



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at the Graig Community Hall Bassaleg 6pm on 16th July 2014.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr P Gregory, A Whitfield, N Mountain

Present: Cllrs L Fry (Chair), R Caston, D Evans, V Cox-Wall, J Harris, K Harries, P John, P Stokes, M Smart, W Haigh, K Sayer. Also present Mr Roger Fury NCC Community Safety Warden.

2. Public Representations: None

Council were joined by NCC Community Safety Warden Mr Roger Fury following a request to the City Council to have a representative attend the meeting to discuss ways in which the dog fouling issues in the ward could be addressed. He was heard first to allow him to leave early if he wished. Mr Fury introduced himself and spoke of his responsibilities. The dog fouling issues were discussed and Mr Fury offered assistance and advice on how best to deal with the situation. He confirmed that the City Council has a dog fouling act which allows for fixed £75 penalty to be issued to anyone found to be in charge of a dog but not picking up after it. He advised that anyone observing and able to identify a member of the public not bagging and binning dog mess after their pet could report the incident to the City Council. Following investigation and confidence that the act had taken place, a fixed penalty could be issued retrospectively. A "bag it and bin it" area would be defined around the Caerphilly Road/open space area and patrols carried out. Council asked that areas be patrolled during early mornings, evenings and weekends. It was confirmed that public footpaths, even through private land were subject to the dog fouling law. Mr Fury was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 7.30pm.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2014, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Stokes seconded Cllr Harries.

4. Planning:

- a. CONEX/14/0582 - Demolition of conservatory and part retention/part completion of single storey side extension and partial garage conversion. Site: Oakvale House, 1 Harlech Drive, Rhiwderin, Newport. NP10 8QS Application Type: Full Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.
- b. CONEX/14/0471 - Change of use of residential bungalow to additional bar and catering facilities for adjoining social club together with elevational changes. Site: Whiteheads Sports and Social Club, Park View, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8LA. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections.
- c. CONEX/14/0632 - Block up existing shop front (side elevation) and install 3No. new windows together with new shop front being installed in front elevation. Site: 9 St Basil's Stores, Laurel Road, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8NN. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections.

5. Items for next agendas:

- Photovoltaic cells for Graig Hall - 30th July meeting (LF)
- Dilapidations schedule - 30th July meeting (KS)
- Sleeping policemen for Laurel Road - 30th July meeting (KH)

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. NCC Dog Warden - discussed above.
- b. Update on Graig Hall meeting room/kitchen project (vision panel) - Cllr Fry informed the group that the works had been completed and inspected. Once the inspection certificate had been received he would look into the costs for the vision panel.
- c. Update on Rhiwderin Community Centre upgrade - The Clerk informed the group that work was well underway and the new toilet block was being built.
- d. Council website update - Cllr Cox-Wall reported that the site was progressing. A decision needed to be made on the look of the site. Clerk to send some samples out to Councillors with email and take a poll on preferences.
- e. Resident letter re trees on Laurel Road - following a letter received by a resident concerned with the ownership of the trees on the green at the top of Laurel Road, the Clerk submitted a response from Council for authorisation prior to posting.

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

- a. Cllr Caston requested that the allotment fence be strimmed back as this was no longer being carried out by NCC. Clerk to approach a local contractor for costs.
- b. Cllr Haigh asked that the Clerk contact NCC to arrange for the clearing of the footpath from the top of Highfield Lane to Hornbeam Walk as it was very overgrown and difficult to use.
- c. The Clerk was asked to add the footpath through the open space to the agenda for 30th July meeting.
- d. The Clerk was asked to chase progress on the relocation of the Council notice board from St Basil's Church to Park View.

8. Accounts for payment:

Newport City Council - Building regs fees for Graig Community Hall	£275.32
Noel Fitzpatrick Ltd - Staged payment to contractors for Rhiwderin CC project	£11400.00
Total	£11675.32

Receipts None

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 30th July 2014 at 7pm
 Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13th August 2014 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm. Confirmed this 13th day of August 2014.

Signed..... (Chair) – August 2014

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