

**LLANGYFELACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGYFELACH.**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018.**

**Minute No. 140/2017. The meeting comprised of two separate sessions.**

**Part 1 – Presentation and Q&A re: Abergelli Power Station proposals with project representatives and members of the local community.**

**Part 2 – The regular monthly Community Council meeting.**

**Present:- (for both sessions).**

P. Gibson. (In the Chair).  
D.G.Sullivan.

D. Belton.  
K.Roderick.

M.A.Glover.

**Minute No. 141/2017. - Appointment of an Acting Chairman for tonight's Meetings.**

Due to the absence of the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Council, the Council elected Councillor P. Gibson to act as the Chairman for this Council Meeting.

**AGREED.**

**Minute No. 142/2017. – Appointment of an Acting Clerk for tonight's Meetings.**

Due to the absence of the Clerk due to ill health, the Council appointed Councillor K. Roderick to deputise for the Clerk for this Meeting.

**AGREED.**

**Minute No.143/2017. - Apologies for Absence. – for both sessions.**

The Acting Clerk (Councillor K. Roderick) reported that she had received verbal apologies from Councillor P.R.Crayford (Holidays), Councillor P.Baker (Holidays) & the Chairman of the Council Mrs M.E. Boyter (Family ill health)

**NOTED.**

**Minute No. 144/2017. – Declaration of Interests from Members. – for both sessions.**

The Acting Clerk reported that there were no Declarations of Interests from Members.

**NOTED.**

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**Minute No. 145/2017. Part 1. - Presentation and O & A re: Abergelli Power Station Proposal.**

The Chairman opened the First Session at 6.30.p.m. & welcomed the three project representatives (Chris McKerrow of Stag Energy), Dermot Scanlon (of Peter Brett Associates), Deb Campbell (of Grasshopper Communications) and two members of the local community.

Handouts were circulated, by the project representatives, to those in attendance which summarised the proposals for the power station on the Abergelli Farm site (including a project plan and outline of the site boundary).

Chris McKerrow gave an overview of the proposal, which would include the development of one stack (maximum of 45m in height), rather than five smaller stacks (as per the previous proposal, originally drafted in 2014). Assessments have been undertaken and the 'worst case scenarios' considered in terms of any possible adverse impact.

Discussion ensued and the following concerns/questions were raised re: the potential impact on the local community:-

- a) Numerous concerns were raised around the height of the proposed stack. It will be prominent in appearance and a potential eye-sore.
- b) Attendees raised concerns around the impact on air quality and the effect of toxic emissions on the health of local residents. It was also felt that the proximity of the proposed site to Morriston Hospital renders it a wholly unsuitable and unsafe option. The hospital is one of the largest in Wales and safeguarding the health of patients and staff is of paramount importance. Project representatives advised that the Health Board have participated in the consultation.
- c) A question was raised about the activity of the power station. How many hours is it expected to be 'active'? Project representatives advised that a cap of 1500 hours per year would be imposed. It would run to meet demand and is most likely to be active during the early evening. Dispersion results are available online.
- d) The ecological impact on the site was discussed. Representatives advised that an assessment has been undertaken and a plan has been devised to relocate wildlife (primarily reptiles) to a nearby piece of land. It was confirmed that the Local Authority and Natural Resources Wales will also be undertaking impact assessments.
- e) A question was posed as to whether there was any plan to conceal the area (by planting trees, etc.) to minimise the visual impact. Representatives advised that trees would be planted which would, over time, serve to shield the compound, but the stack itself would still be visible.
- f) One attendee inquired whether the flight path of the Wales Air Ambulance would be affected. Representatives confirmed that this would not be an issue due to the height of the stack.
- g) A point was raised about piling and representatives were unsure as to whether this would be required, but advised it would be recognised within the assessment.
- h) Possible disruption during the proposed construction phase was discussed. Representatives advised that an agreement is drawn up which is intended to control the contractor's activities and keep disruption to a minimum. This would be policed by the Local Authority.

- i) A member of the public inquired about any possible benefits to the community. Representatives advised that job creation would be minimal in this case, but a Section 106 agreement would be drawn up between the developer and the Local Authority, which would impose certain obligations on the developer (e.g. road maintenance, commitments to upgrade cycle paths, etc.). Construction will also bring more jobs in the STEM field and encourage more community engagement.
- j) Questions were raised around possible alternatives to the proposed project. A 'heat recovery' model would avoid the wasted heat that the proposed version would generate. Attendees also felt that more sustainable, environmentally-friendly options should be explored.

Finally the project representatives reiterated that the consultation period ends on 19 February 2018.

The Chair extended his thanks to the representatives and members of the public, who left the meeting at around 7.20pm.

**Minute No. 146/2017. Part 2. - Minutes of Community Council Meeting – Thursday 8 February 2018.**

The Acting Clerk reported that **Minute No. 140/2017, Minute No. 141/2017. Minute No.142/2017 & Minute No. 143/2017 in Part 1 applied to Part 2 of these Minutes.**

**Minute No. 147/2017. – To consider the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 January 2018.**

RESOLVED to defer to next Council meeting.

**Minute No. 148/2017. - To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 January 2018.**

RESOLVED to defer to next Council meeting.

**Minute No. 149/2017. - To consider matters raised &/or referred to this Council, from previous Council Meetings.**

RESOLVED to defer to next Council meeting..

**Minute No. 150/2017. -. To receive questions from Members of the Public.**

The Acting Clerk reported that no Members of the Public were present.

NOTED.

**Minute No. 151/2017. - To consider any matter relating to the Llangyfelach Ward.**

Councillor Belton raised a point about parking, specifically in relation to the junction between Pentrefelen Rd and Clasemont Rd on one particular day. Four cars were

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restricting access to the junction and blocking a domestic driveway.

**RESOLVED** that the PCSO be notified if such problems persist.

Councillor Sullivan stated he was scheduled to meet, with the Planning Inspector of the Swansea Local Development Plan, with a view to raising concerns on the potential impact of the proposed new housing developments on traffic levels. It has been agreed that an independent traffic assessment will be undertaken.

**NOTED.**

**Minute No. 152/2017. - To consider any matters relating to Highways & Footpaths.**

**RESOLVED** to await response from the legal department.

**Minute No. 153/2017. - Latest position on the transfer of land at Y Llwyni, Llangyfelach.**

**RESOLVED** to await the response re: required tree surveys.

**Minute No. 154/2017. - Abergelli Power Ltd. – Proposed Gas Fired Power Station.**

All concerns regarding the proposed Gas Fired Power Station had been put to the representatives during Part 1 of tonight's meeting. Members also raised concerns about increased pollution levels associated with the new housing development.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Sullivan discuss the possible environmental/health impact with the MP for Gower, and explore options for more sustainable and renewable energy sources.

**Minute No. 155/2017. - To consider & approve/determine (if thought appropriate) Correspondence received, including Invoices etc. & Requests for Payment (See tonight's Correspondence for details).**

The Clerk referred to the system of reporting Correspondence. A total of 25 Items of Correspondence had been received as per the List of Correspondence; of which 20 had been **NOTED**.

Decisions resolved on the **List of Correspondence** are as follows and based on the **No.** given in the List of Correspondence enclosed with the Council's Summons and Agenda.

**(A). Correspondence No. 6. – Public Sector Watchdog seeks feedback from General Public & Key Stakeholders on Revised Code for Auditors –Closing date 26 March 2018.**

**RESOLVED** to refer this item of Correspondence to the March Council meeting.

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**(B). Correspondence No. 9. – Data Protection Officer (DPO) & Community Councils.**

**RESOLVED** to request Swansea Council that their DPO act for the Community Council in all matters relating to the Data Protection Act subject to the fee they would wish to make for this service.

**(C). Correspondence No. 10.B.(i). – National Policy – Welsh Language Scheme.**

**RESOLVED** to refer this item of Correspondence to the March Council meeting.

**(D). Correspondence No. 11. – Independent Review Panel for Wales Message.**

**RESOLVED** to refer this item of Correspondence to the March Council meeting.

**(E). Correspondence No. 15. – Budget Preparation 2018/19.**

**RESOLVED** by Members that they would decline the Personal Allowance, per Member, stipulated in the Draft Report of the Independent Remuneration Review Panel's Report for 2018/19.

**(F). Correspondence No. 17. – Request for a copy of the Street Lighting plan to the lane adjacent to the Scout's Hall, Llangyfelach. (For information).**

Councillor Sullivan stated that he would arrange to provide the Llangyfelach Scout Master Mr G. Wheildon with a copy of the requested plan.

**NOTED.**

**Minute No. 156/2017 – To consider all other matters relating to Finance.**

**(1). Balances.**

The Acting Clerk reported that as at today's date, she had been verbally informed, that the Council's Current Account stood at £12,809. and the Business Reserve Account at £21,927.49.

**NOTED.**

**(2). Payments to be Made.**

(A). D. Jenkins (Clerk's Gross Salary Feb '18.....to be paid in March'18  
Less Tax deducted.....do.  
(Net Feb' Salary for Feb'18)..... do

(B). Post Office Ltd – for HM. Revenue & Customs

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(Tax deduction from Clerk's Gross Salary to be paid in Feb '18)..... To be paid in March '18.  
 N.I.Employee's Contribution. NIL  
 Add. Council's N.I. Employer's Contribution for Feb.'18..... To be paid in March '18  
 (Total Tax & N.I.C's to be paid to Inland Revenue).....NIL

**RESOLVED** that these payments be approved.

**Minute No. 157/2017 – To consider any matters relating to the Christmas Festivities 2017 & 2018.**

Nothing was raised under this Minute.

**NOTED.**

**Minute No. 158/2017 – To consider the possibility of Swansea City Council acting as the Data Protection Officer for this Council.**

The Acting Clerk reported that this matter had already been dealt with under Minute No. 155/2017.(B) above.

**NOTED.**

**Minute No. 159/2017 – Clerk's Matters.**

**(A). Purchase & Disposal of Books, Equipment etc.**

**RESOLVED** to refer this item of Correspondence to the March Council meeting.

**(B). To grant the Clerk Plenary Powers to pass further Comments & Observations on behalf of the Council in respect of Outline Planning Application No. 2017/1822/OUT. – Land to the West of Llangyfelach Road, Tirdeunaw, Swansea.**

**RESOLVED** to grant the Clerk the relevant plenary powers.

**Minute No. 160/2017 – Planning Matters.**

**(A). Weekly Lists of Registered Planning Applications.**

The Clerk reported that there were No Planning Applications nor Planning Matters for discussion at this Council Meeting of 8 February 2018. For information purposes only, the following weekly matters are listed:-

Week No.	Plan.Appl.No.	Location.	Proposed Development.
02/2018.	-	-	-
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03/2018.	-	-	-

04/2018. - - -

**(B). Any Other Planning Matters.**

None.

**Minute No. 161/2017 – Date of Next Council Meeting.**

**RESOLVED** that the next Council Meeting will be held on 15 March 2018.

**Approved by the Council & signed by the Chairman.....**

**Dated 15 March 2018.**