



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm 31st October 2012.

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs A Whitfield, P Stokes, M Smart, K Sayer, P John, D Williams.
Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, K Harries, M Cornelious, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, K Ashton.
2. **Public Representations:** None
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held 26th September 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Mountain.
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. Cllr Cornelious reported that she had requested that the City Council consider improving the parking situation near Churchmead and Station Approach junctions on Caerphilly Road, but that NCC considered the issue was mostly at certain times of the day which were unavoidable. It was agreed by all that the junctions of Station Approach, Viaduct Way and Churchmead all entering onto Caerphilly Road at the same point made this area extremely dangerous and that improvements needed to be made for safety reasons. It was agreed to press NCC to make improvements and will be discussed again at the next end of month meeting.
5. **Projects:**
 - a. Play Areas: The progression of the Veolia application was discussed, as were the play areas in general. Locations for a MUGA were considered.
 - b. Jubilee Path: Cllr Harris advised that progress was being made on the Jubilee Path. Attempts to secure Derek Brockway to officially open the path in the Spring were being sought.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Police – Not able to attend, nor a report given. Cllr Ashton advised Council that she was aware there were underage drinking issues at the Mint Leaf Indian restaurant in Rogerstone.
 - b. City Councillors – Cllr Cornelious reported that residents in Park View Gardens were having problems with overgrown trees on the bankings of the A467 blowing into their gardens and it was hoped that the Highways Agency would be able to rectify the problem.
 - c. Graig CC – Cllr Evans reported on the accounts for the Hall. Work needed to be carried out on accounts procedures for both Graig Hall and Rhiwderin Community Centre arising from the recent audit which would be attended to in due course.
 - d. Rhiwderin CC – Cllr Gregory reported that the water leak had been rectified, but due to extensive repairs the cost was £1900 plus VAT. The lease was progressing well, and it was agreed to undertake a survey and feasibility study in preparation for an upgrade of facilities to take place. This will be looked at by the management committee and proposals be brought back to Council to progress.
 - e. Best Kept Villages Group – An email from the group was read out and discussed which included judging sheets from the Best Kept Villages competition. One area highlighted on the judging sheets was the wall at St Basil's Church which led to a conversation about the laurel trees at the rear which affected the footpath through from Station Approach to the back of Ruperra Close and Caerphilly Road. This area to be added to the agenda for the next Planning meeting.
 - f. Allotments – As an allotment holder, Cllr Harris declared an interest and left the meeting at 8.30pm whilst issues were discussed. It was noted that 6 plots were now vacant, with 4 people on the waiting list so it was decided to postpone any plans for extending the site until for the time being. The new structure surrounding the bee hive on one plot was discussed. It was noted that it exceeded the height of the tool stores and was visible from the road, but that it would be allowed to remain. The decision would be reviewed should any objections be received. It was agreed that a local contractor should be employed to carry out some maintenance inside the site. Council wished to express thanks to Mr Barber, Secretary of the Allotment Association for all his hard work on keeping the site in such good order. Cllr Harris re-joined the meeting.

- g. Play Areas – Discussed under Projects above.
- h. Burial Board – 49 people requested further details of the vacancy for Burial Board Clerk advertised recently. Of the 49, 4 applicants submitted C.V.'s. A meeting of the Board to take place on 19th November to discuss holding interviews for the post. Cllr Ashton had received the deeds for to register the cemetery land as this had not been previously carried out. It was noted that Rogerstone Community Council had again only paid the old precept payment to the Clerk, not the new precept amount agreed at the Burial Board meeting some time ago. This is being investigated.

7. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Precept meeting – November 14th after Planning Meeting
- b. Council's policies & Procedures review – 30th January meeting

8. Planning:

- a. LDP Addendum to Alternative Sites Consultation re proposed land at Chartist Drive Rogerstone for a train station. Cllr Caston proposed that this item be objected to as another station between Rogerstone and Pye Corner would be unnecessary. This was agreed by Council. Clerk to report objection to NCC.

9. Items for Discussion/Action

- a. Trees at Orchard Close – Cllr Fry expressed concern regarding the overgrown and unkempt trees dividing the houses of Orchard Close from Caerphilly Road. There are issues with the trees encroaching onto the footpath. Clerk to contact NCC to discuss and agenda again for the next end of month meeting.
- b. Christmas celebrations – A date was set at 30th November for the tree lighting event. Luca Williams had agreed to switch on the lights this year, proceeds of the event to be donated to the "Hands up for Luca" campaign.
- c. Pentrepoeth Primary School – Cllr Evans proposed Council write to Pentrepoeth Primary School to congratulate them on achieving the gold standard in Investors in People, their success in the Newport in Bloom competition and the unveiling of their new Eco Pond. Clerk to arrange.
- d. Whitehead Steelers – Cllr Gregory and the Clerk visited the club to determine whether it was feasible to have Council's logo on their kit. Council decided that as times were difficult, it would be best to donate to the club only, and defer and decision to spend money on promoting the Council to a time when it could be better afforded. Clerk to advise the club and raise a cheque for £150 to be presented for payment at the next meeting.
- e. Mc Donald's response to letter from Council – Council noted a letter received by the franchise holder of Mc Donald's in Rogerstone in response to Council's letter advising concerns should an extension to the trading hours of the outlet be sought. Council asked Clerk to respond when contacted, by advising that Council did not see any point in a meeting with them, but that it would be much more important for a meeting to be held between themselves and local residents. Council would support the wishes and best interests of the residents in the area.
- f. Request for donation from Stop Newport Incinerator Campaign – read and noted.
- g. Resignation of Cllr Morris – Council were sad to learn of Cllr Morris's decision to resign from Council on personal grounds and wished him well for the future. Clerk to advertise the new post and begin arrangements for his replacement.
- h. Boundary commission review – Cllr Caston to review and bring comments back to Council at the 28th November meeting.
- i. Remembrance Sunday – The Chairman was unable to attend, Vice Chair Cllr Fry agreed to represent Council at the ceremony. Apologies for absence were given by Cllrs Caston and Haigh.

10. Correspondence for Information:

Not discussed.

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

Clerk salary and expenses for October 2012	£1633.00
C Ricci – bin cleaning, litter picking & maintenance October 2012	£265.00
Mr G Smith – honorarium	£100.00
Mr P Reid- honorarium	£100.00
The British Legion – donation and wreath payment	£100.00
Staples – office supplies	£52.17
Newport City Homes – grass cutting at Fort View for September	£212.04
S Davies – purchase of laptop computer, projector & screen for Council use	£588.98

SW Directories – distribution of A4 Fort View consultation leaflets £90.00
Saldo – water pipe repairs at Rhiwderin CC (for info – payment approved 24.10.12) £2340.00
Dolmans – completion Rhiwderin CC lease (for info – payment approved 24.10.12) £1454.00

Receipts

None

12. Dates of next meetings:

Planning & Environment Meeting – Wednesday 14th November 2012
Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 28th November 2012

13. Urgent Business not on discussed above.

As the venue for the meeting had been changed from the normal meeting room to the long room next to the new cleaner's store, Cllr Gregory asked if Council thought the room would be suitable for regular use be the Council. All agreed that the room was good and would consider moving.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50pm. Confirmed this 28th day of November 2012.

Signed..... (Chair) – 28th November 2012

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