



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg 7pm on 12th November 2014.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Stokes, P Gregory, A Whitfield, D Williams, K Sayer.
Present: Cllrs L Fry (Chair), R Caston, J Harris, K Harries, W Haigh, D Evans, V Cox-Wall, N Mountain.
- 2. Public Representations:** None
- 3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2014, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harries.
- 4. Planning:**
None
- 5. Items for next agendas:**
None
- 6. Items for Discussion:**
 - a. Play areas - Clerk to have the gate at the toddlers play area repaired.
 - b. Rhiwderin Community Centre upgrade - progress was briefly discussed and the Clerk forwarded thanks from Mr G Smith for the honorarium he recently received.
 - c. Caerphilly Rd/Close Junction - Cllr Fry reported that he was in the process of obtaining 3 quotes for enabling works to allow any chosen scheme to be implemented. There were some concerns regarding the recent notification that gas works were to be completed on site but the Clerk had been assured that any such works would be completed before Christmas and should not interfere with planned works in the Spring.
 - d. Maintenance works to trees alongside Wentworth Lane - The Clerk updated Council on the planned works to trees on Wentworth Lane and submitted 2 quotes, the cheaper of the two was accepted which allowed for any waste to be logged or chipped and left on site. Clerk to progress.
 - e. Direct Debit for broadband - A mandate for the monthly charge for broadband services at Graig Hall was signed, Clerk to progress.
 - f. Argus Grassroots (JH) - Cllr Harris reported that he had arranged to regularly submit articles for the South Wales Argus Grassroots section of the newspaper. His first article was to be published on 17th November. He confirmed he would be writing the articles as a resident rather than a Community Councillor but for clarity, agreed to sign the articles stating that he is a Councillor.
 - g. Christmas lighting event - an update of arrangements was given, a further meeting of the events committee had been arranged.
 - h. Cwm Hedd Lakes request for donation - As Council already donates generously to the Royal British Legion (for whom the event at the Lakes was being held), it was felt it was not necessary to further contribute.
 - i. Caerphilly/Blaenau Gwent/Merthyr Tydfil/Rhondda Cynon Taf/Torfaen Councils Local Transport Plan consultation - following a brief review of the consultation document, the Clerk advised Council that the consultation did not involve the ward or district in any way, and so was noted but not discussed further.
- 7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:**
 - a. Cllr Fry advised Council that the lighting under the eaves of the roof of Graig Hall was faulty and in need of replacement. As the tree is now lit to celebrate the festive season, it was not thought necessary to also light the Hall. It was decided not to go to the expense of replacing the lights.
 - b. Cllr Harris advised Council that he was now on the panel for the Wales Rural Development Programme (Usk Vale Group).
 - c. Cllr Harries advised that the grass on the green at the top of Laurel Road was very long and in need of a cut. It was agreed that it appeared NCC have cut back on their grass cutting schedules and as the land was unregistered, there would be no chance of persuading them that it should be cut at the present time of year.

- d. Holding a meeting to celebrate the 120yr anniversary of the first ever Graig Parish Meeting was discussed. It was decided that a meeting should be held at Rhiwderin Community Centre on 4th December 2014 at 7.30pm (the anniversary date and time) to celebrate. It was undecided whether this would just be a meeting to mark the occasion, or whether Council would move forward it's Planning Meeting from 10th December to this date. To be decided at the 26th November meeting.
- e. Cllr Evans asked that any Cllrs with free time on Monday 24th November 2014 at 10.30am, assist with trimming Graig Hall in readiness for the Christmas Lighting Event taking place on Friday 28th November.

8. Accounts for payment: Accepted. Proposed by Cllr Caston and seconded by Cllr Evans.

Steve Ambler - survey of trees alongside Wentworth Lane	£330.00
Noel Fitzpatrick Ltd - interim payment no. 3 for Rhiwderin CC upgrade	£16530.00
Newport City Homes - Grass cutting at Fort View for October 2014	£212.04
K Jones Heating Services Ltd - maintenance to heating system in Graig Hall	£362.40
SW Directories - Council article published in Bassaleg & Rhiwderin Directory	£175.00
Rogerstone & Bassaleg Joint Burial Board - 2014/15 precept payment	£608.00
	Total £18181.44

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 7pm
 Planning Meeting – Wednesday 10th December 2014 2013 at 6pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm. Confirmed this 4th day of December 2014.

Signed..... (Chair) – December 2014

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