



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Rhiwderin Community Centre Bassaleg 7pm on 30th January 2019.

1. Apologies for absence: A Whitfield, M Smart, K Harries, S Grey.

Present: Cllrs R Caston, D Evans, K Sayer, P Gregory, J Harris, W Haigh, L Fry, P Appleton, J Bailey, K Thomas, N Tarr, D Williams. Chaired by P Gregory.

2. Public Representation: None

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held 28th November 2018 previously circulated were read and subject to amendment were approved. Proposed Cllr Caston, seconded Cllr Thomas. Arising from the minutes it was noted that all the action points had been dealt with. The Clerk was asked to forward the meeting dates set for 2019. **Action: Clerk to forward meeting dates.**

4. Clerk's Report: A Clerk's Report previously circulated was briefly discussed and accepted as a true reflection of matters to date. Proposed Cllr Haigh, seconded Cllr Sayer. The Clerk verbally updated Council that the issue of the missing coping stones on the Grosvenor Road underpass should now be resolved and the item would be removed from future reports. **Action: Clerk to remove the item above.**

5. Projects:

a. Rhiwderin Community Centre upgrade: Cllr Gregory reported that the project was unable to move on until a decision on the latest funding application had been made. He offered to try to find out the possible timescales for the decision. Cllr Fry asked whether the project should be viewed from a different angle and that it may be better to give more consideration to the structural fabric of the building rather than concentrating on lime mortar pointing etc. There was general agreement to this proposal. **Action: Cllr Gregory to try to obtain a timescale for the funding decision.**

6. Reports:

a. Police – Cllr Gregory told the group that when he and the Clerk recently attended a NCC Full Council Meeting, the Police Superintendent briefed the City Council on the overall crime statistics for the City. It was noted that anti-social behaviour and car parking issues were a big problem, also begging on the streets. Drugs were a huge problem too, and recently a drugs ring of 30 offenders had been arrested. He advised that there was a deficit in PCSOs numbers currently as a recruitment drive had seen many step up to become PCs, but that the force was looking to recruit more PCSOs to replace them. **Action: None necessary.**

b. Newport City Councillors – Cllr Williams reported that the company looking to place a crematorium on Penylan Road had met with the Head of Bassaleg School and Governors. They were told that the proposal would be totally inappropriate from the schools point of view. Cllr Gregory also informed the group that he and the Clerk had also met with the company and stated that Council would not support any application if submitted for a number of reasons including the inappropriateness of it being sited next to a school, the concerns over access and the increased traffic it would bring to the village. He suggested that consideration should be given to other sites such as Celtic Lakes which would have more open space and better access.

Cllr Williams reported that he was assisting a resident of Lower Machen with concerns over a planning application being submitted for new dwelling in the village, and he also updated Council on the latest news regarding the contentious application to build 2 homes at Penylan Close. It seemed the developer was determined to gain planning permission for the homes but to date no plans had been acceptable to Welsh Water as they were to build over a main sewer for the area.

Cllr Gregory asked that he lobby for double yellow lines to be placed outside St Basil's Church as parked cars are causing more and more issues for funeral entourages. Cllr Fry asked that Cllr Williams ask NCC to return to the area as their recent clear-up of the verges did not continue far enough along opposite Garth Terrace on Caerphilly Road, and that although the verges above the steps to Penylan Close are improved, the section below the steps had not been cleared which created a pinch point on the pavement which needed clearing. Cllr Gregory agreed, he had also mentioned this to NCC officers when they recently walked the area. **Action: Cllr Williams to keep Council updated on the issues he was dealing with, lobby for the double yellow lines outside the church and try to resolve the pinch point issue.**

Sub Committees

- c. Graig Community Centre – Cllr Fry reported that work to upgrade the entrance foyer was proceeding as planned and should be completed on time. **Action: Cllr Fry to progress.**
- d. Rhiwderin Community Centre - Covered in 5a above. Also, Cllr Gregory reported that the management committee had ordered 120 new chairs for the centre, and that the repair for the gas had not yet taken place, but he stressed that the building is safe to use. It was noted that Mrs Thomas, a stalwart of the Rhiwderin Management Committee had moved away to be closer to her Son. All wished her well, she would be greatly missed. Cllr Appleton reported that a member of the committee was keen to start a youth club and would like outdoor table tennis tables and the car park marked out for tennis courts. This was to be considered by the management committee. **Action: see 5a above. Cllr Gregory to progress the chairs purchase and oversee the repair of the gas pipes. Management to decide on outdoor purchases.**
- e. Allotments – Cllr Caston reported that the rent for 6 months had been collected from allotment holders and would be forwarded to Councils bank. This allowed for rent dates to be returned to a March/April collection date as previously administered. He proposed that no rent increase be considered for 2019/20 as the work carried out by the allotment committee enabled running and administration costs to be kept to a minimum so the site was not costing as much to run. This was accepted. **Action: Clerk to work with the association regarding the transfer of rent money collected and advise that rents were to remain the same for 2019/20.**
- f. Burial Board - Cllr Gregory had written to NCC regarding the representation and management of the committee. Correspondence between Cllr Gregory and NCC was read out and discussed. Council were concerned that despite their recommendation to suspend further meetings until a decision by NCC was given, RCC continues to arrange meetings. Graig representatives agreed to attend the forthcoming meeting in support of the Clerk but not participate in the meeting. **Action: Chair and Clerk to keep Council updated with any progress. Representatives to attend the next committee meeting unless otherwise directed.**

Working Groups

- g. Play Areas Group – NTR. **Action: None necessary.**
- h. Horticultural Group/ BKV Group – Cllr Smart had agreed to chase the moving of planters but was unable to attend this meeting, so no update was possible. **Action: Cllr Smart to update Council at the next available opportunity.**
- i. Technology Group - Cllr Appleton reported that progress had been made and the site was almost complete. She intended setting up a meeting the following week and asked that the Chair and Clerk attend. **Action: Cllr Appleton to progress.**
- j. Rhiwderin CC Fundraising Group - Discussed in 5a above. **Action: See 5a above.**
- k. Events & Social Group – NTR. **Action: None at this time.**
- l. Consultation Review Panel – Cllr Tarr reported that the previously consultation had been completed and he asked for volunteers to meet regarding the WG consultation on public transport. The meeting was set for 26th February 2019 and Cllrs Appleton, Bailey, Caston and Thomas agreed to attend. **Action: Cllr Tarr to administer.**

7. Items for forthcoming agendas:

Attendance of Sergeant Giles – 13th February 2019 meeting

8. Items for Discussion/Action:

- a. NCC Concurrent withdrawal update – The Clerk updated Council on how many councils were prepared to contribute funds to help with challenging NCC's decision to withdraw. Although not as many councils were participating as was hoped, Council decided to support those who were and agreed by majority to pay £200 towards the initial costs. **Action: Clerk to advise of Council's decision and arrange to pay when needed.**
- b. Noticeboards – Following the Clerk's review it was decided to uplift temporarily the board at Afon Village and look to relocate it somewhere it is more overlooked in the hope that the constant vandalism can be minimised. Also, to relocate the noticeboard half way up Cwm Cwddy Drive to the junction of Cwm Cwddy Drive and Caerphilly Close, and to no longer place notices inside Graig Hall but to use only the noticeboard outside the Hall car park. **Action: Clerk to gain permission for the re-siting of the Cwm Cwddy noticeboard. Cllr Fry to arrange the uplift and storage of the Afon Village noticeboard until a new location is decided.**
- c. Litter bins at Cwm Cwddy Drive and footbridge over the A467 – Following information that the litter bin at this location is regularly overflowing, Council agreed to progress with replacing the small post mounted bin with a large floor standing bin. Permission to do so had already been given by NCC. **Action: Cllr Fry to progress.**

- d. Grassed area at junction of Caerphilly Rd and The Griffin – Cllr Fry asked Council to consider upgrading the area. To be considered were what should be done to the BKV sign, does Council need a permanent electricity supply in the area for items such as lighting a Christmas tree in the future and should Council consider propagating the rare St Cecelia apple tree planted in the area to ensure its survival. **Action: Cllrs to consider and return with comments to the next full council meeting.**
- e. Potential planning application for a crematorium – Discussed during Item 6b. **Action: None at this time.**
- f. Pentrepoeth Primary School polytunnel – Cllr Appleton reported that Pentrepoeth Primary School was looking to install a polytunnel for the children’s education and that costs were estimated at around £800 - £1200 for the purchase and a further £300 to install. Cllr Gregory proposed Council donate £1000 towards the costs. This was seconded Cllr Appleton. A further proposal was tabled by Cllr Tarr that Council donate £500 and seconded by Cllr Fry. Of the two proposals Council voted by majority to donate the sum of £1000. **Action: Cllr Appleton to advise the school of Council’s decision.** Cllr Harris left the meeting at 9.55pm.

9. Correspondence for Information:

Not discussed

10. Accounts for Payment: Proposed Cllr Tarr seconded Cllr Thomas and accepted.

In addition to the agenda details, a payment was approved for the purchase of the 120 chairs on behalf of Rhiwderin Community Centre and it was added to the list below.

Clerk salary and office allowance for January 2019 (includes adjustment for refund of returned selection boxes in December of £181.00)	£1846.38
Misc expenses for January 2019	£96.70
Calico UK – annual charge for Council domain name	£30.00
TSO Host – Monthly webmail charge	£5.00
Advanced Moulds Ltd – 120 stacking chairs for Rhiwderin Community Centre	£2170.56
Total to date:	£4148.64

Receipts:

None

11. Urgent Business not discussed above:

None

12. Planning:

- a. 19/0003 – Proposal: Conversion of garage and erection of garden store. Site: 29 Dewberry Grove, Rogerstone, Newport. NP10 9JY. Application Type: Full **Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.**
- b. 19/0015 – Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Site: 9 Garth Close, Bassaleg, Newport. NP10 8NX. Application Type: Full. **Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.**

13. Dates of next meetings:

Mid-Month meeting – Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7pm.

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 7pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 10.00pm

Signed..... (Chair) – 27th February 2019

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