold provided the Land Conveyance permits this action.

**1397: Correspondence.**

None.

**1398: To resolve to exclude the public for the following item pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 and Paragraph 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.**

**Resolved:** That the press and public are excluded.

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**1399: To receive an update from the Mayor regarding the Employment Tribunal outcome.**

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the Employment Tribunal and read out correspondence from the Council's Solicitors.

The information was noted by the Members and it was agreed to follow the Solicitor's advice to not pay the costs until the justifications for the judgement have been received.

**Cllr M Harvey  
Deputy Mayor**