



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Meeting held at Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg 6pm on 2nd December 2015

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

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

2. To receive public representations if required: None.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2015, previously circulated were read and approved. Proposed Cllr John seconded Cllr Haigh.

4. Reports:

- a. Police – no Officers were present but the report received for November was read out. The report contained the following information: During November there had been 97 calls to the Police, 80 of which were classed as crimes. The breakdown was as follows: All Other Theft - 2, Violence With Injury - 1, Vehicle Crime - 2, Public Order - 1, Criminal Damage - 2, Burglary Non Dwelling - 1, Violence without Injury - 5, Shoplifting - 2. There had been a large drop in anti-social behaviour with only 1 call to Lavender Way on 5th November. Following the results of the Your Voice survey the Police priority was to tackle anti-social behaviour on Lavender Way. One call with reference to off road motor cycles had been made in the Five Lanes area. Speeding matters will also be attended to when resources allow. There has been incidents of fly tipping in Pentre Tai Road, if anyone has any information the Police request residents ring 101 or the City Council. There was an incident of graffiti written by unknown youths along the wall facing the river in Viaduct Way, this has been removed. There appears to be a trend of youths gathering in the car park at the bottom of Forge Lane playing loud music and littering, the local neighbourhood team are carrying out patrols in the area.

5. Items for discussion:

- a. Play areas update – no further update had been received since Cllr Davies had agreed at the previous meeting to look into the matter. Rhiwderin Community Centre play area was not yet complete and it was noted that the Caernarvon Drive area looked terrible at present as it had been worked on during the bad weather so was extremely muddy. The Rhiwderin Village play area had still not been started and it was understood that the land purchase had still not been settled. The requested meeting with NCC Officers had still not been arranged.
- b. Planters (suggestions for locations and St Basil's shops area) – Deferred to 6th January meeting.
- c. Christmas Lighting event – temporary lighting for the car park loaned to Council from AMEC was very good, but the bad weather did affect attendance and how the event could be run. Council were disappointed with the Christmas lights this year and expressed a wish to be able to supply much better lighting in future years. It was thought that maybe some local businesses may wish to assist with sponsorship. It was agreed that overall, despite the weather the event was a big success and the Scouts, BKV group and Meithrin made money for their organisations by selling refreshments and cakes.
- d. Community Speed Watch – Cllr Gregory told Council of an opportunity for community groups to be able to apply for and use speed cameras to assist Police with catching speeding motorists. The campaign is called Go Safe where residents and organisations can form groups who can be trained to use speed guns and record the speed of cars, log details and report the findings to the Police for action to be taken. This is an initiative which has proved very successful in other areas and has lead to safer driving practices. Council was in favour of looking into this initiative further.
- e. Cllr Williams response from Gwent Police regarding the lack of Police presence in Graig & letter to PCC regarding same - an email response to Cllr Williams was read out to Council which advised that the Police were providing a local policing service in the ward. A draft letter to the Gwent PCC was submitted for approval which set out Council's concerns, this was approved to send. Clerk to action.

6. Planning:

- a. None

7. Items for next agenda:

Using Graig Hall to its full potential - 6th January meeting (LF)

8. Urgent Business not on the Agenda:

Cllr Caston expressed concern about the repairs to Rhiwderin CC roof over the holiday period and suggested that Cllr Fry be given Council's permission to deal with the repair as necessary over the holiday period. He was concerned that complications could arise, but there would be no further meetings until after the Christmas break. Council agreed and Cllr Fry was asked to deal with the matter on Council's behalf during the holiday period.

9. Accounts for payment: Approved, proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr John. with the exception of the Mon. County Council payment which needed further investigation and was not approved at this time.

Gareth Rees Electrical - repairing Christmas lights	£210.00
Welsh Water - water rates for Bassaleg Allotments	£90.51
5quidhost - website charge (for information, taken by DD)	£5.00
Mon. County Council - ground works at St Basil's shops roundabout 2015/6	£736.87
Total	£305.51

Receipts

Forge Lane & Court Crescent Paddock Committee - ground rent to 2020 £20.00

10. Correspondence for information:

Not discussed.

11 Dates of next meetings

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 7pm

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.05pm. Confirmed this 6th day of January 2016.

Signed..... (Chair) – January 2016

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