

Llanelly Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th December 2013 at the Council Chamber, Gilwern at
6.30pm

Present

Cllr Kay Blackwell
Cllr Tony Carrington
Cllr Malcolm Cook
Cllr Paul Downes
Cllr Simon Howarth

Cllr John Jones
Cllr Val Jones
Cllr Brian Kemp (Chairman)
Cllr David McCloy
Cllr Archie Thomas
Cllr Trevor Williams

13/149 In attendance

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
Mr Chris Morgan Director of Planning BBNP.

Cllr Blackwell Chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

13/150 Agenda Item1:-Apologies received.

Cllr's Lynne Elliott, Phillip Salter, Giles Howard.
Cllr Kemp joined the meeting at 6.48 pm

13/151 Agenda Item 2:-Declaration of interest.

Would be made if and when needed

13/152 Agenda Item 3: Mr Chris Morgan Director of Planning, Brecon Beacons National Park.

Cllr Blackwell invited Mr Morgan to address the meeting and explain the back ground to the Community Info-structure Levy (CiL). Mr Morgan explained that the NPA have not considered the info-structure levy as the NPA have been working on the Local Development Plan which the NPA will be considering this month (17th December). He explained that the CiL will be a defined charging structure for Planning Authorities. He explained that several Planning Authorities have considered starting to implement the charging structure. He explained that the Government are asking for Planning Authorities and applicants to carry out a viability study on any project and that may place the project in jeopardy.

He also explained that the CiL system was due to be implemented in 2014 and it has been set back twelve months to April 2015. Mr Morgan explained that the Government are in consultation with a large number of Government draft bills.

Mr Morgan answered a number of questions from members.

Mr Morgan left the meeting at 6.58 pm

Cllr Kemp Chaired the remainder of the meeting from this point.

13/153 Agenda Item 4:-AOB considered urgent by the Chairman. This business will be under taken after items included on the agenda are considered. Any items discussed

will be an agenda item and lawfully considered at the next Council meeting.

No items were raised.

13/154 Agenda Item 5:- "15 minutes' are set aside". Questions from members of the public.

No members of the public in attendance

13/155 Agenda Item 6:- To confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on the **11th November 2013** as an accurate record.

***Proposed:** by Cllr Cook seconded by Cllr Val Jones that the minutes are signed.*

***Resolved:** the minutes are signed by the Chairman.*

13/156 Agenda Item 7:- Matters to report.

Cllr Blackwell asked about the Gateway signs and if the Highway Authority has replied. The Clerk explained that the sign design has been sent to the officer.

Cllr Carrington asked the Chairman about the appendix documents attached to the minutes. Cllr Carrington asked if the Council was going to consider the content.

No further matters to report.

13/157 Agenda Item 8:- To confirm the minutes from the Finance Meeting on the **18th November 2013** as an accurate record.

***Proposed:** by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Blackwell that the minutes are signed.*

***Resolved:** the minutes are signed by the Chairman.*

13/158 Agenda Item 9:- Matters to report.

No matters to report

13/159 Agenda Item 10:- Consider any planning applications received or granted before the meeting.

Applications:

- **13/10223/FUL:** Plot 24 Ty Mawr Lane, Gilwern. Proposed alteration of approved house type to include rear conservatory extension.

*Members considered the above application and offered **no objection***

Granted:

- **13/09960/FUL** Plot 9, Ty Mawr Lane, Gilwern. Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear Conservatory Extension.
- **13/10007/FUL** Tall Trees, Waenllapria, Llanelly Hill. Replacement of fire damage dwelling.
- **13/10020/FUL** 2 Station Road, Clydach. Proposed alterations and replacement extension.
- **13/10000/CON** St' Maelog, Forge Row, Gilwern. Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 07/01276/FUL to extend the planning permission for a further five years.
- **13/10080/FUL:** Vine Tree Cottage, Rhonos Road, Clydach. Raise existing roof by 0.3m and create additional living accommodation in roof space and erection of a two storey extension with garaging in roof space
- **13/10069/FUL:** Delfryn, Llanelly Church, Church Road, Llanelly

All of the above application granted were noted:

13/160 Agenda Item 11: To note income received.

Clerks salary & HMRC payment	
Caretakers and gate keepers Salaries	
Merlin Waste 2 nd 16 th & 30 Dec	£124.74
Digital Systems printer maintenance & toner	£174.00
ICO renewal	£35.00
SLCC renewal	£333.00
Festivelighting	£72.36
24/7 plumbing services	£186.00
BT Telephone & Broadband	£187.94
Gilwern Welfare Association Hall hire	£250.00

All Invoices/Bills were available for inspection, members agreed to pay the above payments.

Income

Meter box (since Nov)	£12.20
Hall Hire (since Nov)	£120.00
Copying	£21.00

One member asked about the income from the hall hire and if the hall has received an increase in the hire and usage. It was also asked if Costain has settled their outstanding invoice. It was explained that payment is still outstanding.

The Chairman raised the issue of the hire of the hall for a funeral wake. He explained that the Clerk had contacted him about waiving the hire fee. He confirmed that he agreed that the Council would waive any fee. Cllr Carrington explained that this is a very sad time for a large number of residents in Gilwern and surrounding communities. Cllr Carrington is saddened to raise the following at this time; but he would like this recorded. He informed members that he had received a telephone call from the Chairman expressing concern over the agreed wake after the funeral and the people who will be attending it. During the telephone call the Chairman also expressed concern as to how the wake was going to be managed and the condition the premises would be left in after wards. Cllr Carrington questioned what right the Chairman had to make this call especially in view of the nature of the telephone call. Cllr

Carrington assured the Council the premises will be left as per hire agreement. Cllr Carrington asked the Chairman will he be contacting all other hall hire users asking the same questions. Cllr Carrington believes the Chairman has broken the member's code of conduct and the principles set out; integrity, Personal Judgement, Respect for Others, Leadership. Cllr Carrington believes the Chairman's position is untenable and believes the Chairman should resign.

The Chairman explained that his sole concern was for the hall, the people surrounding it and the Council's property. He would stand down if that's what the Councillors wish. The Chairman does not believe that he used the words Cllr Carrington is saying he did.

Point of Order: Cllr Howarth called a point of order and no further discussion should take place in relation to this matter if Cllr Carrington is considering taking this further.

Members did not accept the Chairman's resignation at this stage.

13/161 Agenda Item 12:- Education Centre and library services (Cllr Kemp)

Cllr Kemp explained that he and Cllr's Howard, Howarth and Blackwell met with officers from MCC regarding and Community Education Centre (CEC). Cllr Kemp gave members a briefing report from the 28th November. He explained that he has copied the above members emails between him and MCC. He explained that MCC will transfer the CEC for the benefit of the community; he also explained that MCC will accept the Old School Community Centre (OSCC) back into their portfolio. He explained that building surveys will need to be carried out on both buildings.

Cllr Kemp explained that MCC will continue to pay the Librarian and provide the computer suite, and LCC will provide the building and the running costs. He believes the Council should have a management committee running the building with minimum Council input. Cllr Kemp thinks the income from the CEC would pay for the overheads he would like members to give as much feedback on his briefing paper.

Cllr Howarth stated that LCC should have a structural survey done on the CEC which would be independent to any County Council survey. Cllr Blackwell agreed that a survey should be carried out. Cllr Blackwell explained that we should have management plan as well as a community plan. Cllr Blackwell asked if we have received all running costs information from MCC.

Cllr Carrington asked about the terms of reference the Council have given any committee's. He explained that he has not seen any minutes from meetings only notes members have handed out. He explained that he is not aware of any formal discussion between both Councils. Cllr Carrington explained that he is of the opinion that he has been misled about the running costs of the CEC as he has received a full break down of the overheads at the CEC from a Freedom of Information application to MCC. He explained that the running costs are far higher than the OSCC. He informed members that the running costs over the last five years are £77'750.00. Cllr Carrington will forward this information to the Clerk to be disseminated to Councillors. He expressed concern that the Clerk has not been given a report for the Council; he has concerns that the Council are not following the process all public bodies should follow. Cllr Blackwell explained that the Council are waiting for further information from MCC. One Councillor asked about the cost of hiring other buildings to use as a library. Cllr Howarth asked if we should hold a local referendum to ask the local electorate if the Council should accommodate the library and where that should be homed. After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth that the Council should undertake a full survey on the CEC when the time is right.

Amendment proposed: by Cllr Thomas that the survey should also include the OSCC.

Vote for the Amendment: 2 For 7 Against and 1 abstention. The proposal was carried 7 for 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Proposed: by Cllr Carrington seconded by Cllr Thomas that the Clerk should attend any group meetings to minute the meetings and investigate future venues and avenues.

Amendment: by Cllr Cook that the Clerk should investigate alternative sites for the library only.

Vote for the amendment 8 for 2 against 1 abstention.

Resolved: the Clerk should look at other buildings and other avenues to provide a library venue and report back to a further meeting.

The Chairman proposed that a special meeting is held to inform the Council and any local residents before the council considers any further course of action.

Cllr Carrington wished for it to be recorded that his proposal does not cast any aspersion on the capability or the integrity of the councillors but it's a matter of protocol that the Clerk should attend meetings that's why Councils employ Clerks.

The Clerk asked when it will be the right time to consider the agreement and to call a meeting.

13/162 Agenda Item 13:- Correspondence received.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. None

Brecon Beacons National Park:

2. None

Monmouthshire County Council:

3. Bryn-y-Cwm Area Committee Agenda 11th December.
4. Temporary Street closure order.
5. MCC Local Development Plan—Coed-Glas, Abergavenny.

Other:

6. Merlin Waste increase in collection.

Members agreed the increase from the 1st January. Members to inspect the bins in their locations to monitor the use.

7. Mr N Seabourne Email to the Chairman.

The above item to arrange a meeting with Rights of Way Officer.

8. Abergavenny Eisteddfod Y Fenni.
9. Centenary of World War.
10. Exhumation and reburial at the Llanelly Cemetery.

The letter was readout regarding this this process. After some debate it was resolved that no objection is made.

11. Abergavenny & District Partnership against Crime (minutes).
12. GAVO Christmas Coffee Morning 11th December.
13. Monmouthshire CAB Update.
14. Gilwern Post Office (Proposed move to new premises & branch modernisation).

Members offered no objection to the relocation.

15. Old Rectory Farmhouse, Maes-y-Gwartha.
16. City Illuminations.

Email received

17. Mr Tony Carrington Hall Hire.

All the remaining correspondence was noted

13/163 Agenda Item 14:- Reports from the Clerk.

No further items to report.

13/164 Agenda Item 15:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

No reports made

13/165 Agenda Item 16:- Reports from members of the County Council.

Cllr Howarth asked about the public inquiry relating to the A465 and when will the Council know if an inquiry will take place.

The Clerk explained that the WG Minister will make that decision after considering all the observation made during the public exhibitions. The Inspector will be holding a pre-hearing in January but the date is to be confirmed. If an inquiry is called it would be expected that the inquiry will take place in March or April 2014.

13/166 The Chairman thanked members for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.41 pm

Signed by _____
Cllr Brian Kemp

Date 13th January 2014