



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Rhiwderin Community Centre, Rhiwderin 7.30pm on 4th December 2014.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr M Cornelious, P John.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, J Harris, K Harries, W Haigh, D Evans, N Mountain, A Whitfield, L Fry, K Sayer, P Stokes. Also present was Mr Michael Eden from South Wales Argus.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Argus photographer took photographs of Council Members with the framed copy of the first meeting minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th December 1894, in readiness for an article celebrating the anniversary to be printed in the Argus.

2. Public Representations: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2014, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Harris.

4. To celebrate the 120yr Anniversary of the first Graig Parish Council Meeting in 1894

Councillor Harris led the celebration in recognition of the first meeting of Graig Parish Council which was held 120 years ago to the day at the same time and place. He had researched the history of Council and found the original very first set of minutes recorded which officially formed the Council. These have been framed and hang in each community centre. Cllr Harris read out the minutes and gave Council a little background information. All agreed this was an historic evening and it was appropriate that it was marked in such a way. Cllr Gregory thanked Cllr Harris and told him Council were grateful for his research and that the anniversary could be properly celebrated.

5. Planning:

Discussed later.

6. Items for next agendas:

Graig open space and footpath (7th January meeting)

7. Items for Discussion:

a. Projects progress - Cllr Fry told group that regarding the footpath through the open space, he had already obtained one quote and was in the process of obtaining a further two to widen and slightly alter the route of the footpath which would allow for extra parking spaces to be formed in the car park. He expected to be ready to present all three quotes to Council at the 7th January meeting for the project to be progressed.

Cllr Haigh joined the meeting at 8.10pm.

He also discussed the project to install photovoltaic cells on the roof of Graig Community Centre. He advised that as some tiles needed replacement or repair he was arranging for a roofing contractor to work together with the panel installer to repair the roof and fit the brackets for the panels at the same time to save costs, and submitted 3 quotes for the scaffolding needed, the cheapest of which was chosen. Cllr Fry also proposed to the group that installing an extra 8 panels to take the total to 40 panels which would increase the expected returns by 20% which at the current tariff should provide a total of £66K in income over a 20 year period. He anticipated recovering the costs of installation in 5 years. This was discussed, and felt to be cost effective. Cllr Harris proposed acceptance which was seconded by Cllr Sayer and accepted by all with the exception of one abstention.

Cllr Fry advised Council that he was in receipt of quotes for the enabling works at Caerphilly Road/Close junction upgrade. Cllr Gregory re-iterated that Pentrepoeth School were keen to be involved with a scheme if it were to go ahead, and to take on its maintenance. In preparation for this Cllr Gregory showed Council some plans the children had drawn with ideas for the central space. The item was discussed, with some in the group having reservations. Cllr Harris asked for a vote to gauge support which amounted to 8 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. It was agreed to progress the project.

b. Play areas - Cllr Gregory told the group that the numbers of residents who attended the play area consultation events was disappointing, that all the questionnaires which were filled in had been

collected. NCC would decide if the information collected was sufficient to progress the issue or whether more information was needed before it could be moved forward.

- c. Christmas lighting event review - It was agreed that the event was much better organised than the previous year when the unexpected large attendance was difficult to manage. The event raised £365 which was divided equally and half was donated to the Best Kept Villages Group (who also managed to raise £275 for themselves from the sale of mulled wine and hotdogs) and the other half to the 1st Bassaleg Scouts Group (who also managed to raise £120.64 for themselves from the sale of refreshments and having an outdoor entertainment tent).
- d. Newport Local Transport Plan to review and comment - Cllr Caston reviewed the document received and formulated comments which were read to Council. Council agreed its content, Clerk to forward to NCC for Council's views to be logged.

8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

None

9. Accounts for payment: Accepted. Proposed by Cllr Caston and seconded by Cllr Stokes.

Clerk salary & office allowance December 2014	£1674.99
December miscellaneous expenses	£21.34
Edmonds Tree Services - works to trees at Wentworth Lane	£1325.00
WM Garden Services - repair to Toddlers play area gate	£78.00
	Total 3099.33

5. Planning: (deferred from earlier in the meeting)

- a. CONEX/14/1090 - Reserved matters application relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale on parcel H3 and H4 (part) for the erection of 125 dwellings together with associated works, relating to planning permission 12/0886. Site: Jubilee Park Development Site, Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport. Application Type: Reserved Matters (Major). Comment - Council re-iterates all its former comments.
- b. Jsk/12/0893 - Planning Appeal. Appeal Subject: Siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling and formation of access. Appellant: Mr O Williams. Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Reference: APP/G6935/A/14/2222643. Comment: Council re-iterates all its former comments.

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

11. Dates of next meetings: (Please note there was no full Council meeting at the end of December due to the Christmas holidays)

Combined Full Council & Planning Meeting – Wednesday 7th January 2014 at 7pm

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 28th January 2014 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm. Confirmed this 28th day of January 2015.

Signed..... (Chair) – January 2015

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