

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Saints Mary and James Church Tuesday 28 June 2011

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman) L Thomas, C Dyke and S Lintern

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Tracy Williams, A Evans, Pat Prothero, Megan Jones and C E Griffin

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson and PCSO Dave Lott

MINUTE No: 1/6/11: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declaration of interests disclosed.

MINUTE No: 2/6/11: POLICE MATTERS:

- PCSO David Lott presented apologies from PCSO Christopher Roberts who was engaged on other duties. However, PCSO Robert had prepared some notes, on local issues, which the officer presented to the meeting.

Issues:

- The Pub Watch scheme had now been launched and was progressing well with local landlords and licensees fully participating in the project.
- PACT surgeries had been held, in the community halls at Tawelfryn and Oxford Street, the surgeries had attracted good attendance and will be repeated again next month.
- There had been a number of "shed burglaries" in the area and local residents were being asked to ensure that all outbuildings were securely locked when not in use.
- The police had participated in the local school's open day and had received a good response from both pupils and parents
- In conjunction with the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme open surgeries are to be introduced at the local police station.

PACT Priorities

- Speeding was still problematic, particularly on the Ty Rhiw Estate and Moy Road Industrial Estate, the Police had been using "local speed guns" and were concerned about the excessive speed of vehicles in the Moy Road area. It was hoped that, in the near future, the police Traffic section will mount an operation to target this area.
- Parking issues in the Village was still a priority. Members expressed concern that there was still a major problem of cars, parked both sides of the road, by Taff's Well Park/School and requested that further action be taken to ensure public safety in these areas.
- Anti Social Behaviour on the Ty Rhiw Estate continues to be a priority. In the last month 6 Anti Social Behaviour Order referrals had been issued.

Members' concerns

- Councillor Bonetto expressed concern that little action appeared to be taken in respect of the dangerous parking by the school/park and requested that enforcement action be taken to ensure the safety of children in this "black spot"
- At the last meeting the police informed members that local talks would be given in respect of residents protecting themselves from "shed burglaries during the summer months. The Council agreed that it would put this information on its website and in the local newsletter. However, despite reminders the information was not forthcoming. The newsletter had been delayed and eventually had to be published without this information . The Council reiterated its commitment to publishing

articles, for the police, both on its website and newsletter but there needs to be more commitment from the police if this was to be successful.

- Councillor Lintern expressed her continued concern about vehicles doing u-turns at the traffic lights at the entrance to the Tawelfryn Estate.
- Residents of Yr Hendre had expressed concern about a boat that was being parked on the highway. The police agreed that they would take a further look into what could be done to resolve this matter.

MINUTE NO: 3/6/11: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 May 2011 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/6/11: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/6/11 CLERK'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010-2011

The Clerk presented, for approval a copy of the Community Council's statement of accounts for the financial year 2010-2011.

The Clerk informed Members that the statement had been placed on the Council's website and, subject to approval, the Clerk will now prepare the documentation required by the audit Commission.

Resolved:

Members noted and approved the Council's accounts for the financial year 2010-2011.

WATER PAYMENT - ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Clerk reminded Members that in March 2010 the Community Council resolved, minute 5/3/10, that it would discontinue to pay the water rates on the allotments and that responsibility for these costs would pass to the allotments association. In recognition of this the Council agreed that it would provide an annual grant of £250 towards the water rates.

Members were requested, as per the "memorandum of understanding" to approve this payment.

Resolved:

The payment of £250 to the Taff's Well Allotment association be approved.

NEWSLETTER

Copies of the Community Council's Newsletter were presented to the meeting and arrangements agreed in respect of delivery to local residents and businesses.

Resolved:

Members approved the Newsletter and the arrangements for delivery to residents and local businesses

RESIDENTS' COMPLAINT - RHYS DAVIES - TREES

Further to the report, at last month's meeting, the Clerk was pleased to report that Rhys Davies' had now cut back the conifers and the Moy Road residents co-ordinator has asked that the Council be thanked for their work in resolving this issue.

Resolved:

That this feedback be noted.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NANTGARW OAP ASSOCIATION

Members received an application for funding towards the running costs of the association, and organising outings etc.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Nantgarw OAP Association.

INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Clerk informed Members that the Community Council's Public Liability/Contents Insurance is due for renewal on the 21st July 2011.

At last year, the Council received a report, from the Clerk, recommending that the existing policy be reviewed as it did not meet the needs of the Council. This review had now been completed and competitive tenders sought from an insurance broker recommended by One Voice Wales.

This exercise has now been completed and the Clerk recommended that the attached quotation from " Broker Network Ltd" be accepted.

It was further recommend that the Council enters into a three year agreement as this will provide better value for money, give increased cover, and provide a saving over the existing policy of some £300 per year.

Resolved:

1. That the remittance advice from "Game & Company" in respect Council's Public liability Insurance be approved in the sum of £891.74
2. That the Council enters into a three year agreement with this company thereby saving 5% on the premiums per annum.

MINUTE No: 6/6/11 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Asked if the Clerk could establish when the hedge at the entrance to Ty Rhiw Hill is scheduled to be cut by our contractor. The Clerk agreed to pursue this matter with the contractor.
- Expressed concern that the fence at the bottom of Ty Rhiw Hill bordering the A470 had still not been repaired. The Clerk confirmed that he had written twice to the County Council on this matter but would send in another referral form.

Sandra Lintern

- Expressed concern over the number of potholes at the bottom of the Caerphilly Road (A468) at the approach to the junction of the A470. It was agreed that the clerk would report these potholes to the County Highway department.
- Asked if the County Council's "tree officer" could be asked to look at the large oak tree on the corner of the Old Nantgarw Road- Heol Edwards (opposite Tawelfryn Community Centre), as in the past year a number of large branches have fallen into the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter.
- Noted that a number of street lights in Yr Hendre were not working. It was agreed that the member would look at the numbers on the individual lamp posts and let the Clerk have details. The Clerk will then report the matter to the appropriated department.

Jill Bonetto

- Following the problems related to sewerage, at Ty Rhiw, the member had made further enquiries in respect of who was ultimately responsible for providing these service . The Member informed the Council that from 1st July 2011 all responsibility for sewerage would pass to the Welsh Water Authority.
- Expressed concern over the dangerous parking by Taff's Well Park. Vehicles were parking on both sides of the road causing an obstruction to other road users. It was agreed that the police be asked to look into this matter.
- Reported that the "Spar Well" was now full to overflowing and requested that the Clerk contact the parks department to see if any action could be taken to prevent an overflow from the Well.
- Had received a complaint that 3 caravans were permanently parked on the road in Glan-y-Ffordd. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the highways department to see if any action could be taken to remove them.
- Requested that the clerk contact the County Council to see if any progress has been made in respect of the Community Charter.
- Requested that the County Council be asked to visit the pathway in Brynua Woods during inclement weather and make a further assessment of the state of the footpath.

MINUTE No; 7/6/11 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 £2528.72 this included a grant of £250 to the Nantgarw OAP Association which was determined at the meeting.

MINUTE No: 8/6/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

11/0567/10	Mr Stuart Hicks 69 Oxford Street Nantgarw Taff's Well Cardiff Cf15 7SU	Erect second storey extension to existing single storey annex at:- 69 OXFORD STREET, NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SU	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0565/15	Mr Martin Hosken 5 Cules Terrace Taff's Well CF4 7QJ	Variation of condition 1 of planning approval 04/2358(dwelling & garage) to extend commencement of development (within 5 years) by an additional 3 years at:- PLOT ADJACENT TO PANT PLACE TAFF'S WELL CF4 7DG	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

11/0346/10	Ms Yvonne McInnes 117 Glan-Y-Ffordd Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SP	Single storey extension to side and rear of property containing sun lounge and shower Room at:- 117 GLAN-Y-FFORDD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0341/10	Mr C John 91 Rhiw'r Ddar Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7PB	Erection of steel fence with gate to replace existing wooden fence to the rear and side of Property at:- 91 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/6/11 PUBLIC SESSION:

Members of the public raised issues in respect of the following:

1. The relocation of the Taff's Well Library and the promised reports, from the County Council, in respect of land issues and structural reports on the adjacent community centre. It was agreed that these items would be raised by the chairman of the library working group. In addition, members of the public expressed concern that there had been no further meetings of the group. The chairman, of the working group, agreed to pass on these concerns to the County Council Officer dealing with this issue.
2. A Member of the public informed the members of the work he had been undertaking in respect of his concerns about the culvert in Ty Rhiw. Members of the council welcomed his participation in this issue.

MINUTE No; 10/6/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 July 2011 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre. The meeting will commence at 7pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

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DATE:.....