

GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm 25th May 2011.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs K Sayer, M Cornelious, D Williams, F Northfield.

Present: Cllrs C Williams (Chair), R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, P Stokes, K Harries, P John, L Fry, R Powell, N Mountain, P Gregory.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 27th April 2011, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Stokes seconded Cllr Williams.

Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Committees and Representatives:

Cllr Williams was voted to Chair, Cllr Fry to Vice Chair, for all other committees and representatives please see separate sheet displayed entitled 'Officers Elected May 2011'. At this point Cllr Williams took the Chair and led the meeting. Cllr Stokes proposed a vote of appreciation for Cllr Caston Chairing the past year. Cllr Caston thanked the Clerk for her assistance.

The next item was taken out of order of the agenda to enable Cllr Powell so address this issue first. Cllr Powell asked that Council consider extra signage for Afon Village roads to deter speeding. It was suggested that side roads could be zoned to 20mph. Clerk to investigate possibilities with NCC.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

Viaduct Way adoption is moving forward and is expected to be complete soon.

Clerk had received an email from NCC Estates saying the new Rhiwderin CC lease cannot be provided until after July but there should be no problem with it once an NCC review of their current properties had been completed.

Clerk to arrange a meeting between Cllrs and a representative of the Environment Agency to discuss the Ebbw riverbank clean-up.

Clerk to contact NCC Highways Dept again to insist on signage for parking on the verges of Forge Road. The Tredegar Roundabout safety issue is now with the Police who are compiling a report and recommendations to NCC.

Clerk to chase up when the rumble strips on Forge Road are to be amended.

Clerk is still awaiting permission from NCC to trim overhanging branches in Orchard Close.

Clerk still in discussions with NCC regarding a larger litter bin close to the Post Office in Bassaleg and at the Friendly Fox.

Comments from utility companies regarding Council's plans to upgrade the junction of Caerphilly Road/Close are good, Clerk still awaiting responses from some companies but will move forward with obtaining quotes for work in preparation of a positive result.

Locations for planters loaned from NCC were discussed.

Projects:

Bassaleg CC: Not discussed.

Priority List: Not discussed.

Reports:

Police – Not present, Cllrs were concerned that no representative had been able to attend a meeting since last October, Clerk to request a PCSO if PC Ladd was unavailable or a report emailed to the Clerk which could be read out at the meetings.

City Councillors – Not present, Clerk to ask them to push for money from the Education Department to help fund security fencing at Pentrepoeth School.

Cllr Powell let the meeting at 7.55pm.

Graig CC – Day to day running issues were discussed, Cllr Gregory to produce some schedules to aid smoother running.

Rhiwderin CC – Both the caretaker and bookings clerk wish to stand down, options for replacement were discussed. Outside areas need weeding and a clean-up, Cllr Fry to arrange. A building inspection had taken place, the findings to be discussed at the next committee meeting with findings brought back to full Council for discussion.

Best Kept Villages Group – The churchyard clean-up had taken place, the group thanked the Council for providing a skip to remove all waste.

Bassaleg Allotments – The allotment inspection had taken place and findings were discussed. The planning application for the allotment inspection had been returned for amendments.

Play Areas – the re-certification of a local contractor to carry out visual play equipment inspections had taken place and the annual full inspection of equipment will take place within the next 2 weeks. Clerk

expects to have a report for Council by the next meeting. Clerk to purchase a large litter bin for the Rhiwderin play area.

Burial Board – Meeting to be held on July 4th 2011.

Items for Next Agenda: None.

Planning – Discussed at this Meeting:

CONEX/11/0254 – Erection of 40 dwellings together with associated works (approval of reserved matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale associated with planning permission 11/0449 affecting public right of way 393/73) Site: Former allotment site Harlech Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport.

Application Type: Reserved matters. Comment: No objections.

CONEX/11/0449 – Variation of condition 6 (affordable housing) relating to appeal ref:

APP/G6935/A/09/2118975 for residential development with new allotments affecting public right of way 393/73. Site: Former allotment site Harlech Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport. Application Type: Variation of conditions. Comment: Incorrect paperwork received no comment until rectified.

CONEX/11/0438 – Variation of condition 1 (change to high level windows on the gable end of apartment block A) relating to residential development for 82no. units with appearance, landscaping and scale being submitted for approval affecting public right of way 393/111. Site: Former railway sidings development site, Viaduct Way, Bassaleg, Newport. Application Type: Variation of conditions. Comment: Council were concerned they were not invited to comment and requested more information.

Request for comments and queries from O2 for telecommunications Installation on footway verge of Laurel Road North of Duffryn Close, Bassaleg, Newport. Comment: Council strongly objects to this proposal as they have previously.

Planning – Discussed at Planning Meeting on 11.05.11:

CONEX/11/0356 – Erection of single storey side extension, front porch and timber balcony to rear. Site: 33 Grosvenor Road, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8PY. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections.

Also Discussed at Planning Meeting on 11.05.11:

The procedures and paperwork the Clerk and sub-committee had compiled for Council were reviewed, and subject to a clerical error was approved to be put to Full Council for formal adoption - proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Harries and passed unanimously. Council thanked the sub-committee who worked on this task for their efforts.

Clerk to contact the Rights of Way officer at NCC to ask that the footpath from Caerphilly Road to Penylan Close be formally adopted and inform her that the footpath from the Friendly Fox to Pentrepoeth School needed clearing and maintenance.

Items for Discussion/Action

Clerk had received two responses to the Councillor vacancy, it was agreed that Clerk should arrange interviews to take place prior to the next Planning meeting on 8th June.

Allocation of the remaining budget held for trees was discussed.

Cllr Stokes left the meeting at 8.50pm.

Council formerly adopted the Council policies and procedures which were reviewed at the previous planning meeting in full – proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr John, accepted unanimously.

Council discussed the production of a suitable Community Council Logo, it was decided that it could be based upon the designs used for the chain of office, Cllr Caston to bring the chain of office to the next meeting for inspiration.

Cllr Fry submitted a quote by a local contractor for decoration and maintenance to the Graig Hall, Pump House, park benches and notice boards.

Correspondence for Information - Not discussed

Accounts Approved for Payment

Clerk salary and expenses for May 2011	£1303.41
C Ricci – bin cleaning May 2011	£210.00
Inland Revenue – Remainder of PAYE & NI for Tax Year 2010-11	£1771.79
Mr S Barber – Expenses for allotment maintenance	£4.99

Receipts

None

Any Other Business

Cllr Gregory reported that Community Payback workers were scheduled to clean up the areas by the footbridge over the A467 in a few days.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm. Confirmed, this 29th day of June 2011.

Signed..... (Chair) – June 2011

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