

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Tawelfryn Community Centre Tuesday 25 May 2010

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairperson), Megan Jones, S Lintern, L Thomas, Pat Prothro, C E Griffin, & A. Evans.

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, C Dyke and Tracy Williams

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/05-10- DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None recorded.

MINUTE No: 2/05/10: POLICE MATTERS:

No Police representatives attended the meeting:

MINUTE No: 3/05/10 PUBLIC SESSION:

No Members of the Public were present at the meeting.

MINUTE NO: 4/05/10: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 April 2010 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 5/05/10: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- 1) The Clerk reported back on the meeting with the Invasive Species Officer of the County Council and the proposed action to eradicate Japanese knotweed within the Community Council's boundaries.
- 2) The Clerk confirmed that County Councillor Martyn James had contacted him in respect of his claim to ownership of the land adjacent to the allotments. The Clerk had confirmed that the Community Council were in the process of undertaking a search with the land registry but agreed that if Councillor James would supply details of his claim, in writing, he would place it before the council members for their consideration. To date, Councillor James had not responded to this request.

MINUTE NO; 6/05/10 CLERK'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

Members' received a copy of the community council's annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 together with the bank reconciliation for the same period. Members also received a copy of the notice of appointment date for the exercise of electors' rights.

The Clerk confirmed that a copy of these documents has also been placed on the council's website.

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of the annual statement of accounts and the annual governance statement which accompanied them.

Resolved:

Members formally approved the council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010.

REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS ROOF – TAFF'S WELL ALLOTMENTS- WATER SUPPLY

Members were informed that the asbestos roof on the "building storeroom" on the old allotment was damaged and in need of repair/replacement.

As the material had carcinogenic properties the Clerk had sought the advice of environmental health department of the County Council in respect of its safe removal and disposal.

The officers confirmed that:- there is no requirement to bring in a specialist contractor to remove the roof as it is classified as “low risk”. However, advised that the following precautions should be taken:- Masks should be worn and the roof should be ‘dampened’ prior to removal. Once it has been removed it MUST be double bagged before it is removed from the site.

Normally the disposal of asbestos, for non domestic premises, must be carried out by a specialist contractor at an estimated cost of some £300. However, following negotiations the County had agreed that the Community Recycling Centre at Bryn Pica in Llwydcoed would accept the Asbestos but there will be a charge of approximately £80, which they agreed they would invoice to the Community Council.

The Clerk confirmed that he had given the allotments committee a full copy of the detailed advice plus the contact telephone numbers of officers concerned so that suitable arrangements can be made for its safe removal and disposal.

The Clerk confirmed that the allotments committee members would undertake the repair work but had requested that the Community Council meet the removal costs. As the Community Council had a duty of care in respect of these matters the Clerk supported the request and sought Members approval to meet these costs

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Community Council would meet the costs, outlined in the report, for the disposal of the asbestos.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED – PARISH ROAD- TAFF’S WELL ALLOTMENTS

Following the concern expressed, at the last Council meeting, over growth of Japanese Knotweed on Parish Road the Clerk had met with the “Invasive species officer” of the County Council to review what action could be taken to eradicate this problem. Since the last meeting it had also become apparent that the Knotweed had now established itself in the car park of the allotments causing concern to local allotment holders.

At the meeting the officer stressed that, whilst it was accepted that the spread was of serious concern, under no circumstances should it be “cut down” during the growing season as this quickened the growth as the roots try to find an alternative ‘pathway’. The advice given is that it is better to leave it and treat it with chemicals in September.

Following a subsequent site visit to the area the Invasive Species Officer t has also been agreed to treat the knotweed in the following areas:

- Ty Rhiw adjoining woodland
- Cardiff Road various locations
- Taffs Well Park
- Cycle link to Nantgarw
- Sustrans Taff Trail
- Nantgarw Church Lane
- Old Caerphilly Road/Tyla Gwyn
- Coed Caedyrys

The officer confirmed that it is planned to start the treatment programme end of August finishing in October. The approach requires 3 treatments - 1 treatment a year. If all goes well next year's re-growth should only be a tenth of what it currently is and in year 3 the knotweed should be eradicated.

Whilst the County will cover the cost of the allotments work, in the first year, treatment in subsequent years would depend on the budget allocation. It was agreed that if the budget allocation was insufficient the officer will contact the Community Council and establish if the Council required the work to proceed.

Resolved:

That the Invasive Species Officer be thanked for his positive position response and actions in these matters.

INLAND REVENUE – REBATE

The Clerk reported that the Inland Revenue Service had recently issued a rebate notice of £75 for filing last year's accounts on line and that this sum had been deducted for this month's Inland Revenue payments.

Resolved:

Members noted the receipt of the rebate.

MINUTE No; 7/05/10 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Audrey Evans

Informed Council Members of her concern about the dilapidated condition of the garages at Heol Y Coed, one garage was now completely derelict and posed a danger to children who play on the site. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact RCT homes in respect of this matter.

Cllr Megan Jones

Informed members that she had received a number of complaints that the gates at the bottom end, bowls end, is regularly being closed early, this appeared to happen more often when Bowls matches are played. The early closure caused inconvenience to parents/children who, as a consequence, had restricted access to toilet facilities. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Parks department in respect of this matter.

Once again expressed concern over the poor condition of the pathway through Brynau Woods and the state of the embankments which were badly eroded, it was agreed that, once again this matter would be brought to the attention of RCT.

Cllr J Bonetto

The Member asked if it was possible to identify who owned the "wedge of land" adjacent to Ffynnon Taf Primary school? The Clerk informed members that this should be possible via a land registry search but there would be a cost involved. Members agreed that the clerk would contact the land registry to try and ascertain who owned this particular piece of land.

Cllr S Lintern

Requested that RCT be contacted in respect of the blocked drain at the top of the steps, leading to the bus stop, at Tyla Gwyn, when it rained considerable debris "washed" onto the steps making them dangerous for users. It was also requested that the overgrowth leading to and on the steps be cut back as again this was a danger to users. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact RCT in respect of these matters.

Asked if any progress had been made in respect of the provision of "dog bins" on the estate? The Clerk confirmed that he had been told that it was RCTs policy to only install these bins in parks etc and not on public highways.

Reiterated, the concern expressed by Cllr. Audry Evans over the condition of the garages next to Tawelfryn Park and the damaged fencing leading into the park. It was agreed that the Clerk would once again pursue these matters.

Cllr C E Griffin

Expressed concern about Lorries parking outside of Co-operative shop on the Cardiff Road, a recent example was of a lorry blocking the car park entrance. It was reported that the driver was verbally abusive when requested to move the vehicle. Cllr Griffin agreed to forward a photograph of the vehicle, to the clerk, who would pursue this matter.

MINUTE No; 8/05/10 FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts. Members approved payment of the accounts presented in the sum of £1,174.08

Total approved expenditure £1,174.08

MINUTE No: 9/05/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Members' received the following planning application and **resolved** that the following observations be made known to the County Council.

10/0291/10	Mr D Agnew Craig-Yr-Allt Farm Duffryn Ffrwd Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7TP	Demolish the existing disused cattle stable and construct new stable block and ancillary storage for ten horses at:- CRAIG-YR-ALLT FARM, DUFFRYN FFRWD, NANTGARW, CARDIFF CF15 7TP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
10/0243/10	Mr Ian Thomas 9 North View Ty Rhiw Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SD	Erection of extension and alteration of existing building at: 9 NORTH VIEW, TY RHIW, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SD	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application.
10/0401/10	Mr Jonathan Murphy 162 Glan Y Ffordd Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SQ	Erect new detached garage at; 162 GLAN Y FFORDD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SQ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
10/0435/10	Terry Nunns Architects 65 Cowbridge Road East Cardiff CF11 9AE	Extension to bedroom at first floor level with supporting piers at; SUNDEALA, CARDIFF ROAD, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No; 10/05/10 Date of Next Meeting

The following date and venue was confirmed for the next Meeting;

Tuesday 29 June at Ty Rhiw Community Centre commencing at 7 pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED:.....

DATE:.....