**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council**

***Cyngor Cymuned a Llanbedr-y-Fro***

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held at 9.30am, on 4th August 2016 at the Church & Community Hall, Peterston-super-Ely**

**Present:** Councillors:CllrJan Parry (Chairman), Cllrs Pat Cadwalladr, Ray Petre, David Moody-Jones, & Michael Morgan.

**Also Present:** Joanna Howell (Clerk to the Council), Mrs Abigail Phillips (Town planner)

**Apologies:**  Cllrs Bill Budd, David Jaques and Ian Pearson

The Chair welcomed the Council and members of the public present to the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting and explained to the Public that there would be no public session at this extraordinary meeting; it was queried on why Mrs Phillips would be allowed to speak. The Chair clarified that Mrs Phillips had drafted the planning documents and any planning questions that the Chair couldn’t answer she would refer to Mrs Phillips for factual answers.

The Council agreed that the items on the agenda relating to the consideration of the project budget, the consideration of the planning and the consideration of the objections from the Community would need to be considered at the same time in order to see the full picture.

The Chair now asked the Councillors to provide their views and questions on the planning.

The following points were raised by a number of Councillors:-

The Chair explained that the Council had received three letters of objection, two of which had been previously circulated and she read the highlights on of one which she had received that morning.

Parking – The Council did not feel the facilities at the pub would necessary be available to those using the MUGA, though would like to be informed if such an agreement was made. However if the MUGA was primarily used by the local community the parking should not be any worse than when there is a football game on the playing fields. The Clerk reminded the Council that they had previously consulted the residents of Ffordd-yr-Eglwys on possible road measures e.g. one way traffic, and that they had not wished the Community Council to approach the VoG Council on any measures.

Floodlights – The Council felt that the light spill from the floodlights was very contained however they obviously appreciated that a small number of residents would be looking down on a patch of light.

Path – It was explained that the lighting would be on a push button system in order to limit its use and could be set for a cut off at 9.30pm. There was also the possibility of sensor lighting which could again reduce the lighting.

Storage – This was now proposed to be a fenced off area, rather than a storage unit and obviously the security vs accessibility had had to be considered.

Commitment of Football Club – It was explained that PsE football club had been heavily involved in the design of the MUGA. The Clerk explained that at the moment the football club use an all-weather facility twice a week in winter for training. It was felt that if this was the case for the MUGA the use of the floodlights by this club at least could be quite limited and so may not be that intrusive.

Finance – The previously circulated drafted financial breakdown was discussed. There were a number of questions around insurance, revenue streams etc. It was agreed that in order to build a replacement pot, as the budget stood approx. £10k would need to be raised each year. However the tennis club commitment would cover the first 18 months of this.

The overwhelming conclusion of the Council was that through the strict management of the facility this could be a facility that was primarily used by local people and clubs. However the formation of a management group would have to occur quickly and this would have to involve members of the Council. The Clerk explained a number of examples in the local area of how similar facilities were run. The Council agreed that although putting in a planning application meant there was no commitment to actually going ahead with the grant application and project. Therefore once the planning was submitted a management plan could be finalised and agreed by the Council. It would be at this point, that if the project was not deemed viable it would not be taken further.

The Clerk and Mrs Phillips explained the grant process and deadlines and it was confirmed that without the Welsh Rural Development Grant the project would not be feasible.

At this stage and bearing in mind the initial overwhelming support from the public for the MUGA Cllr Moody-Jones wished to propose that the Council agree to submit the planning application, however it is only on acceptance of a viable business plan and obviously planning approval that the grant application will be submitted.

This was seconded by Cllr Morgan, who believed in not putting in the planning at this point, we are losing an opportunity for the grant application. The Chair called a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

It was RESOLVED to submit the planning application to the VoG Council.

The Chair hoped that the public would see that this was a difficult decision for the Council and they would only approve the building of a facility which would be well controlled and cared for.

**To agree the method of communication re the planning application**

 After a short discussion it was agreed that once the planning application had been accepted the Council would circulate the details in order to ensure anyone who wished to comment was aware of the application and how to comment. The details would be on the website, social media page, noticeboards and there would also be a leaflet drop to all houses in the village.

**To agree the next steps regarding the MUGA application**

The Chair called for an extraordinary meeting to be held at the end of Sept in order that the business plan be presented and approved, in advance of a grant application being finalised and presented for approval at the October Ordinary meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50am.

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