



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm on 10th July 2013.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs V Cox-Wall, K Harries, P Stokes, K Ashton D Evans
Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, P John, N Mountain, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, A Whitfield, M Smart.
- 2. Public Representations:** None.
- 3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Mountain.
- 4. Planning:**
 - a. CONEX/13/0587 - Conversion of existing garage into habitable room. Site: 18 Daffodil Lane, Rogerstone, Newport. NP10 9JJ. Application Type: Full. Comment: No Objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
 - b. CONEX/13/0592 - Demolition of existing converted garage and erect two storey extension to side of dwelling. Site: 17 Afon Mead, Rogerstone, Newport. Np10 9JL. Application Type: Full. No Objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
 - c. CONEX/13/0597 - Demolition of existing toilet/utility room and construction of single storey rear extension. Site: 74 Caerphilly Road, Newport. NP10 8LH. Application Type: Full. No Objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
 - d. CONEX/13/0641 - Erection of single storey rear extension, part conversion of garage into living accommodation and first floor side extension. Site: 7a Parkwood Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JT. Application Type: Full. No Objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
 - e. CONEX13/0674 - Erection of 2.4m high vertical bar fencing affecting Public Right of Way 393/100. Site: Pentrepoeth Primary School, Cwm Cuddy Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JN. Application Type: Full. Comment: Council supports the project, but are concerned that the plans are incorrect. Cllr Gregory to contact the Planning Department to discuss.

Cllr Whitfield again expressed concern regarding the dilapidated state of footpaths joining roads on the Laurel Road housing estate, Clerk to chase responses for requested maintenance.

Cllr Gregory reported that signage for Pentrepoeth School is being arranged but that Council should expect a bill soon for approximately £420 which will be the 50% share that the Community Council agreed to contribute towards the costs.

5. Items for next agendas:

Review of the effectiveness of the internal auditor – July 31st meeting

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Caerphilly Rd/Close junction - An email from NCC confirmed that the cost of re-tarmac the area would be £20-£25K, which would be more than twice the price of landscaping. Cllr Fry felt that the site still needed to be a green area and be a fitting gateway to the villages from the Caerphilly approach. This was a project that had been included in the wish list for improvement should Council be successful in borrowing funds in the near future and will be seriously considered should this come about.
Cllr Harris joined the meeting at 7.45pm.
- b. St Basil's Church notice board - Following discussions of possible alternative locations, it was decided to decommission this notice board for the time being as the costs of repair following constant vandalism could not be justified. Clerk to insert a notice in the board explaining such and Cllr Fry to arrange for its removal and storage short term.
- c. Update on McDonald's late supper license - Preparations were made for Council to make representation at the Licensing Committee meeting. Cllr Ashton agreed to be Council's representative and City Cllr David Williams was to represent the residents in Afon Village.
- d. Suggestion from website re: using social media - An email had been received via Council's website from a resident suggesting that Council should open a Twitter account and Facebook page. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to do so at this time, but would be considered should the need arise.

- e. Christmas Event and Jubilee Path official opening event arrangements - Cllr Smart agreed to join the committee and the group would meet on 17th July to begin arrangements for the Jubilee Path official opening. Cllr Harris informed Council he had secured Derek Brockway, BBC's Welsh weatherman to open the path on 1st September 2013.
- f. Planning decision for Fort View play area & recent issue regarding unauthorised access - Planning permission had been granted in readiness for the Fort View play area upgrade. A local resident had approached Cllr Mountain and offered to assist with raising funds for the park should it be necessary. There had been an issue with unauthorised access from a resident in Caerphilly Road who's builder had been using the play area to bring supplies and equipment into the back garden of the house. This was being attended to by the Clerk in conjunction with Newport City Homes.
- g. Update on ownership of Highfield Lane vicinity - Cllr Haigh advised Council of an ongoing issue with ownership at the top of Highfield Lane which was causing a boundary dispute between the owner and the management Committee of Foxwood Court. Cllr Haigh to ask the committee to write to NCC regarding the issue and copy in the Clerk for information.
- h. Information on landscaping options at Orchard Close - The contractor used by the Council was on holiday, on his return Cllr Fry to request he carry out the agreed maintenance to the Caerphilly Road side of the trees separating the road from Orchard Close. On completion the Clerk and Chiar to visit the residents to discuss options for the area. Cllr Fry presented some possible options for hedging.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Whitfield advised Council that the landowners owning the Tredegar Park former golf club development had approached Whitehead's Management Committee with a proposal to purchase Whitehead's site and relocate the club and grounds in Bassaleg on land opposite the cemetery on Penylan Road. This proposal has been relayed to Whitehead's members to gauge opinion before a response is given.

Cllr Caston had reviewed a document from the Welsh Assembly as requested at the previous meeting, but felt that input was needed by members of the Council before responding. Cllr Whitfield to take up the issue and collate responses from Cllrs to submit a response reflecting their views.

8. Accounts for payment:

Newport City Council - part payment for election re-charges	£225.00
Newport City Council - fee for rat treatment at The Griffin/Cowshed Lane	£37.00
Mr M Yearsley - planning application submission charge (replacing previous payment of £330 (cheque destroyed))	£83.00

Receipts

None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed. It was noted that Cllr Harris had been elected as Vice Chairman for the Burial Board.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 28th August 2013 at 7pm
 Planning Meeting – Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm. Confirmed this 14th day of August 2013.

Signed..... (Chair) – August 2013