



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg 7pm on 8th April 2015

Minutes of the Meeting held at Graig Community Centre Bassaleg at 7pm on 8th April 2015.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs A Whitfield, P John, K Sayer, K Harries.

Present: Cllrs P Gregory (Chair), R Caston, J Harris, D Evans, N Mountain, L Fry, V Cox-Wall, W Haigh, P Stokes, M Smart.

2. Public Representations: None.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2015, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr Caston seconded Cllr Evans.

4. Items for Discussion:

- a. Presentation of Council finances prior to internal audit - The final financial accounts were presented to Council in preparation for submitting to an internal audit. It was agreed that the accounts were accurate and true and the Clerk was authorised to submit them to the auditor for scrutiny. Proposed Cllr Stokes, seconded Cllr Haigh.
- b. Cleaning of footpaths and walkways in Bassaleg - Following confirmation from Cllr Sayer earlier, the Clerk reported that the footpaths in Bassaleg identified by Cllr Sayer in an earlier meeting as being in need of attention had now been cleansed. Council discussed the footpath on Caerphilly Road in Rhiwderin between the Rhiwderin Inn and Laurel Road. It was noted that the footpath had narrowed over the years and the grass verge had also narrowed due to vegetation growing over the fencing from railway owned property. Following a request to NetworkRail some cutting back had taken place but only on a small section where NetworkRail land was nearest to the footpath opposite the junction with Caerphilly Close. It was agreed that Council begin a list of issues which can be discussed when City Cllr Critchley hopefully agrees to attend a Community Council meeting in the near future. Cllr Fry also suggested that Council make a log of litter bins in the ward. Cllr Gregory agreed to source a large scale map so bins could be marked on it, then it could be decided who would be responsible for identifying them.
- c. Liaison meeting update - An update of the meeting was given. Of particular interest was an item on Velathon Wales 2015 which is an international cycling marathon event being hosted by South Wales. It was noted that part of the 50K shorter route would see cyclists travelling along the A468 Caerphilly Road right through the villages of Bassaleg and Rhiwderin and on to Lower Machen. This will involve closing the road for a period of time yet to be determined on Sunday 14th June 2015. Council were concerned about the disruption to local residents as this road is most resident's only route in and out of the villages. It was agreed that this prestigious event would be good for the area and should be supported but that information for local residents would be key in order for them to make arrangements which would lessen the impact and inconvenience. More information is awaited and it was agreed that the Community Council would do all it could to update residents when more information arrives. Concurrent expenditure was also briefly discussed at the Liaison meeting. The City Council advised that not all Councils had replied to the request for information from NCC. It was agreed that the topic would be discussed in depth at the next Liaison meeting.
- d. Rhiwderin Community Centre - Cllr Gregory told Council that with regard to re-pointing the Community Centre building with lime mortar, the owner of Sexton's Cottage had offered advice as he had recently had to have similar work carried out on his building. The final invoices were still awaited from the contractor who carried out the recent works to build the new toilet block and resurfacing the car park.

5. Planning:

- a. CONEX/15/0322 - Proposed single storey rear kitchen extension. Site: Rhiwderin House, 10 Springfield Road, Rhiwderin, Newport, NP10 8RN. Application Type: Full. Comment: No objections.
- b. CONEX/15/0327 - Works (including crown reduction and lifting) to trees T34, T32 and W1 protected by TPO 8/97. Site: 5 Badgers Wood Close, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8SG. Application Type: Tree Preservation Orders. Comment: Council supports the recommendations of the Tree Officer but were

concerned regarding the time of year this application is being presented and would wish for it to be stipulated that the work is carried out in the Autumn to lessen the impact on wildlife.

6. Items for next agenda:

None

7. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

- a. Cllr Fry presented a dilapidation schedule for the area of the footbridge over the A467 in Bassaleg. The items on the list were briefly discussed and Cllr Fry was asked to price up some grounds maintenance items which needed attention.
- b. Cllr Harris advised the group that Graig Hall was to host the Indoor Bowls League final on 12th April, and that the Folk and Food Festival preparations were going well for the event which was to be held on 18th April.
- c. Cllr Gregory reported that following Council's concerns regarding the absence of Cllr Ashton since November 2014, a letter had been sent to her on Council's behalf enquiring about her wellbeing and asking her future intentions, no reply had been received to date.
- d. Following the attendance of resident of Caernarvon Drive in Rhiwderin at the last full Council meeting, Cllr Gregory reported that he had contacted Mr Mike McGow to advise him of the attendance and of the groups comments at the meeting as he agreed to do. Mr McGow stated that the City Council believed the consultation had been more than sufficient, and was in dialogue with the group as they had contacted him themselves too.
- e. It was noted that a resident in Church Crescent in Bassaleg had organised a protest against the proposed development to build 14 houses on land alongside the railway at the rear of Church Crescent to be accessed from Station Approach. 40 people attended.

8. Accounts for payment:

Griffiths Signs - bilingual signage for open space fencing	£52.20
The Ruperra - donation towards Folk Festival event	£50.00
SSE/SWALEC - Graig Hall electricity invoice	£653.26
Total	£755.46

9. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

10. Dates of next meetings:

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7pm
Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13th May 2015 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm. Confirmed this 13th day of May 2015.

Signed..... (Chair) – May 2015

Posted to notice boards 22.05.15

Clerk to the Council: Sian Davies
Email: clerk@grraigcc.co.uk Website: www.grraigcc.co.uk

Website: www.grraigcc.co.uk



www.facebook.com/GraigCommunityCouncil



@GraigCommCoun