



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 7pm on 13th November 2013.

1. Apologies for absence: None

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

2. Public Representations: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2013, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Evans. Arising from the minutes Cllr Harris reported that the Ruperra Inn had re-opened and the proprietor had asked for the support of the community.

4. Planning:

a. CONEX/13/11132 - Proposed single storey side extension, amended following approval of planning permission 13/0610. Site: 7 Highfield Gardens, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8LR. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.

Cllr Harris mentioned that he had been told of a planning application for 60 hectares of solar panels in the Michaelstone-y-Fedw area, which would be of interest to the Graig ward. Clerk to look into and bring details to the following meeting if possible.

5. Items for next agendas:

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

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Local Development Plan - Council's response to the plan was read out for information.
- b. New signage for open space and Forge Rd - Cllr Gregory reported that parking on Forge Road was again becoming a problem. Cars park on the grass verge on both sides of the bus stop which is damaging the verges and also very dangerous when pulling on and off the very busy dual carriageway. It was agreed to extend the present signage stating "No Parking on Grass Verge" to cover the bus stop area. It was further agreed to replace the old signage close to the allotment gates stating "No Golfing or Horse Riding" on the open space in Bassaleg. Signage to include the Council's logo.
- c. Caerphilly road traffic camera/speeding issues - following Council's email voicing concerns of safety issues on Caerphilly Road, a response was read out from NCC stating that due to unusually large workload, the issue would be addressed in due course. A full response is awaited. It was noted that there was almost another serious accident very recently when children were crossing at the Friendly Fox, they were almost hit by a car due to the driver being blinded by the low winter sun.
- d. Discuss list of projects regarding WG loan - following approval for Council to borrow funds to carry out a number of projects, a local architect has been commissioned to draw up tender documents in readiness for carrying out the re-build of the toilet block at Rhiwderin Community Centre. The area of Caerphilly Close/ Road junction is to be resurfaced by NCC to improve its appearance. It was decided to speak with the BKV group and put forward some proposals for the area. Chairman and Clerk to meet with the group and report back to Council. It was agreed to consider renewing the current planning permission when necessary to extend the allotment site, this will keep options open should interest in allotment gardening increase in the future. Cllr Fry to look into moving the kitchen and enlarging the meeting room at Graig Hall and report back to Council.
- e. Invitation to join the Reserves Forces & Cadets Association for Wales - Noted.
- f. Feedback from Cllr Cornelious regarding the consultation on WG's Designated Persons Order - deferred.
- g. Insurance policy guidelines for snow clearing, salting and gritting - noted.
- h. Parking in Park View - an email from a resident in Park View was read to the group discussing parking problems when Whiteheads Sports and Social Club hold events. Clerk to respond.
- i. Request for bus stop at Viaduct Way/Parc Eglwys update - response from NCC and Newport Bus was that there is insufficient room for turning a bus and no room in the current timetable to include an extra stop. Therefore the request for an extra stop had been denied. Council were disappointed, but felt they had no choice other than to accept the decision.

j. Christmas event update - the event details were discussed.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Whitfield reported that she had spoken to a NCC Tree Preservation Officer who had put temporary TPO's on some trees close to Rhiwderin play area. She also reported that she had logged a complaint with the contact centre that the streetlamps close to the bridge over the A467 between Forge Mews and Park View were obscured by overhanging tree branches, but NCC would not consider trimming them. Clerk asked to agenda this issue and the poor lighting at the bottom of Laurel Road for the end of November meeting.

It was agreed that Cllrs Whitfield, Gregory and the Clerk would meet in January to discuss obtaining funding for Fort View play area following the unsuccessful Veolia bid.

8. Accounts for payment:

None

Receipts

None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 6pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Confirmed this 11th day of December 2013.

Signed..... (Chair) – December 2013

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