

CYNGOR TREF TREFDRAETH/NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 31/3/2008
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT.

PRESENT: Cllr. Peter Harwood (Chairman) Cllrs. Paul Harries,
Byron James, James Davies, Robert Vaughan, John Rowe Lewis,
Sandra Bayes, Patricia Foot, Liz Bellamy.

County Cllr. Robin Evans.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Glyn Rees & Daron Paish.

3276 MINUTES The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25th February 2008 having been previously distributed and read were agreed as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr. Sandra Bayes and seconded by Cllr. Liz Bellamy.

3277 MATTERS ARISING

The small childrens swing seats and chains have been returned to Cllr. Paul Harries, and will be stored by the Clerk pending a possible new site.

Cllr. Harries proposed we review all the equipment in the small childrens play area as it has been in place for 15/16 years. P.C.C. and our County Cllr. will be invited to a site inspection. Meantime Cllr. Patricia Foot drew attention to the poor state of the wooden sand edging.

The Chairman announced the completion of our Welsh Language Scheme, and copies will be circulated to Councillors and discussed at the April Meeting. Cllr. Paul Harries thanked the Task & Finish Group for their work on behalf all Councillors.

Cllr. Liz Bellamy has been given to understand that the Eco Centre would not object to the re-opening of the nearby path providing it was done quietly and little used. Councillors decided unanimously to continue with their efforts to re-open this path.

3271 (8) Cllr. Byron James said his visit to the Regional Funding Fair on behalf of this Council had been worthwhile, and he handed useful recorded information to the Chairman.

3271 (19) Councillors were pleased to learn there is to be a cardboard for recycling collection from local businesses, and that the orange bag scheme for private households will start in this area in June.

3271 (21) The Chairman and Cllr. Byron James had attended the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum AGM.

3271 (24) Cllr. John Rowe Lewis confirmed that 12 Farmers were present at the recent large burn site on Carningli, and that the Fire Service were always informed. The large burn site had been possible this year because of favourable weather conditions, whereas in recent years very wet weather has meant only small areas could be tackled.

3275 Carningli Draft Discussion Document. The Chairman reminded the Meeting that in view of his imminent retirement a replacement on this important group will be required. Cllr. Liz Bellamy requested he continue until the Council election. Cllr. Paul Harries said it would be necessary to enlarge the Group gradually and slowly.

The Chairman reported that he had verbally answered questions raised in the WAG Stakeholders Survey.

3277 MATTERS ARISING continued

3271 (25) The Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Price at P.C.C. about the traffic problem in Ffordd Bedd Morys.

CWM SEWAGE Cllr. Sandra Bayes said the Newport Environment Group were considering setting up a Public Meeting because of the lack of information about completing the Newport Sewage Scheme. The Clerk was requested to again contact Welsh Water about a date for the Council proposed Public Meeting with attendance requested from all interested parties. A letter has been received from the N/P stating that the planning application for a Storm Water Overflow has been withdrawn. Copy of this letter requested by Planning Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. Sandra Bayes and seconded by Cllr. Liz Bellamy that we take forward having the Cwm designated as an official bathing area.

3274. Cllr. Sandra Bayes informed the Meeting that the WAG did not intend to implement the Sustainable Communities Bill recently passed in the House of Commons. The Clerk was requested to inform Jane Davidson WAG that rural communities urgently need the measures contained in this Bill to be put into practice especially in Wales.

The Chairman reminded all present to let him have their choice of menu for the Annual Dinner at the Royal Oak on the 11th April.

3278 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All present agreed with the Chairman that we should hold an April Meeting on the 28th even though we would need another Meeting shortly after the election on the 1st May.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the Human Resouce element of the Clerk's and possibly others carrying out work for this Council still has to be dealt with.

New Planning Committee will be required in May.

This Council's share of the joint Civic Service refreshments amount to £29.68, and consent for payment was unanimously agreed.

This Council has been asked to consider contributing towards the Shalom House Trust (Pembrokeshire's first palliative care respite/daycare centre at St. Davids) Consideration will be given at the April Meeting.

3279 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: The Report on the Meeting held on the 27th March 2008 was agreed by all present at that Meeting subject to the inclusion of the fact that Cllr. Sandra Bayes agreed to look at the current burial charges in Brynhyfryd Cemetery and compare these with charges at other cemeteries in the locality.

It was unanimously agreed that we would share the rent for the Council owned wooden huts with the Spring Bay Festival Committee.

The Draft Town Council Risk Assessment & Management (Financial) 2008 was unanimously agreed, and in accordance with instructions received from our Auditors this will be reviewed annually and Minuted before the end of each financial year.

3279 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

Footpath & Cemetery Report: Tree debris have been left in the entrance to Parc y Plant after tree surgery at a nearby site. County Cllr. Robin Evans will ask P.C.C. to arrange for it's removal.

Parrog Yard Report: The Committee Chairman Cllr. Byron James was pleased to report that the N/P have now produced sketch plans for the proposed new facility. A joint meeting of this Committee and the Planning Committee will discuss the sketch plans. Meantime the Clerk was requested to thank the National Park for the considerable time and effort they have voluntarily expended on our behalf.

Town Website Report: An invoice for £117.30 has been received from Helen Manley Jones who is still acting temporarily on the Council's behalf. £23 of the invoice will be recovered from the Newport Chamber of Trade & Tourism.

The following Companies are being invited to quote for managing and hosting the Website, plus there is an open invitation for others to submit bids with advertisements on our Website, Notice Board and Town Library. Closure date for quotations 30th April 2008.

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| Netring | Asplash |
| SCL | Businet |
| Dotnetworks | Globe Orange |
| Picworks | Evolvment |

Planning Committee Report: The reports on the Meetings held on the 5th and 27th March 2008 were unanimously accepted, and as suggested it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter to the N/P stating that as the Council was a statutory consultee it should have a right to address Meetings of the Development Management Committee once on any plan considered appropriate, irrespective of any other addresses.

Bettws Newydd. Following a series of communications, both written and verbal, between this Council and the N/P it was agreed that an approved closure letter be sent to the Park Officers, and a Press Release along the same lines as the letter sent to local newspapers.

Copies of the Committee Chairman's report on the N/P Management Plan were circulated, and accepted by all present. The Chairman will ensure the report is sent to the N/P.

A request had been received for this Council to confirm that they did not prohibit Green Burials at Brynhyfryd Cemetery provided the overall appearance of the Cemetery remained as it is at present.

3280 CORRESPONDENCE

Letters 1 to 10 were given to the Planning Committee + N/P letter confirming approval of the application to build a dwelling next to Berry Bach.

- (20) Councillors agreed to discuss at a future meeting alternative memorials to commemorative seats.
- (27) Councillors were grateful for the additional Election information from OVW.
- (28) Councillors agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that the P.C.C. Monitoring Officer contacts the Eco Centre direct in connection with hiring a meeting room.
- (29) In view of the work carried out by Cllr. Sandra Bayes in connection with the P.C.C. Draft Local Housing Strategy a copy of their final document will be requested.

3280 CORRESPONDENCE continued

- (32) A copy of the letter from the Owners of Bettws Bach about the coast path will be sent to Mr. Geraint Harries N/P.
- (33) The Chairman agreed to attend the next Ovw meeting on the 10th April.
- (34) The P.C.C. Public guide to Land Use will be placed in the Library, and the Community & Town Councillors Handbook will be read by the Chairman.
- (35) The N/P Historic Environment Review will be circulated amongst Councillors.
- (37) Cllr. Sandra Bayes undertook to study the WAG Local Vision document - Statutory Guidance on Developing & Delivering Community Strategies.

Newport Environment Group sent a letter direct to the Meeting stating they wished to arrange a public meeting to discuss the final long awaited stage of the Town Sewage System. Councillors considered such a meeting will have to be held after the forthcoming Council Elections on May 1st, but meantime the Clerk would be requested to remind Welsh Water that we are still waiting to see their final plans which they anticipated would be ready last February!

The quotation obtained by the Newport Community Forum for planting and labour to renovate the bus shelter garden opposite the Castle Hotel, and reported in the Budget & Finance Meeting report dated 27th March will be further discussed at the next Budget & Finance Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will meet with the Chairman of the Memorial Hall and present him with the promised £750 towards a new sound system and related equipment.

3281 FINANCE

It was unanimously agreed to reimburse the Clerk for expenditure on office supplies as per invoice from Swallow Office Supplies £15.66 including VAT.

And to reimburse the Chairman Cllr. Peter Harwood for his payment to Handy Hands of Newport for work at Parrog Yard - £95.

One Voice Wales subscription renewal £175 and Netring Ltd. half yearly invoice for Website Hosting & Licencing £141 including VAT.

3282 RFO DUTIES Councillors confirmed acceptance of the RFO Duties as shown on the Risk Assessment and Management Agreement.

3283 ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT This item will be discussed at the April Meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.55pm.