

CYNGOR TREF TREFDRAETH/NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 26/3/07
7.30 pm IN THE ECO CENTRE LOWER ST. MARY STREET NEWPORT

PRESENT: Cllr. Byron James (Chairman) Cllrs. Glyn T. Rees,
Paul Harries, Patricia Foot, Daron Paish & Gareth Hughes.
County Cllr. Robin Evans.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Glyn Rees, Sandra Bayes, Peter Harwood
& John Rowe Lewis.

3198 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26th February 2007 having previously been distributed and read, were proposed as a correct record by Cllr. Patricia Foot and seconded by Cllr Paul Harries.

3199. MATTERS ARISING.

Councillors had before them the report on the recent Public Meeting with the Police and the County Council Anti-Social Behaviour Manager, and the Councillors who attended felt it was a good meeting. However, after County Cllr. Robin Evans remarked on the small number of Councillors present, Cllrs. Gareth Hughes and Glyn T. Rees said they were unaware of the meeting, but would have liked to attend. It was agreed at the February Meeting to hold a Public Meeting, and 18 posters were placed in the Town. The Clerk was requested to notify all Councillors individually in future. It was agreed to accede to the request from the Anti Social Behaviour Manager to put the meeting report and her details on the Town Website.

3186. Storm Damage to trees at Brynhyfryd Cemetery. The Chairman reported that the Tree Surgeons have finished, and all that remains is to reinstate the neighbours' hedge and driveway. The invoice from Pembrokeshire Tree Services has been received, and it was agreed to pay £2,000 from the Council's undesignated reserves, and thank the Company for their emergency help, and the tidy way they carried out their work. A notice will be placed on the Council Board, and Website advertising firewood and wood chippings for local people in exchange for donations to the Senior Citizens Luncheon Club.

3196. Cwm Shelter. Cllr. Paul Harries reported on the meeting between the Land Owner, N/P and himself, and said the N/P would prepare drawings for a shelter acceptable to the Land Owner and the Council.

3197. County Cllr. Robin Evans reported on the vehicles/equipment parked at Maes Ingli, and said in due course when the Cantref housing was occupied the County Council would officially adopt both the new roadway and Maes Ingli.

3200 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Mooring Committee. Cllr. Patricia Foot wished to know the Council's present position on retrospective applications, and the Clerk was asked to find the relevant Minutes when a decision was taken. Cllrs. Paul Harries and Daron Paish inspected the "sustainable homes" at Brithdir Mawr, and recommended that the 3 existing round houses should be demolished, but that the 7 new round houses were in order. The Committee wish to see any new Government legislation relating to "sustainable homes", and wanted the exact location i.e. Newport or Nevern to be verified with the N/P.

Budget & Finance Committee

Cllr. Paul Harries has ordered quarterly bank statements. Councillors agreed with the recommendations of the Committee that the Council purchase a marquee for use by local organisations, and finance the purchase of plants, materials and containers if the Newport Gardening Club, Friends of Newport & Nevern or the Forum will agree

Budget & Finance Committee continued

to plant and maintain them in the Town. If permission can be obtained from the Owner of the bus shelter garden this could also be included in the planting program.

Councillors approved the payment of £75 each to Newport Forum, Brynberian Eisteddfod, Wales Air Ambulance Service & the Welsh Childrens Hospital the Noah's Ark Appeal.

The suggested £200 donation to the Senior Citizens Luncheon Club was increased to £300. £750 will be given jointly to the Memorial Hall and Sounds Possible for musical, lighting etc. equipment which can be used by all local music/entertainment groups providing the Memorial Hall agree to store and be responsible for the equipment.

Finally the request from the Newport Bay Spring Festival for finance towards teaching circus skills and kyaking had been carefully considered and it was agreed to donate £500 to the Festival's general fund for them to decide how it should be used.

N.T.C.D. & I Committee

Cllr. Paul Harries was investigating better terms for the Parroq Yard fund, and it was agreed to have a joint meeting with the N/P and a representative of the County Council library department. It was understood that the pre-school group was also still interested in using the facility.

Town Website

In order to keep the website up-to-date it was agreed to have a meeting with the Webmaster, Cllrs. Paul Harries, Gareth Hughes and possibly a representative of the Chamber of Trade.

3201 CORRESPONDENCE

2. Cllrs. Paul Harries & Glyn T. Rees both requested copies of the recent N/P letter on the subject of the new storm o/flow pipe.
3. The N/P letter in connection with Trewreiddig Fawr NP/06/131/cm/dg was given to Cllr. Patricia Foot.
10. The Clerk to seek advice from O.V.W. and P.C.C. re allotments.
11. Storage of Council documents to be discussed at the April Meeting.
13. Lampeter meeting invitation letter to be given to the Forum Environment Group.
15. The O.V.W. meeting notice was given to Cllr. Paul Harries.

3202 FINANCE

The Clerk's expenses for February & March as set out in the Meeting Agenda in the sum of £74.84 were unanimously agreed for payment.

3203 PARC Y PLANT

Cllr. Paul Harries agreed to speak to Cllr. Harry Evans about removing cut grass from the playing field, and a tree needing attention outside the gateway.

Cllr. Daron Paish has spoken to the Owners of Lysmeddyg about the necessity of permanently rebuilding the wall between their property and the playing field.

County Cllr. Robin Evans had obtained a copy of the conveyance for the property between D.C.C. and Newport C.C. dated 27th July 1994. Cllrs. Paul Harries, Patricia Foot, Byron James, Glyn T. Rees and Gareth Hughes all requested copies of this document.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Planning

1. N/P letter advising withdrawal of p/a for replacement agric. building at Cotham.
2. N/P letter advising Hyder has agreed to install new storm water o/flow pipe at Cwm underground.
3. NP/06/131 Trewreiddig Fawr, Dinas - use as riding stables. Permission previously given for stables & sand school (partly retrospective) No permission given for riding school employing 3 full time + livery & riding. Trunk Rd Agency will have to be re-consulted & this Council. Our comments wanted.
4. NP/07/124 low impact sustainable settlement & retrospective permission for 2 huts. (Given to Planning Committee 7/3)

Finance

5. Pub. Works Loan Board confirming d/d for £743 will be debited from our Bk. a/c 2/4 for Parrog Yd. loan.
6. Renewal invitation for membership of N.Pembs. Transport Forum due 1/4 £12. + their Annual Report.
7. Auditors Briefing Pack for 2007 audit from our Southampton Auditors.

General

8. PCC letter advising they are having a 12 month review of their previous decision to charge for Long St. car park.
9. N/P confirming increased parking fees for Traethmawr but reducing season ticket from £50 to £35 if purchased before end of May. Answering the Clerk's request for details of expenditure & income on all car parks the N/P state "it would be extremely time consuming task to retrieve these from the archives & separate out information relevant to car parks"- so much for freedom for inf! N/P provide a list of improvements & repairs i.e. £14,000 Poppit £100,000 each Broad Haven & St. Davids, Newport £1,000 for white lining! Solva which is free £47,000. Porthgain which is free £50,000.
10. Newport & District Community Forum (Environment Group) letter requesting provision of allotments. They enclose details of "The Law of Allotments" wherein it states under the 1996 Local Government of Wales Act Community, Town & County Councils are allotment authorities. Also planning inf. from N/P.
11. l.v.w. letter on the subject of storage time for Council documents etc. requested by Clerk.
12. Ack. from MP re housing and enc. copy letter from Edwina Hart AM wherein it is stated PCC will receive £4.956m 2006/7 to assist with the provision of affordable housing. Also discounts of up to 50% Council Tax can be given to 2nd home owners.
13. Invitation to attend public meeting in Lampeter on 3/4 to organise a community led development plan for reducing our carbon footprint.
14. More on the Sustainable Communities Bill. We have already asked our MP to support further.
15. Invitation to attend l.v.w. area meeting 4/4 Eco Centre Newport. guest speaker Joan Asby - Planed.

16. Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council announcing the name of the Mayor for 2007/8 - Cllr. Richard Parry Davies.
17. Senedd 04 advising date of Conference at Machynlleth 16/6.
18. Home Start Poster.
19. Clerks & Councils Direct March edition.
20. NO SMOKING reminder notice.

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COUNCILLOR *Newport Website*

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the above Council at 7.30 pm on Monday 30th April 2007, in the Eco Centre, Lower St. Mary Street, Newport, for the purpose of discussing items contained in the following Agenda.

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26th March 2007.
- 2) Matters Arising.

3) Committee Reports:

Planning & Mooring Committee
Footpath & Cemetery Committee
Budget & Finance Committee
N.T.C.D. & I. Committee
Newport Website

4) Finance

Payment of the April instalment for Cemetery caretaking fees to Fountain Garden Maintenance Service - £700.

Payment to Netring for hosting & licensing Town Website
1.10.06/31/3/07 £141 inc. £21 VAT.

Renewal of membership of the N.Pembs. Transport Forum £12.

5) Correspondence.

6) Parc y Plant

7) Storage of Council documents.

.....*Janet..Weston*.....Clerk