

**MINUTES OF ESTATES COMMITTEE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 10/12 ORCHARD STREET, NEATH
ON THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH 2019
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: CLLR. MRS J. L. LOCKYER

**COUNCILLORS: G. L. EVANS
MRS L. JONES
MRS S.M. PENRY
R. PRICE
M. PROTHEROE**

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS: J. EVANS

**IN ATTENDANCE: KATHRYN CHARLES
SARA WHARMBY**

1691 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. Flynn, Cllr. P. James, Cllr. Mrs S. M. Marston, Cllr. G. Morgan and Cllr. A. Sims.

1692 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. Mrs L. Jones and Cllr. M. Protheroe in respect of Item 7 on the Agenda.

1693 TO WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH OLD ROAD AND FAIRYLAND ALLOTMENTS AND DISCUSS ALLOTMENT ISSUES

There were no Representatives from the Allotment Sites present.

1694 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BUS SHELTERS & ROADSIDE SEATS UPDATE

An update on the site visit for the proposed bus shelter at Pine Grove in Cimla was circulated to Members. The Chair updated the Meeting on the outcome of where they would like the shelter to be placed. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the County Borough Councillors would contact the planning department at NPTCBC regarding the new proposed location.

The Town Clerk updated the Meeting on a roadside seat that would be placed in the Castle grounds. Members discussed purchasing new flag poles. **RESOLVED:** After discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed to obtain costs for 3 flag poles.

1695 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON HALLS

The Town Clerk stated that there was no update since the Full Council Meeting.

1696 TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Allotment Magazine had been received.

1697 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following planning application(s) which had been received:-

P2019/0168

Meeting: Estates March 2019	Planning Schedule				Date sent: 07.03.19
No. of Application	Applicant	Proposal	Location	Planning Officer	Recommendation
P2019/0168	Miss Jenet Trott	Change of use from residential dwelling (C3) to a day nursery (D1) and alterations to fenestration on rear elevation.	19 Gnoll Park Road, Neath, SA11 3BT	Jennifer Griffiths	No objections

1698 TO DISCUSS ANY COUNCILLOR ISSUES AND RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor updated the Meeting on an event he attended at The Castle Hotel. Members were informed that the owners had presented them with a £500 cheque as a donation to the Mayoress Appeal.

A Member updated the Meeting on a course they attended regarding Domestic Violence policies in the workplace.

1699 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no items received for the next Agenda.

1700 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – TO CONSIDER PASSING A RESOLUTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 TO TEMPORARILY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

The resolution was duly passed.

1701 TO DISCUSS INVESTMENTS PROPERTY LEASING ISSUES AND COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

The Town Clerk stated that Councillors had received a full update at the Full Council Meeting.

Members were updated on the Fire Risk Assessment that had taken place in the First Floor of the Burton Block.

Members were updated on the electrics issue in the property above Corals.

Members were informed that the utility rates were high on the empty property on New Street and suggested moving to a standard rate. **RESOLVED:** Agreed

The Town Clerk updated the Meeting on the people interested in leasing the ground floor of the property on New Street.

1702 TO DISCUSS ANY STAFFING ISSUES

There were no staffing issues to discuss.

1703 TO DISCUSS HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

Members were informed that the Fire Service would be attending Orchard Street.

1704 TO FIX A DATE AND AGREE AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th April 2019. An agenda would be circulated in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.