



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 6pm on 10th April 2013.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr V Cox-Wall.

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

2. Public Representations: None.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Caston.

4. Planning:

- a. RECONEX/12/1236 - Change of use from verge to residential curtilage together with new two storey side extension. Site: 17 Harlech Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport. NP10 8QS. Application Type: Full. Comment: Council re-iterated it's former comments regarding the loss of the natural habitat and have concerns about any changes to the verge with regard to the removal of the laurel hedge and trees for the soakaway of rainwater. There is also concern regarding sight lines and setting a precedent for future applications of a similar kind in the future.
- b. CONEX/13/0099- Construct single storey rear extension, installation of french doors and juliet balcony to first floor rear extension, timber boarding to part rear elevation and two storey front extension with extended terrace and repositioned external steps. Site: Grovesfield House, 12 Pentre Tai Road, Rhiwderin, Newport. NP10 8RL. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- c. CONEX/13/0168 - Proposed first floor external balcony with spiral stair to ground level, to side elevation. Site: 52 Caerphilly Close (former Garthfield Cottage site), Rhiwderin, Newport. NP10 8RF. Application Type: Full. Comment: According to planning permissions already granted, Council has concerns regarding the proximity of the proposal to plot 4, and that the construction is inappropriate for a private dwelling considering there is no dwelling in front of it at present.
- d. PG/jed/12/0762 - APPEAL. Appeal site: 16 Fort View, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8PF. Appeal Subject: Demolition of single storey store and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Invitation to make comments to the Planning Inspectorate. Comment: Council supports the decision of Newport City Planners.

5. Items for next agendas:

- a. Clerk's appraisal - 27th March meeting

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Approval of accounts for submission to the internal auditor - The accounts were submitted by the Clerk for approval by Council prior to submission to the internal auditor. Proposed Cllr John, seconded by Cllr Mountain.
- b. Update on loan application - The application to the Welsh Government for borrowing approval to secure funding for the upgrade of Rhiwderin Community Centre and other outstanding items to be looked at by the Clerk and Chair with regular reports back to Council on progress.
- c. Update on Orchard Close/Caerphilly Road trees - Clerk to compose letter to residents and pass to Chair for distribution.
- d. Update on Caerphilly Road/open space fencing - The plans for the replacement fencing have been submitted to NCC for approval and a decision is awaited. More quotes have been obtained.
- e. NCC election recharge invoices - The Clerk has disputed charges invoiced to the Community Council for the general elections in 2012. The matter has been raised as an issue by all Community Council Clerks to be debated at the next Liaison meeting with NCC.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr John asked that the Clerk put in a maintenance request to NCC regarding the circular planter surrounding a tree on the western junction of the A468 and the lane into Lower Machen.

8. Accounts for payment:

None

Receipts

None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 24th April 2013 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 8th May 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.23pm. Confirmed this 8th day of May 2013.

Signed..... (Chair) – May 2013

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