



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 6.30pm 29th August 2012.

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- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Stokes, M Smart, D Williams, P John, G Morris, W Haigh, K Ashton.
Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), L Fry, R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, K Sayer, K Harries, M Cornelious, N Mountain, J Harris.
- 2. Public Representations:** None
- 3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held 25th July 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harries.
- 4. Clerk's Report:**
The Clerk's report previously circulated had been read, Council were satisfied that issues in the report were being dealt with appropriately.
- 5. Projects:**
 - a. Play areas – Cllr Whitfield requested a meeting of the Play Areas Sub-Committee to discuss advancing the Veolia funding application. Cllr Cornelious told Council she may be able to assist with funding from another source.
 - b. Jubilee Path – Cllr Harris updated Council on the progress of the path. The Forestry Commission may need to close a section of Park Wood temporarily to upgrade the footpath. Graphics were being produced and samples would be available soon. Council thanked Cllr Harris for all his hard work on the project.
- 6. Reports:**
 - a. Police – Not able to attend but the report they supplied was read to Council. During August there had been 97 calls to the Police, 14 of which were crimes. 3 of these had been detected, the remainder were under investigation. The breakdown consisted of 6 x theft (1 detected), 4 x vehicle crime, 2 x criminal damage, 1 x drugs offence (detected), 1 x violence (detected). Anti-social behaviour was still a problem in Viaduct Way and the rear lane of Caerphilly Road, high visibility patrols were being carried out in those areas. It was noted that the football posts at Pentrepoeth School had been damaged beyond repair and that there were bottles and cans in the school grounds. Cllr Cornelious to look into when the fencing will be erected at the school to help prevent unauthorised entry.
 - b. City Councillors – Cllr Cornelious reported that she had been pursuing the outstanding items on the Clerk's Report and that most things had been promised to be looked at. She also told Council that she expected a licensing application to be made by Mc Donald's in Afon Village soon for opening 24hrs. Cllr Cornelious and the Clerk to monitor upcoming applications to be able to submit comments, Clerk to investigate who holds the franchise and write on Council's behalf.
 - c. Graig CC – Cllr Evans reported that the Pump House had been cleared out and that the outside gas meter had a new lock. Cllr Fry reported that the new cleaner's cupboard incurred extra costs to meet building regulations and could possibly cost an extra £500 – Council approved the additional costs.
 - d. Rhiwderin CC – Cllr Gregory gave Council an update on the progress of the lease and it was proposed by Cllr Harris that Cllrs Gregory and Fry should sign the lease on behalf of Council, seconded by Cllr Caston and carried unanimously. It was noted that the summer play scheme went well again this year.
 - e. Best Kept Villages Group – The group were pleased that Council nominated them for an award in the Volunteer Achievement Awards 2012 in recognition of their tireless work in keeping the villages looking beautiful.
 - f. Allotments – Cllr Caston requested that Council re-site the litter bin away from the North Eastern gates of the site. The Autumn inspection was set at Sunday 16th September at 10.30am.
 - g. Play Areas – NTR
 - h. Burial Board – NTR, meeting on September 24th.

7. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Wish list - separate meeting to be held, date to be arranged at 26th September meeting.
- b. Review of Council policies and procedures - to be deferred to January 2013.

8. Planning:

Discussed below.

9. Items for Discussion/Action

- a. LDP secondary applications for candidate sites response – Residents requested a public meeting, paperwork was being produced to advertise the meeting and inform residents of the proposed changes. A planning consultant had been engaged to act on Council's behalf. Arrangements were being made for the meeting to take place in Bassaleg School's Griffin Hall on September 13th.
- b. Review of NCC Community Charter and action plan – Cllr Caston had reviewed the paperwork and reported to Council that no action was necessary at this point in time.
- c. Erection of bollards on Wentworth Lane update – Cllr Fry informed Council that the barriers had been produced, Clerk to research if any utility services were present in the lane before installation.
- d. Installation of 2 planters to Grosvenor Road underpass area – request from resident – Cllr Gregory to discuss with the resident.
- e. Councillor Code of Conduct Training – Clerk reminded Councillors of the opportunity for training at the Civic Centre.
- f. Welsh Government – Invitation to consult on the discretionary power available to unitary authorities and community councils to improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area – reviewed.
- g. Welsh Government – Information regarding the Tackling Poverty Action Plan living document – cascaded to Councillors as per letter request.
- h. NCC – Invitation to add items to the liaison meeting agenda for September. Cllr Caston requested that Concurrent expenditure be added, and Cllr Whitfield requested that the fact that Council are refused almost all requests be discussed with the group to see if there was an explanation and a way forward to obtain more positive responses.

10. Correspondence for Information:

Not discussed.

11. Accounts for Payment: Approved – Proposed by Cllr Caston, seconded by Cllr Evans.

Cllr Sayer left the meeting at 8.37pm.

Clerk salary and expenses for August 2012	£1525.55
C Ricci – bin cleaning, litter picking & maintenance August 2012	£310.00
SW Directories – leaflet delivery (2 invoices)	£180.00
Newport City Homes – grass cutting for Fort View play area	£212.04
Staples – office supplies (2 invoices)	£291.58
Monmouth CC – repairs to bollards at St Basil's roundabout	£300.00
Boiler & Burner Maintenance Ltd – service to boiler at Graig Hall	£87.00
Royston Charles – various works to Graig Hall, notice boards and Rhiwderin CC	£148.00
Mike Yearsley – NCC building control costs for Graig Hall cleaner's cupboard	£149.04

Receipts

NCC – 2 nd Precept payment	£14501.80
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8. Planning:

- a. CONEX/12/0758 – Two storey side extension, erection of rear dormer and new porch to main front entrance. Site: 17 Parkwood Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JT Application Type: Full Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- b. CONEX/12/0762 – Demolition of single storey store and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Site: 16 Fort View Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8PF Application Type: Full Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- c. Public Footpath 393/73 - Notice of confirmation of footpath diversion order. Noted.

12. Dates of next meetings:

Planning & Environment Meeting – Wednesday 12th September 2012

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 26th September 2012

13. Urgent Business not on discussed above.

- a. Cllr Fry re-iterated that the elevated fencing on Caerphilly Road alongside Yew Tree Cottage on Caerphilly Road in Bassaleg badly needed replacing. This was an item on the Clerk's Report and a repair had already been requested via the contact centre.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm. Confirmed this 26th day of September 2012.

Signed..... (Chair) – 26th September 2012

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