



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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1. To receive apologies for absence Cllr L Fry, D Williams.

Present: Cllrs R Caston, A Whitfield, D Evans, M Smart, K Sayer, P Gregory, J Harris, W Haigh, P Appleton, J Bailey, K Thomas, N Tarr, S Grey, S Davies (Clerk). Chaired by P Gregory. Also in attendance a local resident of Court Crescent from 7.30pm.

2. To receive public representations: None at this time.

3. To receive declarations of interest: None.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2019, previously circulated were read and subject to 2 minor corrections were approved. Proposed Cllr Haigh seconded Cllr Thomas. The action points of the minutes were briefly discussed. Regarding Item 10e (supporting the Sorting Rooms re. car parking at the community centre) Cllrs Gregory and Appleton had met with the owner and explained that allowing parking in the community centre for the patrons of the Sorting Rooms would not be possible, as NCC who owns the lease would not allow this. That the Council supports local businesses as much as possible, but unfortunately could not give permission for this reason. The gentleman requested a letter of general support for the business from Council to add to his application. **Action: A general letter of support was agreed, Cllr Gregory to action.**

5. Accounts for payment: Proposed Cllr Grey, seconded Cllr Tarr and approved.

Mark Wallace Electrical Ltd – works to Graig Hall electrics	£2984.42
Wales Audit Office – annual external audit costs	£212.15
SSE – gas charges to Rhiwderin CC Jun-Sep 19	£383.54
S Davies – reimbursement for cost of lamppost poppies x 50	£150.00
Total	£3730.11

Receipts

SSE – **Credit Note** for overpayment of electricity at Rhiwderin CC £306.51 on account

6. Planning - Applications to be considered:

- 19/0998 – Proposal: Erect a heritage orangery to the rear elevation. Site: 21 Caerphilly Close, Rhiwderin, Newport, NP108RF. Application Type: Full. **Comment: No objections provided neighbours are consulted and agree.**
- 19/0916 – Proposal: Retention of conversion of garage summerhouse and tool shed. Site: 3 Rose Walk, Rogerstone, Newport, NP10 9AY. Application Type: Full. **Comment: No objections but Council expressed disappointment that permission was not requested prior to work being carried out.**

A resident of Court Crescent attended at 7.30pm and asked to be heard. This was allowed but he was reminded that public representations took place earlier in the meeting. He complained that no action had been taken over the issues in the area with Bassaleg School and mainly the parking issues during school trips and at school start and end times. He also mentioned he felt that the village was not being kept as well by the City Council as in previous years. He felt that the City Cllrs were not being effective, and this was also the view of Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the City Cllrs and urge for better communication and feedback on issues they had been asked to deal with. It was also agreed that this could be taken up at the next Liaison meeting if necessary. **Action: Clerk to contact the City Cllrs with Council's complaints and ask that they address issues requested of them in a timely manner, giving feedback regularly even if they are unable to attend meetings. Cllrs attending Liaison meetings to address with the group if necessary.** The resident decided to attend the remainder of the meeting to observe.

7. Items for discussion:

- Remembrance Day – It was agreed to erect the poppies on lampposts on Saturday 26th October from 11am. It was also agreed to purchase some Remembrance Day flags to display on the fence along the open space. **Action: All available Cllrs to assist with the lamppost poppies, Clerk to order flags.**

- b. Fort View play area brambles – Cllr Smart informed Council the work would be carried out soon. **Action: Cllr Smart to progress.**
- c. Payment for propagation of St Cecelia apple trees – the costs for propagation of £66.06 were unanimously approved. **Action: Clerk to raise a cheque payment for the next available meeting.**
- d. Best Kept Villages sign – The Clerk was asked to write to NCC to ask if they had a duty of care to inspect the sign as no-one could remember how it came to be erected. **Action: Clerk to enquire.**
- e. Graig Hall car park – the issues were discussed at the Graig Hall Management Committee meeting, but no conclusive solution could be found. The biggest problem was when large groups hiring the hall changed over. **Action: Clerk to write to the Ruperra manager to ask that its patrons not use the car park.**

8. Reports:

- a. Police – No officers present and no report for September had been received to date. Residents of Clearwell Court had contacted Council to complain that issues in the area were still not totally resolved and some had still not had bins delivered to replace those burnt during the recent spate of arson attacks. Cllr Gregory agreed to follow this up with Wastesavers and Melin Homes. **Action: Cllr Gregory to progress.**
- b. City Councillors – None in attendance. It was discussed how best to track issues City Cllrs were asked to attend to and a vote on differing suggestions was held. It was agreed by majority that the Clerk write to the City Cllrs, expressing Council's disappointment that issues have not been followed up, or if they have, that progress was not known. The Clerk to request if they were not to be in attendance at meeting, they send a report that can be read to Council itemising each issue and what progress had been made (either positive or negative) on each item. **Action: Clerk to write to the City Cllrs giving a list of outstanding issues that Council has not received an update on and make the above request for a report which can be read out to Council.**
- c. **Fundraising:** Cllr Whitfield asked to be able to update Council as news had been recently received regarding the funding application for assistance with Rhiwderin CC's upgrade. She had been informed that the application had been successful and funding granted for over £26K. Council were very pleased and thanked her for all her hard work. **Action: Cllr Whitfield to progress.**

9. Items for next agenda if agreed:

None to date.

10. Urgent other business not on the agenda:

- a. Cllr Gregory updated Council on the latest situation with the Burial Board Committee. He had received emails from a Rogerstone CC Member who was the current Chairman of the Burial Board. **Action: Cllr Gregory to arrange a meeting to discuss.**
- b. An events Committee meeting had been set for Tuesday 15th October at 6pm. **Action: All who were able were to attend the meeting.**

11. Correspondence for information

Planning information.

12. Dates of next meetings

Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7pm

Mid-Month Meeting – Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.03pm. Confirmed, this 13th day of November 2019.

Signed..... (Chair) – November 2019

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