



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** G Morris, L Fry, A Whitfield.  
**Present:** Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, K Harries, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, P John, K Ashton.
- 2. Public Representations:** Mrs R Field attended to discuss a planning application on the agenda with Council. Council listened to her comments and Mrs Field left the meeting at 7.20pm.
- 3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Harries seconded Cllr Caston.
- 4. Welcome and induction of new Community Councillor:** Ms Kathryn Ashton was welcomed to her first meeting as Community Councillor representing the Rhiwderin ward. The appropriate swearing in and paperwork was completed.  
Cllr Harris joined the meeting at 7.24pm.
- 5. Planning:**
  - a. CONEX/12/0571 – Erection of 1.8m high close boarded fence on property boundary. Site: 11 Park View Gardens, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JZ Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
  - b. CONEX/12/0617 – Erection of extension to existing classroom block to provide 2no. additional classrooms. Site: Bassaleg Comprehensive School, Forge Road, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8NF Application Type: Full. Comment: Supported by Council.
  - c. CONEX/12/0639 – Retention of decking in rear garden. Site: 20 Hollybush Walk, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8PB Application Type: Full. Comment: Council strongly objects as the development unacceptably overlooks the neighbouring house and garden. Council strongly suggests removal unless appropriate screening the entire length of the boundary between the two houses is erected to maintain the privacy of the neighbouring property's occupants.
- 6. Items for next agenda:** Agreed.
- 7. Items for Discussion:**
  - a. LDP secondary applications for candidate sites response if necessary - email confirmation received stated that NCC should inform Council of any secondary sites during August. A six week consultation period will then be given to allow for comments if necessary. Item to be added to 29<sup>th</sup> August meeting agenda.
- 8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:**
  - a. Alcan site and consultation with Savills on behalf of the site owners Walters Land (Rogerstone) Ltd – It was noted that plans for developing the former Alcan site are being progressed. Clerk had contacted the agents to request involvement as the development is very close to Graig's boundary and any development of the area will have serious implications on Graig's facilities and local road networks.
- 9. Accounts for payment:**
  - a. Bassaleg Comprehensive School – sponsorship donation for Bassaleg School Olympics                    £135.00
- 10. Correspondence for information:**  
Not discussed.
- 11. Dates of next meetings:**  
Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Planning Meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012

**12: Other Business Discussed:**

- a. Jubilee Walk – It was agreed that Council will make a contribution towards the costs of the Jubilee Walk being set out.
- b. Laurel Rd/Channel View parking - Cllr Haigh informed Council that the parking issues in Laurel Road and Channel View had been reported to the Police by a resident, and that the Police were to monitor the situation and issue parking tickets to all vehicles illegally parked.
- c. Allotments - Cllr Gregory reported that he had approached a holder of multiple plots on Bassaleg allotment site who had kindly agreed to relinquish a plot to help satisfy demand.
- d. Graig Hall – Cllr Gregory reported that he and Cllr Evans had met with Graig Hall staff to look at resolving key holding and caretaker issues. They were confident that the new arrangements, which also involved Cllr Harris assisting with regular checks, eradicated the need for considering employing a caretaker to oversee the running of the Hall.
- e. Footpath from Penylan Close to Caerphilly Road – It was noted that this footpath was overgrown. Cllr Caston had reported the issue to the NCC contact centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> July for maintenance to be carried out.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm. Confirmed on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Signed..... (Chair) – August 2012

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