



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg 6.30pm on 9th September 2015

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3. Councillor Interviews: These were held prior to the meeting. Both candidates were interviewed and following the process Council discussed which candidate to offer the position to. It was agreed that both candidates were of a very good calibre and that it was a shame that only one position was available as both would be good additions to the group. Following the debate and a show of hands it was agreed by majority decision that Mrs Trish Appleton be invited to take up the post. Clerk to arrange.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs K Sayer, K Harries, D Williams.

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

2. To receive public representations if required: None.

3. Councillor Interviews: Detailed above.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2015, previously circulated were read and subject to a small correction were approved. Proposed Cllr Stokes seconded Cllr Fry. Cllr Stokes proposed marking the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen becoming the longest reigning Monarch in British history by sending a letter of congratulations from the Community Council, this was seconded by Cllr Gregory and agreed by majority. Clerk to draft and send.

5. Reports:

a. Police - Not in attendance - The police report for August was read out. During August there had been 89 calls to the Police, 10 of which were crimes. The breakdown was as follows: All Other Theft - 3, Violence With Injury - 1, Vehicle Crime - 2, Public Order Offences - 1, Burglary Dwelling - 1, Possession of Weapons - 1, Miscellaneous Crime - 1. Following reports of anti-social behaviour in the area of Lavender Way and action plan was put in place and numerous youths were identified and had their names taken. Calls regarding off-road bikes in the Five Lanes area are being attended to. 2 males have been arrested in connection with vehicle crime in the Graig area. There appears to be a trend of youths throwing stones at passing and stationary vehicles in the Rivermead Way and Lavender Way areas, any sightings or incidents involving teenagers should be reported to the Police via 101.

6. Items for discussion:

- a. Coach House, Caerphilly Road - Following the Clerk speaking with the owner of the Coach House, she informed Council that the reason that the Haras fencing has not been removed from the front of the building entirely is because the owner explained that removing the fence would encourage illegal parking at the front of the property which would push pedestrians out into the road to pass. Council agreed that it would attempt to help find a solution to the problem.
- b. Re-valuation of Council owned assets - The Clerk informed Council that the asset register needed to be updated and that a revaluation and assessment should be carried out. To be discussed at the forthcoming Finance meeting.
- c. Play areas update - Cllr Gregory again expressed concern that Council were not being kept informed of progress regarding the play areas upgrade. To the best of Council's knowledge, no agreement had yet been reached concerning the purchase of land for the former Rhiwderin play area and details are very sketchy. Cllr Harris had been informed by the contractor that the play area at Cowshed Lane should be complete by the end of September.
- d. Welsh Government invitation to comment on Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Cllr Cox-Wall agreed to review and report back to Council.
- e. Welsh Government invitation to comment on Proposed Changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development - noted, Cllr Whitfield to review and determine if a response from Council is necessary.

7. Planning:

- a. CONEX/15/0929 - Listed building consent to replace existing footbridge link adjacent to listed tramway river bridge. Site: Footbridge at former golf course Tredegar Park, Cardiff Road, Newport. Application Type: Listed Building. Comment - No objections.
- b. CONEX/15/1099 - Listed building consent for installation of flue. Site: Large Barn, Plas Machen, Caerphilly Road, Newport NP10 8GW. Application Type: Listed building. Comment - No objections.

8. Items for next agenda:

Finance Meeting - Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7pm

9. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Haigh asked that the Clerk inform the Contact Centre that the speed indicator panel just west of Fossy-Fran junction on Caerphilly Road is obscured by overgrown tree branches and needs clearing.

Cllr Harris informed Council that there had been incidences of fly-tipping in the Five Lanes area which he had reported to the Contact Centre and was to mention in his Grassroots article in the South Wales Argus. Cllr Gregory told the group that following AMEC's offer to assist the community whilst in the area replacing the gas pipeline, a meeting had been asked for to put forward some proposals for assistance in the ward to the representatives.

Cllr Fry discussed the proposals he put to Council at the August Full Council Meeting to improve the frontage to St Basil's shops and the adjoining roundabout scheme. Amending the roundabout scheme would initially cost £1060 with an annual cost for watering and maintenance moving forward of £410 per year, this was approved. Costings for improving the shops frontage to his proposed specifications would cost £4030 with annual maintenance and watering costs of £900 per year. Following a discussion on related costs, Cllr Fry agreed to come up with an alternative plan for the area and return to Council.

Councillors annual Christmas get-together was set for 6pm at the Rhiwderin Inn on 2nd December 2015.

Cllr Harris informed the group that Graig Hall and car park was to be used for a Christmas Fair on 28th December 2015.

10. Accounts for payment:

None

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

11 Dates of next meetings

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 30th September 2015 at 7pm

Planning Meeting – Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50. Confirmed this 14th day of October 2015.

Signed..... (Chair) – October 2015

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