

## **Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Ty Rhiw Community Centre Tuesday 26 July 2011**

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

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: - L Thomas, Fred Meech, Tracy Williams, A Evans, and PCSO David Lott

**Also present:** Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson.

### **MINUTE No: 1/7/11: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Councillor C Dyke declared an interest in all matters associated with the provision of an office for the police at the Ty Rhiw Community Centre and took no part in the deliberations on this matter.

### **MINUTE No: 2/7/11: POLICE MATTERS:**

Whist no officers were present the following written report was received from PCSO Lott.

#### **CRIMES OVER THE LAST MONTH.**

- 26/06/2011 Suspicious incident Glan Y ffordd, somebody had been in the garden and possible damage to the front door.
- 26/06/2011 Attempted burglary Caerphilly Garden Centre.
- 28/06/2011 Rockwood Riding Centre theft of tools from a van parked in the drive, good CCTV possible convictions from this.
- 04/04/2011 Theft of a purse outside the post office on Cardiff Road, purse was left on the dashboard of a vehicle with the window open, a van then drove into Anchor Street one person got out and walked to the car reached inside and stole the purse off the dashboard. CCTV is being viewed and investigated.
- 04/07/2011 Motorcycle Annoyance Nantgarw area, we will try to involve Rhondda Cynon Taff's off road team to work with us in Nantgarw and Ty Rhiw.
- 05/05/2011 Possible distraction burglary Oxford Street Nantgarw, a male person walked into a property and said he thought it was his mothers house, this has all the signs of a typical distraction burglary.
- 12/07/2011 A bonnet and headlights were stolen from a mini car over night at Rhyd Yr Helyg.
- 18/07/2011 Theft of solar lights from a garden at Heol Edwards Nantgarw.
- 18/07/2011 Suspicious males in a car in North View they were checked by police officers, please call if any persons seen again.

#### **Pact priorities.**

- Parking – Cardiff Road, patrols have been carried out, some at seven o'clock in the morning, we have spoken to drivers and contacted Ferris who have now put a notice up in their office to stop the drivers parking there. We will continue to monitor this.
- Speeding – Throughout the ward, we have carried out Hi-Vis foot patrols and patrols using our own hand held speed gun, we have used the gun in several areas including Moy Road Industrial Estate. Ty Rhiw, The Views and Glan Y Ffordd.

#### **The Boat Yr Hendre.**

We have carried out several enquiries with RCT regarding this boat, Tammy Jones at Highways Abercynon has passed it onto Gwyn Hughes who has made a site visit, he does not deem the boat to be causing an

obstruction, we have also spoken to the owner of the boat and there seems to be some neighbour dispute going on in the area and that is why he continues to park the boat where it is.

**Resolved:**

Members noted PCSO Lott's report

**MINUTE NO: 3/7/11: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 June 2011 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

**MINUTE No: 4/7/11: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**MINUTE NO: 5/7/11 CLERK'S REPORT**

**PROPOSED HORSE ACCESS TO FFOREST FAWR**

The Clerk reported that the Community Council had received the following email from the County Council.

*The Council has received a proposal from Stephanie Davies, Chairperson of Briars Bridleways, to allow horse access from Ty Rhiw using a small section of the Taff Trail to Fforest Fawr where there is consent to ride from the Forestry Commission.*

*I attach for your information a copy of a plan, 1:5000 scale, showing the line of the proposed horse access in blue dashed line.*

*I would welcome any comments or observations you may wish to make on the proposal. However, if I do not receive a reply within 14 days of the date of this letter I will assume that you have no comments to make.*

*If you have any other queries regarding the above matter or wish to discuss the proposal further, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

**Resolved:**

Whilst, in principal, the Community Council has no objection they would like some safeguards in place to ensure that any alterations to the bridal path does not make it easier for these little motor bikes to get into the forest and cause a nuisance, or make access to the cycle path easier for the same reason

**NEWSLETTER**

Members received, for approval, a copy of the invoice in respect of the printing costs of the Newsletter.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received two requests asking if the Council will consider advertisements within its publication. The Clerk informed Members that he had some concerns about this development as it could possible change the nature and ethos of the Community Newsletter i.e. providing local news and information to local residents and businesses within the area.

**Resolved:**

1. Members approved payment of the invoice for the printing of the newsletter
2. Members agreed that advertisements in the Newsletter could detract from its primary purpose and resolved not to place commercial advertisements in the Newsletter.

### **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Members received requests for financial assistance from the following organisations

#### **1) SHELTER CYMRU 2)TAWELFRYN YOUTH CLUB 3) KYOKAI SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB**

The Clerk reported that Shelter Cymru was seeking grant aid to support its work with the homeless within the local community both of the other clubs are based at the Tawelfreyn Community Centre and provide much needed facilities for young people

#### **Resolved:**

That a grant of £250 be made to each organisation.

### **RENEWAL OF INTERNET SERVICES**

The Clerk reported that the cost of supplying internet services is £24.50 per month. The annual agreement was due in April 2011 at a cost of £294 p.a.

Members were requested to note that payment for the forthcoming financial year had included in this month's financial payments.

#### **Resolved:**

That the payment be noted.

### **PARK BENCHES**

The Community Council had previously agreed, in principle, to purchase two "park benches" for the Tawelfryn area. The Clerk reported that there is a wide selection of equipment that can be purchased. Prices, excluding VAT, range from about £350 (basic seat) to over £800 for more substantial models. This did not include fitting costs.

Members view a large selection of benches and agreed that, in the first instance, it would purchase one Phoenix Seat from Glasdon Manufacturing Limited at a cost of £362.96, excluding VAT. If the seat was considered to be of value for money an additional seat would be order at a later date.

#### **Resolved.**

That the Community Council purchases one Phoenix Seat from Glasdon Manufacturing Limited at a cost of £362.96, excluding VAT and that the Clerk make arrangements for delivery and fitting.

### **REFURBISHMENT ON BUS SHELTERS**

The Clerk reported that the Community Council had been informed that work on the provision of the new bus shelters is planned to commence on the 22 August and will be completed by the end of September 2011.

The upgrade will involve installing new bus shelters, raising the height of the kerbs and providing bus stop markings, to ensure that parked vehicles do not cause an obstruction to buses. This will enable buses to pull-in alongside the pavement for passenger safety.

The work will be carried out by Streetcare & Bus Shelter (Wales) and the Authority will do everything it can to keep disruption to a minimum.

The Community Council wished to thank the County Council for all of the work they have undertaken in respect of this matter.

An article had been put on the Council's website together with a copy of the map showing what bus shelters will be refurbished.

#### **Resolved:**

That the above report be noted

## **CLOSURE OF TAFF'S WELL POLICE STATION**

Members expressed their disquiet about the closure of the Taff's Well Police station and the lack of consultation on this matter. A Member reported that there was a rumour circulating that whilst the station was closed, with only 7 days notice, the lease on the building did not expire until 2012 and that the lease could not be reassigned. It was agreed that the Clerk would request, under the provisions contained in the Freedom of information act, clarification of the leasing arrangements for the station.

Members were also informed that the Police Community Support officers had been offered accommodation at Ty Rhiw Community Centre. However this would increase the costs, payable by the centre, in terms of additional heating and lighting. Members gave consideration to this matter and agreed that whilst it was opposed to the closure of the police station it would, under its powers to support measures to reduce crime and disorder, give an annual grant of £500 to the Community Centre to offset these costs.

### **Resolved**

That an annual grant of £500 per annum will be awarded to the Ty Rhiw Community Centre to offset the costs of providing accommodation for the local Police Community support Officers.

## **MINUTE No: 6/7/11 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Cllr. C Dyke MBE**

- Expressed concern that parts of the embankment on the Cardiff Road, between Ferris Coaches and the Welsh Chapel, had eroded causing mud, stones and tree branches to fall onto the highway, the member requested that this matter be brought to the notice of the highways authority.
- Requested that the culvert tunnel, from the views to Cemetery Road be cleared of debris.
- Requested that the Clerk contacted Welsh Water to pick up the barriers that had been left outside 72 Ty Rhiw
- Asked that the County Council be contacted with a view to cutting back the trees/ shrubbery on Ty Rhiw Hill as the trees were now blocking the light from the Street lighting columns
- Informed members of the potential grants available, from Inter Link, for the refurbishment of playgrounds. The Clerk confirmed that these grants could not be accessed by the Community Council as they were only available to voluntary organisations.

### **Cllr. Sandra Lintern**

- Informed Members that the County Council's Tree Officer and inspected the trees that were blocking the light from the street lighting columns on the Old Nantgarw Road and had agreed to issue notices requiring those on private property to be cut back.
- Expressed concern that public footpath, on the old Nantgarw Road, had been blocked with rubbish limiting the access of users to this right of way. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter with the County Council's rights of way officer
- 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.
- Requested that the County Council be asked to install a dog litter bin in Yr Hendry.

**Cllr. Jill Bonetto**

- The Member reported that she had received a press enquiry in respect of the application to develop the land on the Rhys Davies site. As the planning application had not yet been received and the details unknown the member thought that it would be inappropriate to comment.
- Reported on her recent visit to the Queen's Annual Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.
- Reported on the problems being experienced by the residents of Oxford Street in respect of the access arrangements to the Veolia Waste Management Depot. copies of emails in respect of this matter were circulated to Members who resolved that the Council would write to support the view of the residents, that lorries using Oxford Street was unacceptable, particularly when alternative routes were available.

**Cllr. P Protheroe**

- Asked that RCT Homes be requested to paint the doors on the garages in the Views. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact RCT Homes in respect of this matter.

**Cllr. Megan Jones**

- The Councillor informed Members that in April, following concern over the state of the footpath though Brynau Wood the County Council had stated that: "*On inspection of the path by the rights of way officer and the Senior Countryside Ranger the path was considered to be in a generally good condition. I have asked our ranger team to programme works to replace some of the wooden steps that are in a state of disrepair over the next 2 months*". The Member expressed concern that no work had been carried out and requested that the Clerk enquire when this work is likely to commence.
- Noted that the fencing on the Rhys Davies site had still not been repaired and asked that the Clerk make further enquiries in respect of this matter.

**Cllr. C E Griffin**

Requested that the County be contacted to request that the bus shelters in Taff's Well village be cleaned, the Clerk confirmed he would do this online.

**MINUTE No: 7/7/11 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 July accounts in the sum of £2830.24 this included a grant of £250 to each of the following organisations: SHELTER CYMRU, TAWELFRYN YOUTH CLUB and the KYOKAI SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB approved under minute 5/7/11.

**MINUTE No: 8/7/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

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

11/0743/10	Mrs Wigg 15 Tyla Gwyn Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7ST	Erect conservatory to front elevation at 15 TYLA GWYN, NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TD	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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11/0821/10	Mr A Gibbins 185 Rhiw'r Ddar Taffs Well Car'diff CF15 7PD	Proposed two storey extension to side elevation and internal alterations at: 185 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CARDIF CF15 7PD	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
11/0846/10	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 TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RF	<p>The Council is concerned that there is limited no provision for car parking shown on the application and given the proposed uses this could cause additional parking problems in the area.</p> <p>In the past both the police and local residents have been concerned about the number of "cars for sale" that are parked outside 'car showrooms' on the Cardiff Road and when complaints are made we are informed that there is no planning condition stating that vehicle must NOT be parked on the highway.</p> <p>If the application is granted we would ask that an enforceable condition is made in respect of this matter.</p> <p>There would appear to be no dedicated parking provision for the Cafe. This is again a concern for whist at present the Cafe use might be 'ancillary' once it has an A3 use it could be developed into something much bigger, again we would ask that consideration be given to imposing a condition which would limit its use to that shown in the application.</p>

**MINUTE No: 9/7/11 PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

1. The problem of vehicles, from the General Electric site (G.E) using the Tawelfryn Housing Estate as a short cut. Often these vehicles exceed the speed limit and there have been numerous reports of vehicles speeding up to catch the traffic lights. There is a particular problem on the lane, that leads to Heol y Dderwen and walkers/ joggers often need to take evasive action to avoid being hit by the vehicles.

As a result of these problems a public meeting had been arranged with representatives of G.E. for Thursday 28 July at the Tawelfryn Community Centre and the residents invited the participation of the Council at the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council had previously made representations to both G.E. and the police in respect of these matters and that all members of the Council fully supported the residents efforts to ensure that these issues were fully resolved. In addition, it was agreed that the Chairman and local members would attend the meeting to support the local residents.

2. A member of the public expressed concern that the trees on Ty Rhiw Hill, Cemetery Road, were obscuring the lamp posts making the area very difficult to walk at night. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the County Council and seek information on what programmes were in place to resolve this issue.
3. Concern was expressed that the street signage in the views were inadequate causing missed deliveries to local residents. It was agreed that, once again, RCT Homes be asked to erect clear signage within the estate.
4. A member of the public expressed concern over the difficulties residents without internet access faced in trying to contact telephone numbers for County Council services. It was agreed that the clerk would produce a sheet, to be displayed in the community Centre, with the main contact details.
5. A local resident was concerned that, once again, residents had been "given the run around" when reporting a blocked drain in the Ty Rhiw Estate with both RCT Homes and Welsh Water claiming it was the others responsibility.

The Clerk advised that from 1st October 2011 drainage pipes which run beyond the property boundary (lateral drains) and those which are shared by more than one property (private sewers) will transfer to become the property and responsibility of the local waste water company. In the meantime, any dispute in respect of ownership should be referred to the Environmental Health Department of the County Council

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

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 September 2011, venue to be agreed, The meeting will commence at 7pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

**SIGNED:.....**

**DATE:.....**