

Llanelly Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on
Monday 13th January 2014 at the Council Chamber, Gilwern at
7.00pm

Present

Cllr Kay Blackwell
Cllr Tony Carrington
Cllr Malcolm Cook
Cllr Lynne Elliott
Cllr Giles Howard
Cllr Simon Howarth

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

13/167 In attendance

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
45 members public were in attendance

Due to the number of residents who turned up to the meeting relating to a planning application the meeting was reconvened in the Old School Hall to accommodate the numbers. The meeting commenced at 7.12pm. Cllr Kemp introduced himself and invited all the other members of the Council to introduce themselves.

13/168 Agenda Item1:-Apologies received.

Cllr Paul Downes.
Cllr Val Jones joined the meeting at 7.15 pm

13/169 Agenda Item 2:-Declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest made by members but members may wish to declare an interest if and when needed.

13/170 Agenda Item 3: "15 minutes' are set aside". Questions from members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any of the members of the public would like to address the meeting. Cllr Howarth asked if the planning application **13/10295/FUL:** Land at Cae Meldon, Gilwern, is moved to allow the public to make comment in relation to this application. Cllr Howard apologised to the chairman and Council as he and Cllr Howarth had carried out a leaflet drop to properties close to the development site and didn't expect so many residents to attend the Council meeting. He explained to members of the public that he had prepared a response to the application after being contacted by a number of residents since the application was made public. (Copy as an appendix). Cllr Howarth asked if the Council had received paper copies of all the assessments. The Clerk explained that the Council had received the site plans and the house type but all the remaining documentation was on a CD disc.

One member asked when the response should be made to the Planning Authority. The Clerk explained that the Council has applied for an extension of time to allow a full consultation.

One member asked if the Council has received any documentation from the Highway Authority in relation to this application.

A number of the residents expressed concern over the application. One observation made was regarding access along Lancaster Drive as this road is a private road which is not an adopted highway. There was also concern over the footway access along Dan-y-Bryn and other locations.

A resident expressed concern over the size the properties are going to be and how close the properties are going to be to her property. It was explained that some of the properties in Dan-y-Bryn have bedrooms on the ground floor and this may be an intrusion of privacy.

A resident explained that there is concern over the access points into some parts of the proposed development and the speed traffic travel along this part of the highway.

A member asked if the number of properties is fixed or can the numbers be amended to comply with the Local Development Plan (LDP). It was explained about affordable housing and any shared equity on the site. These figures are determined by the Housing Authority and the LDP.

A resident asked about the school intake. It was explained that the school are under maximum numbers at the moment. A question was raised about the site being in a green belt area and can this development be reconsidered in this location. It was explained that this site location is within the Brecon Beacons National Parks LDP which was adopted in December last year after a number of years in consultation.

Cllr Howard explained the Council should make an initial objection and the Council make a formal objection once the Council considers all paperwork relating to the application.

A resident explained that they have only recently moved to the area and this site was not recognised in any land search.

It was explained that this site has been debated in a number of consultations with the NPA during the LDP consultation since 2009. One member explained the developer should be making a considerable contribution to the community under a s106 agreement.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the public to leave

Members of the public left the meeting 8:07pm

The Council relocated to the Council Chamber for the remainder of the meeting

The Chairman reconvened the meeting 8:15pm:

A number of members were disappointed that the Director of Planning did not make members aware of the application when he attended the last Council meeting. Concern was also expressed about the size of the properties and how close some of the properties are to existing properties on Lancaster Drive and Broadmead. After some debate it was:

Resolved: to write to the Director of Planning expressing concern over the lack of consultation on this application and invite the Planning Officer to a public forum .

13/171 Agenda Item 4:- To confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on the **9th December** as an accurate record.

***Proposed:** by Cllr Cook seconded by Cllr Williams that the minutes are signed.
Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman.*

13/172 Agenda Item 5:- Matters to report.

Cllr Blackwell asked about the gateway signs and the response from MCC. The Clerk read out an email from the Highway Officer. Cllr Howard will contact the officer. After some debate it was:

***Resolved:** that the Clerk writes to the Highways Manager highlighting the Councils disappointment*

13/173 Agenda Item 6:-To confirm the minutes from the Sub Committee Meeting on the **6th January 2014** as an accurate record.

These minutes were moved to the next finance meeting

13/174 Agenda Item 7:- Matters to report.

N/A

13/175 Agenda Item 8:- Consider any planning applications received or granted before the meeting.

Applications:

- **13/10295/FUL:** Land at Cae Meldon, Gilwern.
The development proposal comprises of the construction of 92 residential units and associated works, including a new road, public open space and recreational space.

*This application was debated in the first part of the meeting. It was:
Proposed: that this application remains as an agenda item until further information is provided.*

***Proposed:** that members should attend a site meeting to familiarise themselves with the site.*

- **13/10260/FUL:** Plot 14, Ty Mawr Lane, Gilwern.
Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.

Offer no objection to this application

Granted:

13/10078/FUL: 4 Oakdene Way, Gilwern, replace existing dormer roof of dwelling.

Members noted the application.

Cllr Howard left the meeting 8.25pm

13/176 Agenda Item 9: To note income received and accounts to be paid.

Accounts to be paid not on Agenda:

Clerks salary & HMRC payment	
Caretakers and gate keepers Salaries	
Hope Church Victorian Market	£450.00
MCC Grass cutting Cycle track	£104.04
MCC rent 25 Dec to 24 th March 14	£62.50
Merlin Waste	£83.16
British Gas	£990.28
Blachere Illuminations	£1'260.60
Festive Lighting	£72.36
Clydach Village Hall "Hall Hire for A465"	£270.00
Newhall Janitorial services	£43.55
Dennis Walker Christmas trees	£514.00
Clydach AFC Grant payment	£375.00

Income received

Meter box (since Dec)	£8.60
Hall Hire (since Dec)	£69.00

Agreed to pay all the invoices

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

13/177 Agenda Item 10:- Correspondence received.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk Road Duelling. Pre-inquiry meeting.

The Clerk informed members of the pre-inquiry meeting on the 22nd January

2. Appointment of Chair. The Wales Tourism Advisory Board.
3. Words into Action, welsh language in Health, Social Services and Social Care Conference and Awards 2014.
4. Natural Resources management Bulletin.
5. A465 Heads of the Valleys Duelling Section 2 Gilwern to Brynmawr. Outline statement of the Welsh Government's principal submission to be put forward at the public local inquiry.

Brecon Beacons National Park:

6. Adoption of the Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development plan (LDP) 2007-2022
7. Fforest Fawr Geopark News
8. Action for tourism

Monmouthshire County Council:

9. Monmouthshire Budget Consultation 2014-2015
10. Better Bryn-y-Cwm, The whole place plan for Abergavenny and District
11. Review of communities and electoral arrangements, Draft Proposals Electoral Register 2014.

The Clerk informed members about the meeting the Council has been invited to on the 27th January in County Hall at 6pm.

12. Dads Can? Help line

Other:

13. Building Communities
14. Western Power. Invitation to stakeholder workshop 12th February
15. Ombudsman Annual Report 2012/13
16. GAVO, Newsletter
17. TV location need!!
18. Eon new rates
19. Declaration of interests by members who are County Councillors

The Clerk read an email from the monitoring officer from MCC regarding County Councillors voting on the devolution of services

20. One Voice Wales. Partnership with Community and Town Councils. Memorandum of Understanding
21. Buckingham Place garden Parties. 21st May 3rd and 10th of June
22. Meet the PCC in open question and answers. January 13th Chepstow and 28th in Newbridge
23. One Voice Wales training programme
24. Gilwern Welfare Hall-Thank you letter.
25. Contract for Hire of equipment-Blachere

Agreed: to sign this agreement

Email received

26. Cllr Kemp Re: footpath on the Canal.

Cllr Kemp explained that he had received a further letter regarding the access on the tow path adjacent to the viaduct on the canal. After some debate it was:

Resolved: to invite the NPA Rights of Way Officer to attend a meeting.

13/178 Agenda Item 11:- Reports from the Clerk.

No further items to report.

13/179 Agenda Item 12:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Williams informed members that the Welfare Hall held its ordinary meeting and agreed to replace the fire doors.

Cllr Howarth explained that he with other Community Councillors met with officers from MCC regarding the information from the FOI request. It was identified that some of the figures identified in that documentation related to the Welfare Hall at Llanelly Hill. He also explained the group has obtained a breakdown of the schedule of works on the Community Education Centre (CEC). He explained that he and Cllr Howard would consider holding a further meeting to update residents.

The Chairman gave members an update on the discussion relating to the library and the Community Education Centre. He explained that some of the utilities are high and an explanation has been asked for before proceeding.

Cllr Howarth asked if the information received from MCC relating to this building has been forwarded to all members. The Chairman explained that members had not received copies to date.

Cllr Carrington asked about the repairs and the content of asbestos in buildings of this type. He also expressed concern over the figures released by MCC under the FOI request. He explained that he has contacted MCC again to ask to confirm if the figures submitted are correct and confirmation was received. Cllr Howarth explained that the officers have explained budget headings have been identified relating to every building.

A member asked about the s106 monies from Ty-Mawr which could be used for the CEC.

Cllr Howarth explained that there is a car abandoned in the car park in Gilwern and the authorities will be moving it shortly.

Cllr Blackwell explained that the donation from the Father Christmas collection amounted to £132.06. It was:

Resolved: that the monies are rounded up to £200.00 and a contribution is given to Gilwern School and the Brynmawr partnership (£100 each)

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth seconded by Cllr Blackwell

All members agreed

13/180 Agenda Item 13:- Reports from members of the County Council.

No further matters

13/181 The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed by _____
Cllr Brian Kemp

Date 10th February 2014