



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 6.30pm on 12th June 2013.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs P Gregory, D Williams, P Stokes.  
**Present:** Cllrs L Fry (Chair), D Evans, R Caston, P John, N Mountain, K Harries, J Harris, W Haigh, A Whitfield, V Cox-Wall, M Cornelious, M Smart.
- 2. Public Representations:** None.
- 3. Presentation from NCC Officer Lucie Taylor regarding the amended Local Development Plan:** Ms Taylor gave a presentation highlighting changes to the LDP. No changes were made to the Graig ward. The changes included a slight reduction in the housing provision for the city which included a provision of 2.5k affordable dwellings.  
Cllr Mountain joined the meeting at 6.50pm.  
Some employment land had been removed to the east of the river, and gypsy and traveller needs had been re-assessed. It was now considered that 23 pitches were needed to house traveller families at present and that a further 20 pitches would be needed during the term of the plan.  
Cllr Smart joined the meeting at 6.57pm  
Retail was to be encouraged back to the city centre by careful development of retail and living accommodation, and more restrictions put on retail parks. Waste facilities would be moved to Cardiff.  
A six week consultation begins in June with a deadline of 26th July for comments to be received by NCC. Final versions of the LDP were expected to be delivered to NCC Full Council by December 2013.  
Ms Taylor was thanked by Council for the presentation and left the meeting at 7.30pm.
- 4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Whitfield.
- 5. Planning:**  
None
- 6. Items for next agendas:**  
Authorisation of accounts prior to sending to external auditor - June 26th meeting  
Update on Lower Machen planter - June 26th meeting  
Parking on Laurel Road - June 26th meeting  
Motorcycle inhibitor on Pentre Tai Road - June 26th meeting  
Caerphilly Rd/Close junction - June 26th meeting  
Review of the effectiveness of the internal auditor – July 10th meeting  
  
Cllr Cox-Wall informed Council that once again the notice board at St Basil's Church had been vandalised and it was hoped that the Police would attend the full Council meeting so this matter could be discussed with them.
- 7. Items for Discussion:**
  - a. Update on meeting with insurance investigator at Rhiwderin Community Centre - Council were read a statement made by the caretaker of the Centre which was given to the investigator to aid his investigation. The matter will now be taken up with Council's insurers.
  - b. Update on Orchard Close/Caerphilly Road trees - Cllr Fry to ask Council's regular local contractor to clean up under the trees and cut back the trees at the pinch point to aid pedestrian safety. Clerk and Chair to visit the residents to discuss the meeting held, and see if Council can help further.
  - c. McDonalds application for late night refreshment license - It was agreed that a leaflet drop was necessary to inform Graig residents in Afon Village of the impending license application. The drop was set for Monday 17th June 2013. Cllrs Cox-Wall, Whitfield, Evans, Mountain, City Cllr Williams and the Clerk all offered to assist.
  - d. Welsh Government - Review of new statutory guidance - To be reviewed by Cllr Caston.

**8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:**

Cllr Harris reported that quotes for the printing of leaflets for the Jubilee Walk were within the budget set by Council and was authorised to arrange the work. Some thought needed to be given to the plaque and notice board containing the walk information, and the official opening ceremony. To be discussed further at the end of month meeting.

**9. Accounts for payment:**

Mr M Yearsley - NCC planning application fees for Rhiwderin CC upgrade of toilet block        £330.00

**Receipts**

None

**10. Correspondence for information:**

Not discussed.

**11. Dates of next meetings:**

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 10th July 2013 at 6.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm. Confirmed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

Signed..... (Chair) – July 2013

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