



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm on 9th October 2013.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr M Smart

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

2. Public Representations: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Haigh seconded Cllr Caston. No Planning & Environmental meeting had been held in September.

4. Planning:

- a. CONEX/13/1015 - Side Extension for family room and lobby with covered walkway link to garage. Site: 11 Badger's Wood Close, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8SG. Application Type: Full Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- b. CONEX/13/0982 - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (amendment to previously approved scheme, 13/0641) Site: 7a Parkwood Drive, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8JT Application Type: Full Comment: Concerns regarding off road parking with loss of garage.

5. Items for next agendas:

Lorraine Bottomley, Assistant Chief Constable - 12th February 2014 meeting

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Local Development Plan - discussed and submission made
- b. Orchard Close trees update - It was decided that Council had done all it could at present. A cost for the lopping of the highest and most problematic trees had been established and a report had been received by NCC's tree officer with recommendations. Attempts had been made to establish ownership of the land but was not successful. Clerk to write to residents to explain the situation, and forward the information in the report and the cost of lopping the trees.
- c. Caerphilly Road Traffic Camera/speeding issues - following Council's continued but unsuccessful requests for safety improvements to the stretch of road between Foss-y-Fran and Coc-y- North Lane, support from residents in Orchard Close and the report that the crossing patrol near the Friendly Fox may end, Clerk to write again to NCC to implore ask that traffic calming measures be implemented.
- d. Police workshop invitation - Cllr Gregory to attend.
- e. Rogerstone CC Youth Forum invitation - unable to send a representative.
- f. Welsh Government - Draft Annual Report for 2014/15 review - noted but not believed to be applicable to the Community Council.
- g. Budgeting and 2014/15 precept request - discussed and a decision was made to keep an increase to the lowest amount possible. Taken into account was the fact that Council had to commit to borrowing money for projects earmarked for the near future such as upgrading Rhiwderin Community Centre, altering the internal layout of meeting rooms in the Graig Community Centre, upgrading the play areas and other projects in the ward. A 5% increase was agreed which takes each household's contribution to £17.43, an increase of 83p per year.
- h. Quote for extractor fans at Graig Hall - the quote was accepted, the costs to be borne by the hall.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Harris commented that it was sad that The Ruperra had closed and that the building had security shutters on all the doors and windows.

The arrangements for the forthcoming Christmas tree lighting event were discussed.

Cllr Fry asked that Council consider the costs of finishing off the recent new fencing on the open space. It was approved for Cllr Fry to go ahead with having the remaining chain link fencing close to the Best Kept Villages sign removed and have a suitable surface installed under the two new kissing gates.

Cllr Caston asked that the new consultation on the M4 corridor be closely looked at. Clerk to bring information to the full council meeting at the end of the month.

It was agreed to hold the planning meeting on December 11th at 6pm. No full council meeting will be held at the end of December, all business will be held over and conducted on 8th January 2013 where the meeting will be a combined planning and full council meeting.
Cllr Gregory informed Council that the new directional signage for Pentrepoeth school had been erected.

8. Accounts for payment:

None

Receipts

None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 30th October 2013 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm. Confirmed this 13th day of November 2013.

Signed..... (Chair) – November 2013

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