

GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm 12th October 2011.

Apologies for absence: P Stokes.

Present: Cllrs C Williams (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, A Whitfield, K Sayer, K Harries, P John, L Fry, G Morris, R Powell, P Gregory, N Mountain, D Williams, M Cornelious, J Harris.

Also present from 7.30pm Sara Lane and associate Edward from the Environment Agency.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 14th September 2011, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Evans.

The items on the agenda were taken out of order to accommodate the presentation taking place at 7.30pm.

Items for Discussion/Action

Review of Neighbourhood Committee Meetings – Council discussed City Cllr Williams suggestions that the Neighbourhood Committee Meetings could be stopped and the Community Council take over issues usually brought to Neighbourhood Meetings. Council felt the matter needed further debate and the item will be put on the agenda for discussion at the November Planning & Environmental meeting. The Clerk was asked to explore whether the NCC Streetscene department would be willing to attend Council meetings, and also invite the Police to attend as they are involved with Neighbourhood meetings. The next scheduled Neighbourhood Committee Meeting should be taking place during January or February 2012. City Cllr Williams informed Council that the new face-to-face centre for residents to be able to talk to members of most City Council departments would be opening in January 2012 from Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. Weekend openings are not anticipated at this time.

Presentation by representatives from the Environment Agency regarding flood awareness – The purpose of the presentation was to raise awareness of the areas which could potentially flood in severe weather and to look into the possibility of developing a community flood awareness plan. The Agency were looking for some volunteers living in the potentially affected areas to operate as flood wardens. These people would be informed if there was a flood threat and would be able to pass on the information to neighbours etc. in order to inform everyone in the affected area. These wardens would also be able to inform the Environment Agency of developments on the ground as events happen if necessary.

Cllr Morris joined the meeting at 7.35pm.

Council were told that information regarding this issue, and maps of the potentially affected areas are available on the Agency's website for all to see, and that they will be carrying out a door to door canvas to inform residents in the 'at risk' areas of the information they can access. The Community Council also offered to update their website with any information the Agency can provide. The Agency plans to hold a public meeting to inform local residents and hope to get people involved. The representatives left the meeting at 8pm.

Planning:

CONEX/11/1033 – Demolition of single storey store and erection of part single storey part 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.

Items for Discussion/Action (continued)

Review of bank signatories – the list of signatories was reviewed. It was decided that Cllr Cornelious should be deleted from the list as she was no longer a Community Councillor as should some other redundant signatories. The remaining signatories were enough to facilitate the needs of the Council so no names were added at this point. Clerk to arrange for the list to be updated with the bank.

Fly Posters – Again posters have been placed along the fence of the Graig Hall/open space. Cllr Caston offered to remove them and Clerk to write to the group organiser that had put up posters again after having them removed previously. Clerk also to write to NCC Environmental Dept to advise that fly posters are still appearing on the fencing edging the roundabout outside the Tredegar Arms public house.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.13pm. Confirmed on 9th November 2011

Signed..... (Chair) – November 2011

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