



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm on 8th May 2013.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs W Haigh, M Smart, L Fry, K Ashton.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), D Evans, R Caston, N Mountain, K Harries, P Stokes, J Harris, A Whitfield, V Cox-Wall.

2. Public Representations: None.

3. Presentation from Mr M Yearsley Re: Rhiwderin Community Centre Upgrade: Mr Yearsley addressed the group. He showed Council plans drawn up following the initial feasibility study and structural engineers report and confirmed that the Rhiwderin Centre Management Committee preferred option 2 of the plans which consisted of demolishing the existing gents toilet block and replacing it with a purpose built new block on the same footprint as the old which would include new gents toilets plus two new ladies toilets. The options were discussed and Council agreed to move forward with the option 2 plan as preferred by the Management Committee. Also submitted by Mr Yearsley was a fee quote for producing the planning application and overseeing the project from start to finish. Mr Yearsley was thanked by Council and left the meeting at 7.31pm. Council discussed the fee quote and agreed for the Clerk to contact Mr Yearsley the following day to advise that they wished to proceed, and to request Mr Yearsley submit the planning application for option 2 as soon as he was able. Proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Evans and agreed unanimously.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harries.

5. Planning:

- a. CONEX/13/0367 - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side and rear extension. Site: 2 Parkwood Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JT. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- b. CONEX/13/0423 - Variation of standard condition and renew planning permission 06/0311 for a further five years. Application Type: Variation Conditions. No detail was supplied in order to make a comment. Clerk to request more information.

6. Items for next agendas:

LDP Presentation - June 12th meeting (meeting to start at 6.30pm)

Authorisation of accounts prior to sending to external auditor - June 26th meeting

7. Items for Discussion:

- a. Update on loan application - Cllr Gregory confirmed that he, Cllr Whitfield and the Clerk had met to discuss making the application, and that prior to Council applying for any loan permission must be sought from the Welsh Government. To do this a form needed to be completed for the Welsh Government which was being worked on at present.
- b. Update on Orchard Close/Caerphilly Road trees - the Clerk had sent out letters to all the residents at Orchard close inviting them to a meeting the following week to discuss options for the strip of land that separated their houses from Caerphilly Road. It was noted that some residents would be on holiday at the time of the meeting and others would not be attend due to work commitments. Email comments were arriving for those unable to attend which would be taken into account along with any resident's comments who attend the meeting. Notes of the meeting would be taken by the Clerk and all residents will be forwarded a copy in due course.

8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Caston had read in the local press about problems with youths in Afon Village centring around McDonalds, which appears to still be a gathering place which causes problems for local residents. This will be borne in mind if McDonalds decide to proceed with their proposed application for 24 hour opening when Council has the opportunity to comment on their application.

Cllr Cox-Wall advised Council that the notice board at St Basil's Church had been vandalised again. The issue was discussed and Clerk to report to the Police again.

9. Accounts for payment:

None

Receipts

None

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

11. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th May 2013 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 12th June 2013 at 6.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Confirmed this 12th day of June 2013.

Signed..... (Vice-Chair) – June 2013

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