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## **Minutes of Meeting of the Council held at the Community Centre, Heol Las, North Cornelly, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Present:**      **Chair:**            Cllr Mrs S M Bennett (Chair)  
                         **Members:**       Cllrs Mrs M Bevan, Miss L Davies, Mr R M Granville, Mrs M  
   Marke & Mr J H Tildesley MBE  
                         **Clerk:**                Ms D Evans

### **ITEM**

#### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Mrs D Spanswick, Mr L Rose & Mr D Wilson

The Chair wished Cllr Spanswick a speedy recovery from her recent illness on behalf of members.

Cllr Marke Moved and Cllr Bevan Seconded that the Clerk send flowers to Cllr Spanswick on behalf of the Council.

**RESOLVED : The Clerk to arrange purchase and delivery of flowers for Cllr Spanswick.**

#### **2. Update from South Wales Police**

Sgt Bevan and PCSO Matthewman provided members with an overview of policing in Cornelly over the past few months. Overall the instances of crime within the village have been pretty low; however there has been a spate of theft from vans. Members were asked to highlight, where possible, that residents should be vigilant and ensure vans, especially those containing work equipment, are kept locked.

Scramblers are an ongoing problem, this is being monitored.

Use of the yellow youth building on Gibbons Way now that it is owned by CADTT and Mark Holmes has been employed by KPC to coordinate youth services.

**RESOLVED : information relating to van thefts will be included in the Community Council's Easter Newsletter.**

The Chair thanked Sgt Bevan and PCSO Matthewman for the information provided.

#### **3. Questions / Observations from the Public**

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no notifications received from members of the public wishing to speak at this meeting.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **ACTION**

## **5.To approve as a correct record thereof the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

The Chair made the following statement:

In accordance with item 15a of the Standing Orders adopted by Cornelly Community Council on 13th May 2009, the minutes '*having been circulated to each member not later than the day of issue of the summons to attend this meeting*', are taken as read. Therefore as stated in item 28 of the said Standing Orders '*no discussion of the minutes shall take place, except upon their accuracy*'. Are members in agreement with the accuracy of the draft minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Cllr Tildesley Proposed and Cllr Marke Seconded the minutes be agreed.

## **6. Matters arising from the Minutes at item 4 above**

### **6.1 On item 5.1 – Adrian Morgan, CADDT – Partnership in Grant Funding Application**

This item is included in 'correspondence' – invitation from CADDT to Partnership meeting.

### **6.2 On item 5.2 – NHS Dental Surgery in Cornelly**

The Clerk informed members there was still no response to two letters sent to Abertawe Health Authority. However, Madeleine Moon MP's office had telephoned the Clerk enquiring about progress and they had advised writing to the Chief Executive of Abertawe Health Authority with copies of the correspondence previously sent.

### **6.3 On item 5.7 – Rental Rates for Clerk's Room at Community Centre**

The Chair stated that the Finance Committee had not yet met. Members agreed the meeting should take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr Granville said he did not think Cllr Tildesley should sit on the Finance Committee as information regarding BCBC's cut to service provision would be discussed and Cllr Tildesley is a member of BCBC. Cllr Tildesley said he had discussed this matter with the Monitoring Officer at BCBC and there is no conflict of interest, therefore no reason why he cannot sit on the Finance Committee.

### **6.4 On item 7.9 – Fire Risk Assessment at Public Hall**

The Clerk stated that Saint David's Fire had carried out the Assessment and their report and invoice are included in 'Correspondence'.

### **6.5 On item 7.14 – Reforming Local Government Power to Local People Consultation**

Members asked that the Clerk agenda this item to be discussed after the meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **6.6 On item 11.1 – 'Welcome to Cornelly' signs**

Members asked that this item be included in the discussions of the Finance Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **6.7 On item 11.3 – Dropped Kerbs**

Members asked that this item be included in the discussions of the Finance Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## **7. Accounts Payable and Financial Update**

**Cllr Marke Proposed and Cllr Bevan Seconded that all accounts be paid.**

The Clerk gave a Financial update and the following accounts payable were approved:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ross Computing – PC Repair	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 15	1391	235.20
Clerk's Salary – Feb 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 15	1392	1014.53
Andrew Allen Boiler Service Public Hall	11 <sup>th</sup> March 15	1393	50.00

Estimated Accounts Payable at March 2015

- Clerk's Salary (March) £1,014
- Clerk's Tax & NI (March) - £179

- Clerk's Telephone £30.00
- Internet at Community Centre - £20.00
- North Cornelly Comm Assoc Room Hire - £21.25

## **8. Correspondence**

### **8.1 Mr D Thomas – Rubbish & detritus - M4 Flyover/B4283 North Cornelly / Fly tipping & Subsidence at Heol Broom**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed the problems raised. The Clerk was asked to request an update from the Highways department at BCBC.

### **8.2 BCBC – Democratic Diversity**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed the email, report and suggested recommendations. Members were in favour of the initiative, but they would like to await further information regarding the implementation of the plan before taking any further action.

**Resolved : note the content of the report and agree the additional recommendations in principle.**

### **8.3 Communities First – Various**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.4 Natural Resources Wales – Invitation for application to become Board members**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.5 BCBC – Community Council Governor Vacancy, Afon y Felin Primary School**

Members discussed this request.

**RESOLVED : Cllr Tildesley nominated to represent this Council as Governor at Afon y Felin Primary School.**

### **8.6 Rob Murray – Invitation to Cornelly Scout Group AGM**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllrs Tildesley and Davies will attend.

### **8.7 Saint David's Fire & Security Ltd – Report & Invoice re Risk Assessment at Public Hall**

The Clerk gave details of the report and invoice. Cllr Granville Moved and Cllr Tildesley Seconded payment of this invoice.

**RESOLVED : Report be noted and invoice be paid.**

### **8.8 Mr Colin Breeze – various correspondence relating to Road Adoption and litter bins on Redrow site**

Cllr Tildesley gave an update on the issues referred to by Mr Breeze. Cllr Tildesley spoke about a group of volunteers that he is coordinating to pick up litter in the village on weekends. He said anyone is welcome to join this group.

### **8.9 Mr John Jones – Tai Chi Lesson**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.10 Kidney Wales Foundation – Information relating to Walk for Life 2015**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.11 Tidal Lagoon Power – Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay Newsletter February 2015**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.12 One Voice Wales - Various**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.13 Adrian Morgan, CADDT – Invitation to Cornelly & District Partnership Meeting**

The Chair stated that she and the Clerk would be attending this meeting.

### **8.14 The Pensions Regulator – Law on Workplace Pensions**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed.

**RESOLVED : The payroll providers for this Council (Sentinel) should be asked to take this matter forward on behalf of the Council.**

### **8.15 Mr Colin Breeze – Queries relating to rise in precept for 2015-16**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr Tildesley said he had written and spoken to Mr Breeze explaining the reasons for the rise and Mr Breeze had written again to the Clerk asking that she pass on his support regarding the increased precept.

### **8.16 Mr D Morgan – Problems at Ty Draw Lane**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk should pass these complaints onto BCBC.**

### **8.17 Wales in Bloom Campaign**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.18 Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council - Newsletter**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted. Cllr Marke was provided with a copy of the Newsletter.

### **8.19 Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee – Charity Gala Dinner**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

### **8.20 Porthcawl Town Council – Photography Competition**

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted and asked that the information be displayed on the notice board at the Community Centre.

### **8.21 P J Landscapes – Invoice re Footpaths pre-cut**

The Clerk gave details of this invoice. Cllr Marke Moved and Cllr Granville Seconded that the invoice be paid.

**RESOLVED: Invoice to be paid.**

## **9. Hanging Baskets**

The Chair gave an overview to members of a visit to Boverton Nurseries she and the Clerk had made, as instructed by this Council. The Clerk provided members with the quote received from Boverton Nurseries for filling 80 baskets and reiterated the quote and information received from Merthyr Borough Council for 80 self watering hanging baskets, as discussed at the January meeting of this Council. Members discussed this matter. The Chair asked that a vote be taken regarding the purchase of 80 self watering hanging baskets from Merthyr Borough Council and subsequent filling of them by Boverton Nurseries. The result of that vote:

**FOR:** Cllrs Marke, Tildesley, Bevan and Bennett

**ABSTAINED:** Cllrs Granville & Davies

**RESOLVED: 80 Self Watering Hanging Baskets be purchased from Merthyr Borough Council. Baskets to be filled by Boverton Nurseries.**

## **10. April Newsletter**

The Clerk passed members Draft copy of the April Newsletter. Members discussed and asked that the information relating to the Post Office move be replaced with the information provided by the PCSO's earlier at this meeting regarding thefts from vans.

## **11. Consideration of Draft Standing Orders**

The Clerk said that at the February meeting she had provided members with Model Standing Orders and asked that they peruse them with a view to compiling draft Standing Orders at this meeting. Members were asked for details of any amendments / additions they wished to make to the current Standing Orders to allow the Clerk to have them completed by May for adoption at the AGM. Members discussed the updating of current Standing Orders. Members did not wish to amend/update the Standing Orders adopted by this Council on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Cllr Tildesley Moved and Cllr Marke Seconded that there should be no amendments to the Standing Orders adopted by this Council on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009, at this time.

**RESOLVED: No changes to Standing Orders currently in use at the AGM scheduled for May 2015.**

## 12. Footpath & Allotments Report

The Clerk provided details of a lock she had sourced to replace the one presently in use at Maudlam Allotments. Members discussed the proposed Lock and agreed that the Clerk should purchase the lock and 36 keys as described.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to purchase replacement lock and keys from Safe Options.**

## 13. Members' Reports

**13.1** Cllr Tildesley said he had been contacted by two residents who have recently moved to the village, who are concerned at the decor and general appearance of the waiting room at the Surgery on Heol Fach. He said he is meeting with the Practice Manager at the Surgery on Monday and he will report further on this matter at the next meeting.

*Cllr Tildesley left the meeting at this point.*

## 14. Planning Applications:

- Application No. P/15/135/FUL – Residential Development of 43 Dwellings – Land at Ty Draw Farm, Pyle (**previously passed to members by e-mail**). Members discussed this application, which referred to design alterations to 43 dwellings which were previously approved.  
**Members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.**
- Application No. P/15/128/FUL – Erect Two Storey Building for Holiday Accommodation with Associated Landscaping, Access & Services – Ty Tanglwst Farm (**previously passed to members by e-mail**). Members discussed this application. The following concerns were expressed.
  - i)The proposed building would be an intrusion into the countryside.
  - ii)The design is not in keeping with the existing holiday cottages on site and the proposed building would lend itself easily to conversion into a single house dwelling, therefore changing the criteria of the current Planning Application.
  - iii)If permission is given for this application, members felt it should be with the condition that the property cannot be converted from a holiday cottage, which is the basis of the current application, into a residential dwelling.

**RESOLVED : The Clerk should submit concerns as detailed above.**

The Clerk gave details of Decided Applications between 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

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Chair's Signature