



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm, 14th March 2012.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs A Whitfield, R Powell, G Morris.

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

Also Present: Laurel Road residents Mrs Shears, Mr & Mrs Pauline, Ms Dixon & Ms Brown.

2. Public Representations: A delegation of 5 resident representatives from Laurel Road attended the meeting to express their feelings on Council's decision to explore the placing of wooden bollards on both greens at the top of Laurel Road. There were concerns that should bollards be placed on the triangular green (on the right when travelling uphill past Duffryn Close), it would push the current parking issues elsewhere. Some residents whose houses lined the green either did not have a garage or had more than one car. As parking spaces on the road in that area are scarce, residents were forced to park on the green. All agreed that this was not an ideal situation but the lack of parking facilities forced this action. Concern was expressed by both residents and Council regarding the health & safety issues of parking on the grass when it was wet, besides the damage it was doing to both the green and the roots of the trees on it. Residents informed Council the City Council had promised for many years that proper parking facilities would be installed, but it never happened. Council agreed that placing bollards on this green would not be suitable and the delegation agreed to work with Council to find a suitable solution. Council to write to NCC to urge the situation is reviewed with a view to supplying suitable off road parking as soon as possible. As for the green opposite, it was decided that due to there being no objections and all houses lining this green having sufficient suitable parking to the rear of their properties, Council would pursue the installation of wooden bollards to line this green to preserve the green area and for health & safety issues.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 8th February 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Harries.

4. Planning:

- a. CONEX/12/0200 – Proposed garage conversion. Site: 26 Camellia Avenue, Rogerstone, Newport. NP10 9JA Application Type: Full: Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- b. CONEX/12/0205 – Erection of a detached dwelling. Site: Land to the rear of 4 Caernarvon Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport. Application Type: Full: Comment: No objections provide neighbours are consulted and agree.
- c. CONEX/12/0079 – Conversion of garage to living space. Site: 2 Poppy Place, Rogerstone, Newport. NP10 9BD Application Type: Full: Comment: Concerns for sufficient remaining parking facilities.
- d. M4 corridor enhancement measures formal consultation for review and comment: To be reviewed and comments brought back to March 28th meeting.

5. Items for next agenda: Agreed, with the addition of painting quotation from S Rose.

6. Other Business:

- a. Notice boards and bollards on Laurel Road: Discussed above
- b. Review of quotes for deep clean & new blinds to Graig Community Centre: Cllr Evans to discuss with Graig Centre Management Committee if the Centre could make a contribution to the costs of both these items. To be added to the agenda for March 28th meeting.
- c. Rhiwderin Hall board of trustees: Council discussed if it should have a representative sat on the board of trustees at Rhiwderin Hall. It was decided it was unnecessary at this time.
- d. Election information: Clerk advised Council of election information she had received whilst attending a Clerk's meeting on the subject at NCC.
- e. Draethen Group email: Cllr John described issues in the Draethen area highlighted in an email to the Clerk. Council agreed with the issues raised, Clerk to lobby NCC to address the issues, most of which lay with problems on the A468 through Lower Machen.

7. Accounts for payment:

None

8. Correspondence for information:

NCC Planning decisions, The Clerk magazine, GAVO directory.

9. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 28th March 2012

Planning & Environmental Meeting – Wednesday 11th April 2012

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm. Confirmed on 11th April 2012

Signed..... (Chair) – April 2012

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