

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Ty Rhiw Community Centre Tuesday 24 May 2011

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman), Megan Jones, L Thomas, C Dyke, Pat Prothero, S Lintern and C E Griffin

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Tracy Williams and A Evans

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson and PCSO Christopher Roberts

MINUTE No: 1/5/11: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of interest disclosed.

MINUTE No: 2/5/11: POLICE MATTERS:

- David Lott ,the PCSO for Taff's Well was currently on leave and therefore unable to attend the meeting
- PCSO Christopher Roberts informed members that Sgt Williams would be attending the next meeting of the local PACT group where he will answer any questions, from the public, about the new policing arrangements for the area.

Other Issues:

- An arrest had been made of an individual who had been caught stealing scaffolding pipes
- Two local individuals had received custodial sentences of two and half years for burglary offences in the area
- A local individual had been apprehended breaking in to the Focus warehouse
- Information and local talks will be given in respect of residents protecting themselves from "shed burglaries during the summer months. It was agreed that if the officer provides information on this matter the Council will put it on its website and in the local Newsletter
- A Pub Watch scheme has been launched in the area. It was pleasing that 8 of the 9 licensed premises had attended the meeting and were coordinating action to limit the problems associated with anti social behaviour and drink crime
- It is proposed to hold a series of PACT surgeries, in the community halls at Tawelfryn and Oxford Street, the surgeries will be held during the day and on Saturdays to enable maximum attendance
- Vehicles making off without payment at petrol stations is becoming a major problem. This is caused by the high price of fuel. Often licence plates are cloned making detection very difficult

PACT Priorities

- Speeding on the Ty Rhiw Estate. The police have visited the area twice and recorded the speed of some 46 vehicles, 6 were classified as speeding and appropriate action taken. Other areas were invited to participate in this exercise.
- Parking issues in the village was still a priority. Following notices and enforcement procedures there has been a marked improvement in the number of cars illegally parked in the Tyla Gwyn area
- Whilst Anti Social Behaviour continues to be a priority there have been no reported incidents in Nantgarw and only a few in Taff's Well. The police will continue to monitor the situation but there has been marked improvements.

Resolved: That PCSO Roberts be thanked for his report.

MINUTE NO: 3/5/11: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 April 2011 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/5/11: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/5/11 CLERK'S REPORT

FOOTPATH THROUGH BRYNAU WOODS

At the previous meeting the Clerk reported that the County Council had written, to the Community Council, claiming that the footpath through Brynau Woods was not classified as a "public footpath" and therefore it was not the responsibility of the County Council to maintain the path.

On receiving this information the Clerk forwarded a number of photographs which clearly stated that the path was an adopted footpath and finally the County agreed that it is.

The County Council has apologised for this error and indicated that work will be undertaken to replace the wooden steps that they now agree is in a state of disrepair. However, they considered that the footpath is generally in good condition.

Members noted that the path was inspected following a period of extremely dry weather and asked if the path could be re-inspected during inclement weather conditions.

Resolved:

1. That the reply received from the County Council be noted
2. That the Clerk requests that the path be re-inspected during inclement weather conditions

RESIDENTS COMPLAINT - RHYS DAVIES - TREES

The Clerk reported that the Council has received a request for assistance, from residents in Moy Road, in respect of the large conifer trees sited on the boundary fence of Rhys Davies' premises, the conifers had grown to an extent that they were excluding light to nearby properties.

Given the concern of the residents the Clerk e-mailed the Managing Director and Local Business Manager requesting that sympathetic consideration be given to the residents request that the conifers be cut back.

The Clerk was pleased to report that within 2 days of the e-mail the Council had received a call from the Director confirming that action would be taken in respect of this matter.

Resolved:

1. That the action taken by the Clerk be noted and approved
2. That Rhys Davies be thanked for their prompt and positive response

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1) TAFF'S WELL AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Society applied for funding towards the cost of hiring a marquee type shelter for the Taff's Well Village Show. Estimates presented by the Society showed that the cost of even the smallest marquee is in the region of £500 rising to some £1500 for a larger version.

Resolved:

That, because of the significance of the event, a grant of £500 be awarded.

2) CYLCH MEITHRIN Y FFYNNON TAF

This application sort funding to provided safety solutions and additional marketing for the Welsh Language Pre-School playgroup and Baby/Toddler group that meet in the Taff's Well Village Hall.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded.

REFURBISHMENT OF BUS STOPS

For some considerable time the Community Council has been campaigning for improvements to bus services and bus shelters within the Taff's Well / Nantgarw areas. Following a request by Councillor Bonetto the Clerk wrote to the County Council requesting if the area could be included in a scheme for bus service improvements along the A470 Bus Corridor.

The Council had now received confirmation that the Bus Shelters will be included in the scheme and invited the Council to meet, on site, to examine what improvements are proposed.

The meeting is being held on Thursday 26th May but unfortunately the Clerk will not be able to attend because of attendance at a family funeral. Councillor Bonetto, as Chairman, agreed to attend the meeting supported by other Members

Resolved:

Members noted the above report and correspondence.

MINUTE No: 6/5/11 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Asked if the Clerk had received a reply in respect of the tunnel under the brook at The Views. The Clerk confirmed he had not received a reply but would chase the matter up.
- Requested that the County Council Highways Department be contacted in respect of the Community Council's request for white lines to be re-installed at the top of Ty Rhiw Hill, Cemetery Road, Ty Rhiw. There had been a number of incidents with vehicles crossing over to the other side of the road when approaching the top of the hill. The request is supported by the PACT group. The Clerk agreed that he would once again contact the department on this matter
- The Councillor informed Members about a "knitting circle" that had been established to knit squares for blankets. Monies raised would be used to support the Air Ambulance Service and Velindre Hospital.

Sandra Lintern

- Expressed concern over the overgrowth of bushes that were restricting the footpath along the west side of Nantgarw Road, from the Post Box to the flats. People were being forced off the pavement into the road and the Member requested that the County Highways Department be asked to look at what could be done to alleviate this problem. In addition, the County Council be asked to cut back the hedges by the bus stop at Tyla Gwyn
- Requested that the Council consider purchasing two benches for the Tawelfryn area, one to be placed at the bus stop at Yr Hendre the other on the old Nantgarw Road. It was agreed, in principle that benches be purchased. The Clerk would seek estimates, and request permission, from the County, to install the benches.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Requested that the Clerk contact the County Council Highways Department in respect of the large potholes on the junction of North & West View Ty Rhiw. It was further requested that a letter be sent to the department asking that action is taken to repair the numerous potholes throughout the Ty Rhiw Estate

Jill Bonetto

- Reported back on the recent meeting held with the County Council to discuss local library provision and the impact on local people, should the proposed relocation proceed. At the meeting County Councillor Adrian Hobson stated that monies specifically allocated for the Taff's Well area had not been spent, including a sum of money, given under a planning agreement, from the Lovells development. The County member gave no details in respect of this matter. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council and ask, under the provisions contained within the Freedom of Information act, for specific information on this matter.

Lynne Thomas

- Asked if any reply had been received from the County Council's Fly-tipping department about the removal of the rubbish that had been tipped on the Community Garden site. The Clerk confirmed that no reply had been received and agreed to chase up this matter

MINUTE No; 7/5/11 FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the April accounts in the sum of £1954.44 this includes a grant of £500 to the Taff's Well and District Horticultural Society and £250 to Cylch Meithrin y Ffynnon Taf approved under minute no.5/4/11

MINUTE No: 8/5/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

11/0450/10	Mr H Evans GEAES Nantgarw Caerphilly Road Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7YJ	Erection of steel portal frame tool shed at: G E AIRCRAFT ENGINE SERVICES LTD CAERPHELLY ROAD, NANTGARW, CARDIFF CF15 7YJ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0493/10	Mr S Burt S J Environmental Services Unit 4 Glan-y-Llyn Industrial Estate Taff's Well C15 7JD	Alteration to front elevation & internal alterations at:- UNIT 7 GLAN-Y-LLYN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TAFFS WELL CARDIFF CF15 7JD	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

11/0558/10	Mr R C Plaisted St Olafs Newport Road Castelton Cardiff	Change of use/conversion to retail (A1); cafe (A3) & car sales at: RIVERSIDE GARAGE, CARDIFF ROAD TAFFS WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RF	The County Council be informed that the Community Council is concerned that there is no provision for parking shown on the application. This would add to the parking problem already being experienced on the Cardiff Road. In addition, the site is already displaying signs indicating that the site will also be used for car valeting services and there is concern in respect of the escape of water onto the public highway
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MINUTE No: 9/5/11 PUBLIC SESSION:

No Members of the public raised any items

MINUTE No; 10/5/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 June 2011 commencing at 7pm
Councillor Thomas would ascertain if Saints Mary and James Church Hall was available on this date and, if available book the venue.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

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DATE:.....