



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm, 8th August 2012.

1. Apologies for absence: M Smart, P John, A Whitfield.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, K Harries, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, K Ashton, P Stokes, L Fry, M Cornelious.

2. Public Representations: None.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2012, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Caston.

4. Planning:

a. CONEX/12/0570 - Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of new side/rear conservatory. Site: 11 Park View Gardens, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JZ Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Use or Development – Proposed. Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.

Cllr Ashton joined the meeting at 7.08pm.

5. Items for next agenda: Agreed.

a. It was agreed to contact the approved Planning Consultant as previously discussed asking him represent Council regarding the proposed changes to the LDP, and to write to all residents informing them of the changes, seeking for support against the proposed alternative sites. Ways of advertising and reaching all affected residents with the relevant information were discussed briefly. Clerk to ask Cllr D Williams if he would include the issue in his Grassroots column in the Argus.

b. Cllr Caston was presently reviewing paperwork associated with the NCC Community Charter and action plan and will bring comments to the August 29th meeting.

6. Items for Discussion:

a. Installation of bollards on Laurel Road – Cllr Caston proposed that the quote from NCC to erect the bollards be accepted, seconded by Cllr Fry and passed unanimously. Clerk to contact NCC and engage their services. Cllr Haigh again highlighted the problems with parking in Channel View due to the fact that some double yellow lines were missing, Cllr Cornelious to investigate with NCC with a view to having them re-instated.

b. LDP secondary applications for candidate sites, response if necessary – discussed later in the meeting.

c. Former Alcan development review – some Councillors attended the public presentation and reported to the group that the developer plans to have 1200-1400 houses erected in addition to a primary school and possibly a pub. The development was expected to take place over a 10 year time span. Council expressed concern that the plans did not reflect NCC's current wishes and did not include any light industry or leisure as was NCC's plan for the site. Access and the strain of increased traffic on the road networks were of most concern.

d. NCC training on Code of Conduct for Councillors – The Clerk requested numbers for Councillors able to attend training.

e. Fort View play area – A new funding stream had been identified and the Clerk was awaiting details.

f. Signing off of accounts after external audit – the external audit had been completed, and the accounts were formally approved. The Chair and Clerk signed off the annual return in readiness to submit back to the external auditor to complete the process. No items of concern were highlighted by the auditors and all paperwork was in order.

g. Wish list – Deferred to September 26th meeting. Council approved quotes for the construction of a cleaner's cupboard for Graig Hall. Cllr Fry to progress.

Cllr Cornelious highlighted a possible future issue regarding the licensing of Mc Donald's in Afon Village. She had been approached regarding the possible 24hr opening of the premises. Clerk to look out for a license application.

h. Planning training – offer not taken up as costly.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

- a. Planters for Grosvenor Road – deferred to August 29th Meeting.
- b. Donation to Whitehead Steelers – Council agreed to make a donation, Clerk to follow up and find out if some form of promotion for the Council would be possible.

8. Accounts for payment:

- a. Newport City Council – Annual lease charge £25.00

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th August 2012
Planning Meeting – Wednesday 12th September 2012

12: Other Business Discussed:

Council returned to the LDP issue and created a rough draft of what needed to be on the information flyer to residents and how best to distribute to ensure all residents in the ward were canvassed. Cllr Stokes to draw up the rough draft and email to the Clerk. Clerk and Chair to develop the suggestions and arrange distribution.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm. Confirmed on 12th September 2012

Signed..... (Vice Chair) – September 2012

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