

COEDFFRANC TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Statutory Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 18th September 2019 at the Memorial Hall.

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

1616: Apologies. Cllr M Harvey, C Fletcher, B Richards, K Amos.

1617: 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.

1618: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 21st August 2019.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

1619: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None.

1620: 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 £10,515.55 Account No's 356 and 400 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.

Cllr J S Jones arrived at this point.

1621: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 308 and 333.

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

1622: Planning Applications:

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

The information was noted by the Members.

1623: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

1624: To receive/approve the Council's Remuneration Report for 2019.

The Members discussed the Report.

Resolved: That the Council's Remuneration Report for 2019 is approved.

1625: To receive/approve the Council's Personal Data Retention Policy for the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund.

The Members discussed the Policy.

Resolved: That the Council's Personal Date Retention Policy for the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund is approved.

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1626: To receive a request from Cllr A Aubrey to consider CCTV coverage in Skewen Park.

Cllr A Aubrey asked for a recorded vote on this item before the item was discussed.

Cllr A Aubrey raised the issue of having CCTV in Skewen Park. Members discussed the proposal and had reservations regarding the cost. Cllr Aubrey then asked that we could look into the various types of systems available and their costs.

Cllr A Wingrave raised the issue that since a member of the office staff was currently off work, they need to be mindful of not placing too much extra pressure on the remaining office staff. Cllr J Thomas stated that the office staff are over stretched and could not possibly take on the extra work.

Cllr A Aubrey replied "Well, I see 4 members of staff sitting in that office and from what I've seen they don't seem to be doing much". She individually named the office staff and implied that they should be able to cope with the workload and not need another member of staff in the office. At that point, Cllr A Wingrave requested to refer the matter to the Finance & General Committee stating that she hoped the Councillors would help to compile the necessary information required. It was agreed to pass this issue over to F&G Committee for discussion.

Resolved: That the item is discussed at the next F&GP meeting. The vote was not recorded due to the issue being passed to the next F&G Meeting.

1627: To receive information from the Neath Abbey Ironworks Company regarding an Open Day Invitation on 28th & 29th September.

The information was noted by the Members.

1628: To receive information on a link for the "Transport to Health Survey".

The information was noted by the Members.

1629: To report on a request received to place a bench in the cemetery.

The Members discussed the information.

Resolved: That the Clerk arranges an Estates Meeting in due course to discuss the matter.

1630: To receive an update from Swansea Council regarding the current situation of Baldwins Bridge.

The information was noted by the Members.

1631: Correspondence.

- a) A letter of thanks from the Historical Society regarding the support received from Coedffranc Town Council for their event.

Chairman
Cllr K Whitehead