



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### 1. Apologies for absence:

**Present:** Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, K Harries, L Fry, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, A Whitfield.

### 2. Public Representations: None

Item 3 on the published agenda was stated as the interview of candidates for the Community Councillor vacancy. As it was not possible for all candidates to attend on this date, this was postponed until the 27<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

### 3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Harris.

It was agreed that in order to save paper, ink, and the Clerk's time, all items for agenda for any meeting had to be received by the Clerk by the Friday morning prior to the meeting to help to prevent changes in the agenda at short notice. The only items to be added after this time are late planning applications and urgent accounts for payment. A new section will be added to the agendas entitled Urgent Other Business, this must only be used for urgent items which arise after publication of the agenda. It was agreed to progress with research into a laptop and projector to cut down on paperwork even further and allow for detailed scrutiny of planning applications via NCC's Planning Portal and Google.

### 4. Planning:

a. CONEX/12/0516 – Installation of self contained sewerage treatment plant for new property. Site: Land to the rear of 17 Forge Lane, Bassaleg, Newport. Application Type: Full. Comment: Council feels it is imperative that neighbouring residents are made fully aware of the intentions of this application. Council are unable to comment further as this is a technical issue beyond their collective knowledge.

5. **Items for next agenda:** Agreed. Clerk to contact previously used Planning Consultant to discuss the impact of the LDP on the ward.

### 6. Other Business:

- a. Invitation of involvement/sponsorship with Bassaleg School Olympics – Cllr Harris proposed that Bassaleg School be given £135 which matches the cost of the shield presented to Pentrepoeth School, seconded Cllr Mountain, passed unanimously. Clerk to arrange payment.
- b. Quotation for maintenance works to play areas – A quote was submitted for odd maintenance jobs resulting from the recent annual play areas inspection for approximately £150 which was unanimously accepted. Clerk to sort.
- c. NCC response to request for relocating and adding to the vehicle speed indicators on Caerphilly Road – an email response from NCC stating that the current vehicle speed indicator is located in its current position to encourage motorists to slow down on the approach to the pelican crossing by the Friendly Fox pub and would not be considered for relocation. A request for an additional vehicle speed indicator for traffic travelling from Caerphilly to Newport to be located just prior to the bend opposite the Ruperra pub was rejected due to lack of funding.

### 7. Accounts for payment:

None

### 8. Correspondence for information:

NCC Planning decisions, Component Force catalogue

### 9. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Also discussed – Cllr Fry spoke about the leylandii trees encroaching onto the footpath in front of Orchard Close, Clerk to investigate responsibility.

Cllr Harris asked if it would be possible to have a Concealed Entrance sign placed for traffic travelling down Laurel Road to make them aware of the Duffryn Close junction. Clerk to request this via the NCC Contact Centre.

Cllr Evans suggested that the roundabout at the top of Forge Road should have arrows painted on the carriageway to direct traffic to the correct lanes as confusion by motorist's leads to delays and near misses with motorists constantly. This had been investigated a number of times before but NCC have always refused. Clerk to request again and offer for the Community Council to fund this if approval can be gained.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with allotment representatives to discuss raising the rental of plots to help cover running costs for the site. Clerk to invite allotment representatives to attend a meeting on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4pm.

It was agreed that as interviews of candidates for the vacant Community Councillor post representing the Rhiwderin ward would be held at the next full Council meeting, that the meeting should begin at 6.30pm instead of 7pm to allow more time. Clerk to inform interviewees of new time slots for interviews.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm. Confirmed on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Signed..... (Chair) – July 2012

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