



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R Powell, G Morris.  
**Present:** Cllrs C Williams (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, A Whitfield, K Harries, L Fry, P Gregory, N Mountain, J Harris, M Cornelious.
2. **Public Representations:** None
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harries.
4. **Planning:** CONEX/11/1280 – Removal of deadwood (T6) and deadwood (T7) of trees protected by the tree preservation order TPO 8 of 1997. Site: 11 Badgers Wood Close, Bassaleg, Newport NP10 8SG. Application Type: Tree Preservation Order. Comment: Council happy to support TPO recommendations.  
  
Notification of Public Enquiry re: 6 Park View, Bassaleg, Newport NP10 8LA. Appeal Subject: Boundary enclosure. Comment: None.  
  
Information regarding Llanwern Steelworks proposed Energy Recovery Facility: Cllr Caston to review and bring comments to the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. **Items for next agenda:** Agreed.
6. **Other Business:** Parking issues and wooden bollards on Laurel Road: It was agreed that the greens at the top of Laurel Road were being damaged by cars being driven over and parked on them. There were a number of issues of concerning this practice, the visual aspect, the safety of the trees on the green are at risk as roots are exposed, the danger to pedestrians and motorists with cars manoeuvring off and onto the greens, the risk of accidents when the grass is wet and slippery causing loss of control of the vehicles etc.. As NCC has given tentative permission to erect wooden bollards to prevent this practice, Clerk to write to all residents concerned to advise of Council's intentions and invite comments. This issue will be discussed further at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
  
Post box at the top of Laurel Road: Cllr Harries asked that Council re-address moving the post box at the top of Laurel Road as he considers it to be dangerous with cars parking to post letters. Clerk to write to Royal Mail and explore if the box could be moved just inside Channel View to take traffic using the box off the main road through the estate.  
  
Overhanging branches in Orchard Close: A letter had been received from a resident regarding branches of trees belonging to the Council overhanging his property. The branches had already been trimmed in accordance with instructions from the TPO of NCC, but the resident was unhappy with the work and insisted more be trimmed. Clerk had contacted both the TPO and a qualified tree consultant who were willing to allow a further 20% to be trimmed but no more. Clerk to arrange for further work to be carried out and inform the resident no further work could be undertaken due to the TPO constraints.  
  
National Assembly – Consultation on Local Government Bylaws (Wales) Bill: Cllr Harris had reviewed the document, it was discussed briefly and a response agreed. Cllr Harries to draft a letter on behalf of Council outlining its comments to the document and forward to Clerk to be sent.  
  
National Assembly – Consultation document on Fire & Rescue National Framework 2012: Cllr Caston reviewed this document and advised Council no response was necessary in this case.  
  
Meeting of Rogerstone and Graig full Council to discuss Burial Board precept issues: A meeting of both Councils had been arranged, it had been agreed for the meeting to be run by the Burial Board, and that the reason for the meeting was to vote on whether or not to raise the precept to the Board to cover running costs as less income was being received due to the fact that the cemetery was becoming full.

Cllr Cornelious joined the meeting at 8.10pm.

Budgeting: Cllr Cornelious reported that she had spoken with NCC and hopes to be able to secure the future of Rhiwderin Community Centre. Other needs in the ward were discussed and a wish list was compiled. A project group was set up to look at the play area plans submitted by two companies and explore funding aid. The group consists of Cllrs C Williams, P Gregory, A Whitfield, K Harries and the Clerk. This item will be discussed further at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Concurrent Expenditure: Cllr Cornelious confirmed to Council the way in which concurrent monies are allocated by the City Council. Council discussed the present formula for allocations and the agreement with the City Council to accept this year's formula, but with a view to having future years allocations based on a fairer distribution of funds, especially for the smaller Community Councils under NCC's authority.

**7. Accounts for payment:**

Welsh Water – Charges to Bassaleg Allotments	£117.65
Marine Shipping – Manufacture & fit of new gas governor housing at Rhiwderin CC	£462.00
Graig Electrical Services – Lighting Testing at Graig Community Centre	£90.00
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HMRC – PAYE & NI for Oct – Dec 2011	£1577.44
<b>Receipts</b>	
Newport City Council – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Precept Payment	£13903.50

**8. Correspondence for information:**

NCC Planning decisions. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine, Amberol news bulletin, thank you letter from Rhiwderin Village Meithrin. Not discussed

**9. Dates of next meetings:**

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
Planning & Environmental Meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Confirmed on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Signed..... (Chair) – February 2012

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