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Minutes of Meeting of the Council held at the Community Centre, Heol Las, North Cornelly, on 21st January 2015

Present: **Chair:** Cllr Mrs S M Bennett (Chair)
 Members: Cllrs Mrs M Marke, Mr B L Rose & Mrs D Spanswick,
 Clerk: Ms D Evans

ITEM

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Mrs M Bevan, Miss L Davies, Mr R M Granville, Mr J H Tildesley MBE & Mr D Wilson

2. Questions / Observations from the Public

The Chair said that following the meeting held on 19th November 2014, when Mr Martin was unable to address members as Mr Horton had used the 10 minutes allocated for public speaking, the Clerk was asked to publicise, via the December Newsletter and the Council Website, a request that members of the public who wish to speak at meetings contact her. This procedure would then allow equality in allocation of time for the public to address members. The Clerk confirmed no requests to address the Council had been received. Cllr Marke said that she is aware the Newsletter is delivered with the 'Seaside News', but she did not receive a copy of it, she therefore wished the information to be repeated in the next Newsletter. All other members had received their copy of the December Newsletter. Mr Martin said he concurs with the views expressed by Cllr Marke and he is not aware of any information regarding the right to speak, the last information he had, was that notice could be given to Cllrs, and he would like to speak on a particular subject related to the minutes. The Chair said there had been no notification to Cllrs or the Clerk of a wish to speak at this meeting and the Agenda had not therefore been structured to accommodate public speaking.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. To approve as a correct record thereof the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th November 2014

The Chair invited members to agree the minutes as a true and fair record of the meeting. Cllr Marke Proposed and Cllr Spanswick Seconded the minutes be agreed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes at item 4 above

5.1 On item 5.2 – Double parking on Meadow Street

Cllr Rose reported on ongoing problems.

5.2 On item 5.4 – New kitchen at Community Centre

The Chair said that she and the Clerk had attended the Luncheon Club's Christmas Lunch and it was an excellent event, with delicious food.

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5.3 On item 5.6 – Subsidence near Mega Save Shop, Heol Llan

The Clerk passed on information provided by Cllr Wilson regarding this matter. Members discussed and asked that the Clerk write further to BCBC requesting the area be revisited.

5.4 On item 5.7 – Adrian Morgan, CADDT – Partnership in Grant Funding Application

The Chair said she has yet to meet with Adrian Morgan regarding this item.

5.5 On item 5.10 – NHS Dental Surgery in Cornelly

The Clerk stated no further response had been received to the letter written by this Council. Members discussed and agreed the Clerk should write again to the relevant agencies requesting a response.

5.6 On item 7.1 – Mr N Jones – Community Recycling for Charity

The Clerk stated that this Recycling container has now been placed in the car park at the Community Centre. A 'thank you' letter from Mr Jones is included in 'Correspondence'.

5.7 On item 7.4 Planning Department – Notification of Planning Decisions

The Clerk asked for clarification on this matter. It was agreed the Clerk should report on all decisions on which this Council has commented.

5.8 On item 7.9 – Post Office – Proposed Move to New Premises / Branch Modernisation

A response to the submission to the consultation discussed at the November 2014 meeting is included in 'Correspondence'.

5.9 On item 7.10 – CADDT – Invitation to Launch of new Centre of Rural Enterprise

The Chair said she and the Clerk had attended this event and she gave an overview of it.

5.10 On item 7.12 – Disabled Access Bus Shelter

The Clerk stated she had no further information on this item. Clerk was asked to chase this up.

Chair requested that members of the public please be quiet and not continue to hold a conversation at the back of the room. Mr Horton responded by saying "we wouldn't be talking if we could hear you, we can't hear you, you should speak up".

6. Cllr Marke Proposed and Cllr Spanswick Seconded that all accounts be paid.

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

Payee	Date	Chq No.	Amount
Saint David's Fire – Rewiring at Public Hall	18 th Nov 14	1376	1,000.00
Clerk's Telephone – Aug to Oct 14	18 th Nov 14	1377	91.67
Viking – Printer Ink	26 th Nov 14	1378	260.30
Commercial Print Wales - Newsletter	27 th Nov 14	1379	235.00
Seaside News – Newsletter Delivery	27 th Nov 14	1380	144.00
The Poppy Appeal – Remembrance Wreath	27 th Nov 14	1381	25.00
Clerk's Salary – November 14	2 nd Dec 14	1382	1,014.33
Smith of Derby – Maudlam Church Clock	2 nd Dec 14	1383	218.40
Clerk's Salary – December 2014	2 nd Jan 14	1384	1014.53
Clerk's Tax & NIC – Nov 14	13 th Jan 14	1385	179.56
BT – Internet at Community Centre	13 th Jan 14	1386	60.00
McAfee Internet Security	13 th Jan 14	1387	59.99
Clerk's Tax & NIC – Dec 14	13 th Jan 14	1388	179.36
Postage – March 13 to Jan 15	13 th Jan 14	1389	15.55

Estimated Accounts Payable at February 2015

- Clerk's Salary (Jan) £1,014
- Clerk's Tax & NI (Jan) - £179
- Clerk's Telephone £30.00
- Internet at Community Centre - £20.00
- North Cornelly Comm Assoc Room Hire - £17.50

7. Correspondence

7.1 Mrs H Kavanagh – Deterioration in appearance of streets in Cornelly / Redundant Telephone Box on Heol Las

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed these matters. The Clerk was asked to inform Mrs Kavanagh that this Council is currently in discussion with the Borough Council regarding street cleaning and litter. With regard the telephone box, the Clerk was asked to make enquires with BT.

7.2 BCBC: Prevention & Wellbeing Strategy / Walking Football / Fund for Town & Community Council Projects

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.3 Mr N Jones – Textile Recycling for Charity

The Clerk gave details of this letter of thanks to members for their help with the siting of the recycling container. Members noted.

7.4 BAVO – Autumn Newsletter / Annual Impact Report 2013-14

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.5 Mr J Hardman – Grant Requests

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.6 Mr D Thomas – Missing Bridle path gate at Heol Broom / Blocked Drain on corner of Heol Fach / Heol Las

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.7 Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council Newsletter

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.8 Mr Pritchard / PCSO L Thomas – Parking Concerns at Heol Dylan

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.9 Post Office – Changes to Cornelly Post Office

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed.

7.10 Hywel Matthews – Donation Request

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Matthews that this Council had already made a donation to the 'Touched by Cancer' fund.

7.11 V2C – Proposal to provide Parking Area at Gibbons Way

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.12 Bridgend Community Transport – Invitation to Launch of 'Wheels to Work'

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.13 Royal Welsh Comrades Association – Request for funds

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr Rose said he did not think this Council should be making any donations until they know how much money will be required to take forward the necessary services they have agreed to assist BCBC with. Cllr Rose Proposed and Cllr Spanswick Seconded that no future donation/grant requests be considered by this Council until such time as the information relating to services is received.

7.14 Countryside Access Management Ltd – BCBC Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Application for Modification Order

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed. The Clerk was asked to check whether there had been any changes to the definitive map and respond accordingly.

7.15 Bridgend Communities First – One Stop Shop

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.16 Port Talbot Power – Application by Tata Steel UK Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for Internal Power Generation Enhancement for Port Talbot Steelworks

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.17 The Planning Inspectorate / Brian Davies – Devon View Garage Appeal Decision

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.18 Mr M Horton – Request to meet with Chair and Clerk

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllr Rose Proposed that the meeting Mr Horton has requested take place. He said this would be in the interest of openness and transparency. The Chair said advice has been taken on this request and there is no requirement for such a meeting to be held. Cllr Rose said advice may have been taken, but it is the Cllrs who make the decisions and he thinks it would be beneficial for a meeting to take place. The Chair asked Cllr Rose whether he was suggesting that this Council is not open and transparent? She said she felt

neither herself nor the Clerk should be put in a position they were not comfortable with. Cllr Rose said this is one way of resolving things. The Chair asked Cllr Rose whether he had assurances that if a meeting were to be held the matter would be resolved. Cllr Rose said as far as he know it would have to be resolved and if it was not then the Chair would have every right to ban the person involved from meetings, but he would rather see the matter resolved. Cllr Marke said she has to agree with the Chair, meetings have been getting more and more argumentative. She said she did not see why a meeting should be held with a member of the public just because he requests it and she does not agree with Cllr Rose on this matter. Cllr Marke said there has been too much talk coming from the members of the public during meetings and it must be remembered the 10 minutes for public comments at the start of the meetings is at the Chairs discretion and not compulsory. The public have been asked to notify the Clerk in advance if they wish to speak at a meeting in order to allow the Chair to allocate the necessary time fairly, especially if there is a lot of business to be conducted. The Chair asked members whether they agreed with Cllr Rose. Cllr Marke said "No, I do not" and went on to say that meetings have been getting absolutely dreadful and the arguments that have been happening are not fair to the Chair or the Clerk. Cllr Spanswick said she agrees with Cllr Marke and she also feels that if the Chair and the Clerk do not feel comfortable meeting with Mr Horton then they should not have to. Cllr Marke and Cllr Spanswick said they supported the Chair in refusing this request.

7.19 BCBC – Subsidence near Mega Save Shop, Heol Llan

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. As discussed at 5.4 above.

7.20 PCSO Couch – PACT meeting on 22nd January 2015

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.21 Bridgend Carers Centre - Newsletter

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.22 Community Companions - Events

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.23 Mr M Martin – Request for Standing Orders

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence requesting confirmation that the Standing Orders adopted by Cornelly Community Council on 20th May 2003 were still in force. She stated that she had forwarded Mr Martin a copy of the current Standing Orders adopted by Cornelly Community Council on 13th May 2009. Cllr Rose said the 2009 Standing Orders differed to those adopted in 2003 and he Proposed that they be revisited to ensure they are still up to date, Cllr Marke Seconded this proposal. It was agreed the Clerk will present draft Standing Orders at the February meeting.

7.24 Smith of Derby – Service Information

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed and noted.

7.25 Groundwork Wales – Briefing Statement

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.26 One Voice Wales - Various

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed and noted.

7.27 BAVO – Sainsburys Grant Fund

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

7.28 Mr D Thomas x 2

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed and noted.

7.29 Learner Support Services BCBC – Community Council Governor Vacancy at Afon y Felin

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members asked that this item be included in the February meeting.

7.30 BCBC – Community Asset Transfer Scoping Meeting

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The Chair spoke about her understanding of Community Asset Transfer. It was agreed the Chair, Cllr Marke and Cllr Spanswick should attend this meeting.

7.31 Cornelly United FC – Information on and Thanks for Grant toward improvements at Meadow Street Playing Fields

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The members were very pleased to receive the letter and the Clerk was asked to copy it and display it on the notice board at the Community Centre.

7.32 BCBC – Provision of Services

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed and it was agreed the Chair, Cllr Marke, Cllr Spanswick and the Clerk should attend a meeting with BCBC to discuss this matter. The Chair said it is important that things move forward quickly with regard provision of services throughout the village, especially with regard a School Crossing Patrol at Afon y Felin as this is an extremely dangerous stretch of road for children crossing.

7.33 BCBC – Salting Routes

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

8. Draft Budget – 2015/16

The Clerk gave an overview of BCBC Budget Workshop, as detailed in the minutes of 19th November 2014, attended by herself, the Chair and Cllr Spanswick on behalf of this Council. The Chair said the information provided at this Workshop was as discussed at the November meeting and that the RESOLUTION passed at that meeting, to request a precept of £85K for the financial year 2015-16, would ensure that this Council will be in a position to provide services that BCBC will no longer be providing.

The Clerk stated that a request had been made to BCBC to provide costings for the services it was anticipated this Council could provide, but to date these had not been received. Until these costings are received the Clerk is not in a position to provide members with a Draft Budget for 2015-16. This item will be brought to the February meeting.

9. Footpaths & Allotments Report

The Clerk gave a report on Footpaths and Allotments.

10. Christmas Lights 2015

Provision of Christmas lights in 2015 was discussed. Cllr Rose Proposed and Cllr Marke Seconded that no decisions should be made on the provision of replacement lights until the Draft Budget for 2015-16 has been presented. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with BCBC regarding the cost of repairs for any of the existing lights that are found to be faulty.

11. Hanging Baskets 2015

The Clerk gave details of emails received from Boverton Nurseries and Merthyr Tydfil County Council regarding provision and filling of baskets. Members discussed this matter and asked that the Clerk make further enquires regarding these emails.

12. Members' Reports

12.1 Cllr Marke gave her thoughts on rental rates for the Clerk's room at the Community Centre. It was agreed no decision should be made on this matter until after the meeting discussed above at item 7.30 relating to Community Asset Transfer. This item will be discussed further at the February meeting.

12.2 The Clerk gave information received from Cllr Wilson regarding a request to provide permanent fencing in the area of the Christmas Tree. The fencing used for Christmas 2014 was temporary and not adequate. Someone did get over it and damage the tree. This matter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to obtain costings for such fencing.

13. Planning Applications:

- Application No. P/14/829/FUL – Internal Alterations and Change of Use from Mixed Use (Dwelling and Music Studio) to House of Multiple Occupancy – The Three Horseshoes, South Cornelly (**previously passed to members by e-mail**). Members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.
- Application No. P/14/519/OUT – Outline Application for 1 Dwelling with Access Driveway – Land at Porthcawl Road (South 18 Curwen Terrace) North Cornelly (**previously passed to members by e-mail**). Members discussed this application. The Clerk was asked to resubmit comments that were submitted some years ago relating to an earlier application for this land, as members felt the issues identified then were still applicable.

- Application No. P/14/802/FUL – Installation of ATM to Front Glazing of Shop – 61 Heol Fach, North Cornelly **(previously passed to members by e-mail)**.
Members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.
- Application No. P/14/41/ADV – Illuminated Advertising Collar around a Proposed ATM – 61 Heol Fach, North Cornelly **(previously passed to members by e-mail)**.
Members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.

Permission for Development Application

- None.

Refusal of Development Application

- None.

Chair's Signature