



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 6pm on 13th March 2013.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr A Whitfield.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), D Evans, R Caston, N Mountain, K Sayer, P John, W Haigh, M Smart, L Fry, J Harris, K Ashton, K Harries, V Cox-Wall.

2. Public Representations: None.

3. Minutes: Due to the cancellation of the Planning Meeting for February 2013, there were no minutes to be approved. Cllr Gregory mentioned the receipt of a letter from Mr & Mrs Dixon of Bassaleg which gave thanks for the recent help given to them by Council together with a donation of £100. Council were pleased that Mr & Mrs Dixon felt strongly enough about the help to put pen to paper, and accepted the donation which will be put to good use in the community. Clerk to return a letter of thanks.

4. Planning:

a. CONEX/13/0146 – Retention of western annex and completion of southern extent of western barn as per planning permission 09/1011 for the conversion of existing barns to provide 2no. dwellings and the reinstatement of the northern section of the western barn. Site: Gloch Wen Close, Rhiwderin, Newport NP10 8RX. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree and all environmental issues are addressed especially with regard to disturbance of wildlife as Council are aware there is an issue with protected bats at the location.

5. Items for next agendas:

a. Clerk's appraisal - 27th March meeting

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Funding of Rhiwderin CC upgrade and wish list items - it was agreed that it would probably be necessary to borrow money to carry out the upgrade of Rhiwderin Community Centre and other projects in the pipeline now a new lease had been acquired and that the March 27th meeting should be held at the Centre in order to look over the building. The Clerk supplied in-depth accounting reports to aid budgetary considerations. Clerk to add this item to the agenda again for the March 27th meeting. In the meantime, Councillors to study the reports supplied in preparation for a decision to be made on the best way forward.
- b. Fort View play area - Cllr Gregory expressed concern that the planning application needed for the funding application was still not complete. He and the Clerk to visit the planning officer at NCC for advice regarding the application to move the issue forward.
- c. Skip for churchyard clean-up - Clerk was given permission to order a skip for the forthcoming annual churchyard clean-up at St Basil's Church in May.
- d. Dilapidations schedule - the schedule made up by Cllr Fry some years ago was discussed, in particular the steps and footpath between the Garth Cottages site and Pentrepoeth School. This is of particular concern because it is used by schoolchildren and there are safety issues on the boundary between the development site and the footpath. It was noted that NCC say this path is not adopted, but Council was aware that NCC do maintain and clean the area. Cllr Fry to report further at the March 27th meeting.
- e. Caerphilly Road/Close junction - Cllr Fry asked that this area be looked at again, in the past Council considered making improvements to this unsightly area, but plans were postponed due to budgetary limitations. Cllr Gregory told Council of plans to introduce a nursery at Pentrepoeth School which would significantly increase traffic on that junction, and suggested this could be alleviated with the introduction of a filter lane for traffic exiting the estate and turning left towards Rhiwderin village. Council to send a letter of support for the introduction of the nursery but express concerns regarding the increased traffic and suggest a dedicated left turn onto Caerphilly Road as a possible solution. It was also noted that the area was being used to advertise cars for sale which had been an issue in previous years. Clerk to ask Police to intervene.
- f. Caerphilly Road/open space fencing - The scheme has been revised and new quotes obtained, Cllr Caston expressed concerns regarding security for the allotment site as a planned kissing gate into the site could give access over the allotment fence. Clerk to agenda to be discussed further at the March 27th meeting.

- g. Orchard Close/Caerphilly Road trees - Cllr Fry expressed safety concerns regarding the trees dividing the houses of Orchard Close from Caerphilly Road which are encroaching the footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the homeowners expressing concern and the need for some kind of action.
- h. Purchase of fire proof box - Cllr Caston proposed that Council purchase a fireproof box/cabinet to keep Councils important documents safe, this was agreed, Clerk to source and purchase.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Harries reported a company who has been working door to door in his area offering green deals, he was concerned it may be a scam. Clerk to check out the website address he obtained to investigate. Cllr Harries also to contact NCC Trading Standards for them to take this up if necessary.
 Cllr Sayer left the meeting at 8.45pm
 Cllr Gregory informed Council of the forthcoming Liaison meeting at the Civic Centre.
 Cllr Caston submitted a British Rail property plan which showed the boundary wall between Rhiwderin Community Centre and the railway to be the responsibility of British Rail. This will be useful when Council speaks to Network Rail regarding the issues flagged in the structural report for the centre.

8. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Mountain Seconded Cllr Caston

Rob Williams Fencing – various grounds maintenance in the ward	£2802.00
Newport City Council – planning application costs for Fort View upgrade	£165.00

Receipts

None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 7pm
 Planning Meeting – Wednesday 10th April 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm. Confirmed this 10th day of April 2013.

Signed..... (Chair) – April 2013

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