



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm, 11th April 2012.

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

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

Also Present: Lucie Taylor, NCC Planning Policy Liaison Officer.

2. Presentation: Lucie Taylor gave a presentation on the City Council's Local Development Plan prior to the consultation period. The LDP is the City Council's strategy and guide for future development and use of land up to 2026. The consultation period runs from 13.04.12 to 28.05.12. She set out the objectives of the plan and presented a copy for review. Council agreed to assess and comment by the deadline given.

3. Public representations: None

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 14th March 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Mountain.

5. Planning:

- a. CONEX/12/0246 – Change of roof form from hipped to gable to provide first floor accommodation including installation of 1No. dormer window to front elevation, demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension (resubmission following refusal of 11/0587). Site: 15 Pentre Tai Road, Rhiwderin, Newport. Np10 8RL Application Type: Full Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- b. CONEX/12/0254 – Variation of standard condition B (seeking extension of time by three years for commencement of development and submission of reserved matters) and 16 (flood alleviation works) relating to planning permission 09/0069 for residential development, public open space, flood alleviation works and associated environmental improvements affecting public right of way 393/120 and 393/121 (outline) Site: Land formerly known as Tredegar Park Golf Course, Park View, Bassaleg, Newport. Application Type: Variation of conditions. Comment: Council strongly re-iterates its former objections and still have concerns regarding the environmental impact the development would have on the current facilities in the area. Council points out that both the City Council and the Environment Agency opposed the original application and disagrees with allowing an extension. Council are also concerned that any future residents of the development and the surrounding area would be prejudiced against obtaining insurance on their properties due to the very real risk of flooding.
- c. CONEX/12/0294 – Minor demolition of garden stone walling and erection of timber garage and garden store. Site: Farmhouse, Gloch Wen Farm, Harlech Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport. Np10 8RX Application Type: Full Comment: Council has concerns regarding the demolition of a wall of such age which is within the curtilidge of the listed building, and asks that as there are bats and lizards known to be in the vicinity, this be taken into account.
- d. CONEX/12/0305 – Part conversion of garage into living accommodation. Site: 6 Viaduct Close, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8FT Application Type: Full. Comment: Council has concerns regarding parking facilities, and would not want this development to set a precedent in this already congested area.

6. Items for next agenda: Agreed with the addition of inviting Kit Wilson, NCC Customer Services Manager to attend the April 25th meeting to discuss communication problems between the Community and City Councils.

7. Other Business:

- a. Review of quotes for deep clean & new blinds to Graig Community Centre, painting quotation – Quotes for the deep clean were reviewed, Cllr fry to confirm with the company and set a date for clean to take place. Clerk to invite one of the blinds companies which quoted to re-submit a more competitive quote which will be reviewed at the next meeting if received.
- b. Suggestion for notice board in Afon Village – Cllr D Williams suggested a “you are here” section in the Afon Village notice board, Council decided against.

- c. Contract for grass cutting at Fort View Park – Clerk submitted a contract from Newport City Homes to share the costs of cutting the grass at Fort View play area which was approved unanimously. Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council and return.
- d. Diamond Jubilee Walk progress update – Cllr Harries looked into assembling and dedicating a walk through the ward to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee. Council were supportive of his efforts, Cllr Harris to progress.
- e. National Assembly for Wales Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill Stage 1 Committee Report for review – accepted, Council had already made comment at the consultation stage.
- f. Auditor information – The Clerk informed Council that the company which had carried out Council’s internal annual audit for the past few years were unable to continue as changes in legislation made them unqualified. Clerk had sought a replacement which was approved by Council. Clerk to take the arrangements forward.
- g. Website enquiry re: Notice board at St Basil’s Church – an email expressing dissatisfaction that Council had placed a notice board at St Basil’s Church had been received. Council agreed to paint the board black to compliment the railings of the Church wall. It was also agreed that the new notice board at the top of Laurel Road should be painted green to blend in with the surroundings.
- h. Letter received from NCC re: Rhiwderin Community Centre Lease – A positive letter from NCC regarding the Rhiwderin Centre lease had been received. Council were hopeful that a long lease would be obtained in the near future.
- i. Election information – The Clerk relayed the results of the Community Council nominations for Councillors. There was to be no election as no seats were contested. Two Councillors stood down with one new Councillor joining at the AGM on May 9th, leaving one seat in the Rhiwderin ward free.

8. Accounts for payment:

None

9. Correspondence for information:

NCC Planning decisions, Play for Wales magazine, letter to Mrs Walden of Rhiwderin Mother and Toddler Group, Letter to SEWTA/Capita Symonds re Pye Corner Railway Station. Not discussed

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th April 2012

Planning & Environmental Meeting & AGM – Wednesday 9th May 2012

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm. Confirmed on 9th May 2012

Signed..... (Chair) – May 2012

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