

GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm 9th November 2011.

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Smart, G Morris.

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 12th October 2011, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Harries.

Planning:

Cllrs Caston and Harries to read over paperwork associated with the application of a permit for the proposed Hinkley Point C nuclear power station and report back to Council at the mid December meeting on recommendations for comments to be made if necessary.

Other Business

Potential Travellers sites – the proposed site at Pound Hill was discussed, Clerk to contact Marshfield Community Council Clerk to enquire what they know of the matter and offer support if needed.

Christmas lighting ceremony – Council were updated with latest developments and an action plan for the event was formulated.

Gas governor housing at Rhiwderin Community Centre – Cllr Fry submitted a quote for a new galvanised steel door to be manufactured and fitted to make safe the housing. The quote was accepted and work will begin as soon as possible due to the potential safety hazard.

Neighbourhood Committee Meetings review - this item was discussed again in detail. It was agreed that the current meetings are ineffective, but that it was not feasible for the Community Council to take over the responsibilities of this group as it would overstretch the Council resources which are already under considerable pressure. Council would continue to provide support to all residents in the ward as always through it's open door policy. It was also agreed that if the current Neighbourhood Meetings are to continue, Council would like to have representation at future meetings.

Precept and Concurrent Expenditure – the financial needs of the Council were discussed. It was agreed that due to rising costs and the need to upgrade both community centres in the ward, unfortunately it was necessary to increase Council's Precept by 2% from £15.50 to £15.81 per household from April 2012, which is the first increase in three years.

A quote for the redecoration of the entrance hall, meeting room and kitchen at Graig Hall was submitted by Cllr Fry and unanimously accepted. Cllr Fry to arrange for work to begin.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Confirmed on 11th January 2012

Signed..... (Chair) – January 2012

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