

COEDFFRANC TOWN COUNCIL

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

Attendance: Cllrs APH Davies, DK Davies, A Wingrave, JS Jones, P Davies, J Thomas, C Wingrave, V James.

1682: Apologies: Cllrs LJ Pocock, M Harvey, D Harvey, C Fletcher, B Richards.

1683: 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.

1684: To approve and sign the Minutes of Previous meetings: -

a) Council Meeting held on 20th November 2019.

Approved as a true and accurate record with the exception that Cllr M Harvey did not report on item 1680.

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee 5th December 2019.

Approved as a true and accurate record with the exception that Cllr J Thomas was at the meeting and A Aubrey was not.

c) Personnel Committee 20th November 2019.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

1685: Matters arising from the minutes. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

None.

1686: 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 £12,889.96 Account No's 536 and 593 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.

1687: To receive an explanation from the Clerk concerning Account No's: 465 and 529.

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

1688: Planning Applications:

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

The information was noted by the Members.

1689: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

The Clerk and Cllr C Fletcher attended the Skewen Gents OAP Christmas Dinner held in the Glyn Clydach Hotel. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are always made to feel welcome by the Gents OAP Members. Cllr P Davies attended Coedffranc School Governor's Training, which he stated was a very good course.

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Cllr APH Davies attended the One Voice Wales Executive Meeting, at which they discussed the need for a Biodiversity plan. Cllr APH Davies informed the Members that Coedffranc Town Council had already put their Biodiversity Plan in place this month so they were ahead of most Councils.

1690: To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Cllr J Thomas reported on the discussions of the meeting.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That it is reluctantly agreed that the Town Council cannot afford to install CCTV in Skewen Park because of the impending salary budget increases.

1691: To receive a report from the Personnel Committee.

The information was noted by the Members.

1692: To receive an update regarding Jersey Marine Community Centre.

Cllr A Wingrave reported that the Planning Department had advised to sell the property in its current condition because to obtain outline planning the building would need to be demolished which would be too cost prohibitive. The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the property is put into an auction in the New Year and a reserve is to be set. The Clerk is to contact the 3 interested parties and report back to the Council at the next meeting before proceeding to Auction.

1693: To receive information regarding the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Draft Proposals.

The Members discussed the information and strongly objected to the 194 Electors being moved into Dyffryn Clydach from the North Ward. This area has always been Coedffranc and the boundary runs through the middle of the road.

Resolved: That the Clerk puts an objection in to the 194 electors moving into Dyffryn Clydach from the Coedffranc North Ward.

1694: To receive information from NPTCBC on the Local Service Revisions.

The information was noted by the Members.

1695: To receive a report on the Welsh index of Multiple Deprivation.

The information was noted by the Members.

1696: To approve/agree the Biodiversity and Environment Development Plan.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Biodiversity & Environment Development Plan is approved. Cllr A Wingrave complimented the Clerk on a Good Piece of Work.

1697: To approve/agree the Procurement Policy.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Procurement Policy is approved.

1698: To approve/agree the Website Accessibility Statement.

The Members discussed the issue.

Resolved: That the Website Accessibility Statement is approved.

1699: Correspondence.

None.

Emergency Item

The Clerked requested to Suspend Standing Orders to change the date of the next Council Meeting until the 22nd January to allow her time to prepare the Precept Documents and finalise the Accounts.

Resolved: That the Standing Orders are suspended to move the meeting to the 22nd January 2020.

Cllr J S Jones
Deputy Mayor