



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 6pm on 11th June 2014.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr L Fry

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

2. Public Representations: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2014, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr John seconded Cllr Mountain.

4. Planning:

- a. CONEX/14/0445 – Construction of single storey rear lounge extension with storage at lower ground floor level, single storey side extension containing storage room and rear raised decking area. Site - 104 Laurel Road, Bassaleg Newport, NP10 8PL. Application Type – Full. Comments: Council feels that there could be overdevelopment with this application which would have a significant impact upon immediate neighbours especially in 106 Laurel Road and believe that neighbours privacy could be infringed relating to the raised decking area. In addition Council feels that the reduced driveway would impinge on the off road parking provision.
- b. CONEX/14/0473 – Erection of detached single storey garage. Site – 62 Pentrepoeth Road, Bassaleg, Newport, NP10 8LL. Application Type – Full. Graig Community Council have no objections provided neighbours are informed accordingly.

5. Items for next agendas:

Approval of accounts for external auditor - 2nd July meeting

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Update on Graig Hall meeting room/kitchen project - The project met with the Building Inspector's approval. Feedback from Hall users has generally been positive. Slight alterations to the tables in the meeting room are needed.
- b. Update on Rhiwderin Community Centre upgrade - Quotes for resurfacing and improving the car park have come in at £32K, £36K, £37K and £52K. WRRC expressed appreciation of the fire alarm extension.
- c. Council website update - The website update was progressing. Members expressed a need for caution regarding comments on Facebook and Twitter. The update on Standards of Conduct was discussed, forms to be ready for next full Council meeting.
- d. Graig Hall car parking update - The new sign has been installed. It's affect is being monitored.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

- a. Concern was expressed at the length of Council meetings. Members were asked to keep to the point and be brief in comments. It was suggested that meetings start at 6.30pm, but this would not suit all members.
- b. A traffic incident involving parked cars was reported.
- c. A member reported difficulties in using a kissing gate in the Afon Mead area.
- d. Printing of the minutes for the first Graig Parish Council meeting in 1895 was underway for display in the meeting room at Graig Hall.
- e. The Liaison meeting with NCC was scheduled for 19th June at 6pm. On the agenda was a presentation on the forthcoming NATO conference.
- f. Cllrs Smart and Stokes gave their apologies for the meeting of 2nd July.

8. Accounts for payment: None **Receipts** None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 7pm (due to Clerk's holiday)

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 16th July 2014 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm. Confirmed this 16th day of July 2014.

Signed..... (Chair) – July 2014

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