

Llanelly Community Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Monday 10th November 2014 at the Gilwern Community
Centre at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr Kay Blackwell
Cllr Malcolm Cook
Cllr Lynne Elliott
Cllr Simon Howarth
Cllr Paul Downes

Cllr Brian Kemp(Chairman)
Cllr Val Jones
Cllr J Jones
Cllr David McCloy
Cllr Trevor Williams

14/357 In attendance

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

14/358 Agenda Item 1:-Apologies received from.

Cllr's Anthony Carrington, Due to a family bereavement. Archie Thomas and Phillip Salter

It was: proposed that a letter of condolence is sent to Cllr Carrington.

14/359 Agenda Item 2:-Declaration of interest.

No declarations were offered

14/360 Agenda Item 3:- Items 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 points made or considered.

14/361 Agenda Item 4:-To confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on the 13th October 2014 as an accurate record.

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

Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman.

14/362 Agenda Item 5:- Matters to report

Cllr Williams gave members a verbal report in relation to minute 14/332. He explained that twelve of the lighting units are complete and it is expected that the lights ~~will start to~~ will be erected the week of December.

The chairman thanked those members who have been involved in the repair work this year.

One member asked about minute 14/333. The Clerk explained that the drainage has been blocked twice since the Council become tenants of the building. He explained the drainage has back fall or in some parts the drainage is level. After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth and seconded by Cllr Blackwell the Clerk contacts MCC and ask for the drainage to be surveyed and a report made.

14/363 Agenda Item 6:- To confirm the minutes from the Finance Meeting on the 20th October 2014 as an accurate record.

Cllr Blackwell raised a point of accuracy. The agenda is published on the notice boards and on-line via the website and the minute should reflect this. It was also explained that the County Council agendas and the minutes are published on line. The Clerk explained that it states the agenda should be published in a conspicuous place in the community. It was:

Proposed: that the Council's standing orders are amended to reflect the agenda will be published in this manner.

Cllr Blackwell stated the Council has lost the formality of the Council chamber since moving, and she asked the Chairman if any member wishes to have their point recorded it should be proposed in a formal way so the Clerk can record it.

There was some debate over the minutes and after consideration it was:

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

Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman.

14/364 Agenda Item 7:- Matters to report

Cllr Kemp explained that the second paragraph in minute 14/347 should have read "should make a grant available to the management committee"

Members expressed concern over the naming of the new development and the signs been erected on the approach roads. Concern was expressed the developers placing undue pressure on the County Council in relation to the name of the development. After some debate it was:

Resolved: to write to the street naming officer expressing concern.

Cllr Jones raised a point about the names on the war memorial. It was sad news with the passing of Mr Brian Moss and the commitment he gave to the community. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the family.

14/365 Agenda Item 8:- To confirm the notes from the Gilwern Community Centre Subcommittee Meeting on the 28th October 2014 as an accurate record.

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

Resolved: the minutes are signed by the Chairman.

14/366 Agenda Item 9:- Matters to report

The Clerk along with Cllr Blackwell gave members a verbal report on the group meeting. It was explained that an open day will be held on the 22nd November between 10.30am and 1.30pm. A full set of minutes will be available at the next meeting. Cllr Blackwell explained that she has compiled a press release for the Abergavenny Chronicle.

There was some debate over the usage and the footfall through the building. It was explained that a number of groups and classes are not contributing to the running of the centre. After some debate it was:

Agreed: the Chairman will visit the classes in the centre.

Cllr Blackwell asked for this item to be minute.

She explained that all users of the centre should be making a contribution to the running of the centre. If a group is in the centre they are using the utilities and that is a cost to the Community Council. There was some debate over the other users who use the library making a contribution. It was explained that the mother and toddlers group on a Tuesday is in partnership with the library service.

One member asked which days the Welsh conversation class use the centre; a Monday morning and a Thursday evening.

The Clerk explained that this group completed a booking form with Coleg Gwent. He also explained that this group was an existing user when the Community Council became tenants of the centre from MCC. Concern was expressed about groups using the building when they don't have a hire agreement. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *that the Chairman will meet the groups.*

14/367 Agenda Item 10:- Consider any planning applications received or granted before the meeting.

Cllr Howarth asked about a Planning Application in Clydach which has been on the NPA register for a number of weeks. The Clerk to contact the NPA.

- **14/11460/FUL:** Land off Abergavenny Road, Gilwern. Siting of a temporary (6 months) sale cabin, generator and signage within the red line boundary of the recently approved 13/10295/FUL permission

After some debate on this application it was:

Resolved: *to object on highway safety*

- **14/11362/ADV:** Gilwern Car park and Picnic area. 2 New interpretation panels along the towpath of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal within the Llanelly Community.

The Clerk explained to members this application relates to the interpretation boards members agreed to support, in partnership with MCC and the Canal and Rivers Trust. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *to offer no objection.*

- **14/11485/FUL:** Greenlands, Hiley Avenue, Gilwern. The insertion of a dormer on the front of the property.
- **14/11503/FUL:** Lilac Cottage, Govilon. Proposed side kitchen extension.

No objection was made to the remaining applications

Applications Approved:

- **14/11194/FUL** High head micro hydro scheme. Land near Haford Road.
- **14/11167/FUL:** 3 Penallt Estate, Llanelly Hill
- **14/10995/LBC:** Listed Building Consent, Brookwood Cottage 6 Forge Row Gilwern

- **14/11239/FUL:** The Ranch, Ty Gwyn Road, Gilwern.
- **14/11107/FUL:** Willowden, Forge Row, Maesygartha.
- **13/10295/FUL:** Land at Cae Meldon, Gilwern. 92 residential units.

Members noted the above approvals

14/368 Agenda item 11:- Correspondence received.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. Children's Commissioner for Wales
2. Trunk Road Speed limit Review

The Clerk handed copies to all members so they are able to make any observations

Brecon Beacons National Park:

3. **ENF/14/01377/OD** 12 Brynglas, Gilwern

The clerk read a letter from the NPA regarding this enforcement. After some debate it was:

Proposed: *that a letter is sent to the CEO of the NPA expressing the Council's dissatisfaction.*

Correspondence received:

4. Abergavenny Places of Inspiration
5. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales
6. TV Licensing
7. Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod
8. Monmouthshire Eisteddfod
9. Welsh Water Notification

The Clerk informed members of a report from Welsh Water regarding a water meter and the suggestion on a water leak.

10. Children with Cancer
11. Allied Westminster
12. Nick Ramsay AM

Invite Mr Ramsay to the February meeting.

The Clerk informed members that the MP has hired the centre and will be holding a public consultation meeting on the 29th November.

13. Grant Application from Local Arts Group

It was agreed: that the Council would support the hire cost of the building. All members agreed.

14. Consumer Council for Water Wales Committee
15. Access for All Forum

Monmouthshire County Council:

16. None

Emails:

17. Estimate for the gateway signs

The Clerk explained that the Council had received estimates to erect the gateway signs. It was:

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth that the lowest estimate is accepted.

- 18. MCC Public Rights of Way Officer
- 19. Inspector Sarah Taylor
- 20. Welsh Government Consultation on Gypsy & Traveller site
- 21. Review of Designated Landscape in Wales
- 22. BBNP Local Government Plan (Consultation on Draft Supplement Planning Guidance Notes).
- 23. Appointment of Lay & Legal Members to the Welsh Language Tribunal
- 24. Email from a local resident relating to a caravan located at Blackrock quarry

The Clerk explained the Council received an email of complaint about this caravan located at the old Quarry at Blackrock. Members considered this correspondence and after some debate it was:

Proposed: that the clerk writes to MCC environmental department expressing concern over this matter.

All the correspondence was available for inspection by members

14/369 Agenda item 12:- To note Income & Expenditure.

Clerks salary & HMRC payment	
Newhall Janitorial	£126.02
Welsh Water 14 th Aug to 14 Oct	£161.96
BNP Paribas	£139.20
Clydach AFC Grant	£375.00
Vertex Dog waste bins	£1,431.84
Festive lighting	£391.20
Royal British Legion	£68.00
SET Office supplies	£180.00
Merlin Waste 10 th & 24 th Nov	£122.00
Office relocation August and Sept 62 hrs	
Income	
Hall hire	£492.00

Proposed: by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr S Howarth the above invoices are paid.

Proposed: by Cllr Howarth that the Council obtain a trolley for storing tables. After some debate it was: Resolved the Clerk obtain a trolley.

All the invoices were available for inspection by members.

14/370 Agenda item 14:- Reports from the Clerk.

The Clerk gave members a verbal report on the proposed cycle track to be located at Ty-Mawr outward bound centre. He explained that he is led to believe that the proposed development is not going to be taken forward due to restraints by the NPA planning department in view of the

dark skies project.

Cllr Howarth explained the s106 monies have been transferred to MCC in relation to the development of Ty-Mawr.

There was some concern over the continued use of Ty-Mawr outward bound centre and the partnership working with other Councils. There was some debate over the use of material that will be surplus from the construction of the dualling of the A465.

After some debate it was:

Proposed: that the Clerk contacts Mrs Kellie Beirne is Chief Officer for Regeneration and Culture in relation to this matter.

14/371 Agenda Item 15:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

There was some debate over the running costs of the Welfare Hall at Llanelly Hill.

It was proposed by Cllr Howarth seconded by Cllr Blackwell:

To exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 24 of part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

See appendix attached:

It was proposed: by Cllr Howarth seconded by Cllr Blackwell, the Council returns to an open meeting and the press and public are invited back to the meeting.

14/372 Agenda Item 16:- Reports from members of the County Council.

Cllr Howarth explained that a public meeting will be held in Clydach village hall relating to the long term lease the trustees are considering with the main contractors of the A465 dualling. The meeting will be held on the 14th November at 6.30 pm in the village hall.

He also explained that Gilwern village hall committee will be holding a special meeting on the 17th November.

14/373 The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.47pm

Signed by _____

Cllr

Date 8th December 2014.

Items underlined were amended in the meeting 13th October