

CYNGOR TREF TREFDRAETH/NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 30.06.2008
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT.

PRESENT: Cllr. Paul Harries (Chairman) Cllrs. Byron James,
Soo Hutchinson, Dai Webb, John Rowe Lewis and
Robert Vaughan,
County Cllr. Robin Evans.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Daron Paish and James Davies.

3305 MINUTES

The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on the 19th May 2008 having been previously distributed and read were agreed as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr. Dai Webb and seconded by Cllr. Byron James.

3306 MATTERS ARISING

Management of Carningli: Cllrs. John Rowe Lewis and Robert Vaughan declared a pecuniary interest in this matter. The Chairman read a report of a meeting held on the 14th May last, and said the Graziers no longer wished to participate in future discussions etc. A recently received e-mail from Catrin Ellis Jones (the Facilitator) was also read to the Meeting. It was generally felt that there was a lack of public knowledge about Carningli and that a leaflet on this subject would be of benefit to all concerned, and that the National Park and C.C.W. should contribute finance for the leaflet. It was unanimously agreed to discuss this matter further at the July Meeting.

Maintenance of the commemorative Welsh Oak tree in the Square and Parc y Plant trees has still to be reported, and will be on the July Agenda.

The Clerk had written to our Solicitor about responsibility for Cwm shelter, but has not to date received a reply.

Cllr. Robin Evans said future funding for replacement childrens' swings etc. was in abeyance at the County Council. The Clerk had mentioned this subject to the County Council department who oversee the Skatepark, and further information will be sought from this source.

The Clerk had written to our Solicitor about transference of the Skatepark equipment to the Newport Playing Field, and was awaiting a reply.

The Chairman told the Meeting that the temporary sewage discharge pipe into the sea was now in place, and more information had been promised about a permanent discharge pipe, but in spite of this promise from Welsh Water we are still waiting. Meantime Councillors were pleased to learn no spillages have occurred this year.

3307 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning: The Chairman read the report of the Committee meeting held on the 23rd May, and gave a brief resume on the meeting held last Friday 27th June, as this has still to be written. Mention was also made of the site visit this morning to Tir Ysbrydol, Brithdir Mawr.

The Council previously rejected an application from Tir Ysbrydol, for retrospective permission for existing and proposed new dwellings at this site, and agreed that they had had insufficient time to consider all the information gathered from the site visit today to make a

decision on the new application for existing, presently under construction, and proposed further dwellings, community and agricultural buildings, camp site and additional toilets, log stores etc.

3307 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

Budget & Finance: Cllrs. Dai Webb and Soo Hutchinson proposed and seconded acceptance of the report of the meeting held on the 12th June.

Town Website: Cllr. Dai Webb confirmed that he could translate the Clerk's typed Meeting Reports etc. for the Town Website.

The Chairman and Clerk said they were very grateful for Cllr. Webb's help.

3308 FINANCE

The Annual Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2008 have now been completed, and the Statement was duly signed at this Meeting by the Chairman and Clerk/R.F.O. Acceptance was proposed and seconded by Cllrs. John Rowe Lewis and Dai Webb and agreed by all present.

Items 1 to 8 in the Annual Governance Statement were individually approved by all Councillors present at this Meeting (item 9 was N/A) and this section was also signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk/R.F.O.

Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the invoice from Gwaun Gift Shop for 15 slate wall plaques for the new homes in Cysgod-y-Dderwen for £129.25 inc. £19.25 VAT, and C.B.M. invoice for typewriter ribbons for £27.14 inc. £4.04 VAT.

3309 PARROG YARD

Car parking permits expire in July, and it was proposed and seconded by Cllrs. Byron James and John Rowe Lewis that the annual charge should be increased from £85 to £90, and this received majority approval. The Clerk/R.F.O. proposed that the new charge should be £100 to take into account the increased maintenance cost, and this was seconded by Cllr. Dai Webb, but was not approved.

The report of the meeting held on the 12th June was unanimously approved and Cllr. Robin Evans agreed to provide details of the County Council department who can advise on whether any finance is available for our proposed new Youth Facility, Library and Council Meeting room and document storage.

3310 CORRESPONDENCE

- Items 1 to 11 had been or will be given to the Planning committee.
17. The County Council to be requested to keep us informed about Developing & Delivering Communities Strategies.
 20. The WAG letter about Parc Aberporth will be studied by Cllr. Soo Hutchinson.
 21. Cllr. Robert Vaughan's letter giving information about the Charity Walk on 5th July was read to the Meeting.
 22. It was agreed to await developments on the Sustainable Communities Act.
 26. Councillors will be asked at the July Meeting whether they wish to volunteer as a School Community Governor.
 27. The C.C.W. booklet was given to the Chairman.
 28. The Port Authority Annual Report was given to Cllr. Soo Hutchinson and No. 30 the Local Government Partnership Scheme.

3311 BALLOT TO FILL TWO COUNCIL VACANCIES

Seven applications had been received, and the Chairman read brief details of all the applicants, and CV information where supplied to the Meeting. Ballot papers were distributed by the Clerk, and the two people receiving the most votes were Ann Hollyfield and Dilys Evans. All applicants will be thanked for their interest, and informed of the result of the ballot by the Clerk.

3312 PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN LOWER ST. MARY STREET & PEN Y BONT

The Chairman told the Meeting that permission had been given for the County Council to survey an area of Parc y Plant to assess the feasibility of altering the exit from the path onto Pen y Bont, and making alterations to this urban path. It was agreed to discuss the matter further when a report is received from P.C.C.

3313 PARC Y PLANT

The almost new football goal posts were removed from Parc y Plant nearly two years ago by the then recently formed Newport Football Club, and installed in the Long Street Playing Field, at the time without Council knowledge. The Football Club has now folded and the goal posts returned to Parc y Plant minus their ground sockets, and have not and cannot be erected. The Club state they have cemented the sockets in the Long Street Playing Field, and they cannot be removed! The Clerk will write to Mr. Peter English and ask him to either purchase new sockets and have the goal posts professionally and safely put back in Parc y Plant, or we will have this work carried out and invoice him for the cost.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.