

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Tawelfryn Community Centre Thursday 23 February 2012

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman) L Thomas, C Dyke, Megan Jones, S Lintern, Pat Prothero, & A. Evans

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, Tracy Williams, C E Griffin & PCSO Rachel Price

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/2/12: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Cllr L Thomas declared an interest in all matters associated with planning application number 12/0137/10

MINUTE No: 2/2/12: POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Rachel Price was unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments but submitted the following written report:-

- *At the last PACT meeting residents chose parking issues as this month's priority.*
- *The parking issues are in Taff's Well and also Nantgarw. The main areas I will be concentrating on are Cardiff Road Taff's Well, and the Treforest Industrial Estate near the Esis building.*
- *There were a few call's for scrambler annoyance in the Ty Rhiw area, details of the new scrambler bike have been taken and the owners have be warned if they are seen riding it on the Taff Trail they will be issued a section 59 notice.*

Resolved:

Members noted PCSO Price's report

MINUTE NO: 3/2/1: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 31 January 2012 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/2/12: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/2/12 CLERK'S REPORT

TAWELFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE - GRANT AID

Members had previously agreed that the Community Council would make a financial contribution of £3000 to the improvements of the Community Centre. The grant was subject to GEC providing additional financial support for the improvement of the centre and it surrounding area,

The Clerk reported that this condition had now been fulfilled and a substantial grant, from GEC, has been deposited in the centre's bank account. Authorisation was therefore sought to release the "earmarked" grant to the Community Centre.

Resolved:

That the "earmarked" grant of £3000 be released to the Tawelfryn Community Centre Account.

COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES- REVIEW

Members received, for information, a copy of a letter from the Countryside Council for Wales outlining its plans to review the maps of open access to mountain, moor, heath, down land and common land in Wales.

Resolved:

1. The review scheduled by the Countryside Council be noted.
2. That a copy of the letter be placed on the Council's website.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the above organisations.

LIBRARY/IT HUB

The Clerk reported that the police's solicitors had now forwarded a copy of the proposed assigned lease to the Council's solicitors.

The Clerk was meeting with the Council's solicitors on Friday 24 February 2012 to review the documentation and undertake due diligence proceedings.

A further update will be presented to the next Council meeting.

Resolved:

That the above report be noted

NEWSLETTER

Members received and approved for distribution copies of the Community Council's Spring Newsletter

Resolved:

That the newsletter be approved and distributed

MINUTE No: 6/2/12 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Informed members of the difficulties experienced by residents on the Ty Rhiw estate, the estate has a number of hills which were impossible to negotiate during periods of snow and ice. The member requested that the Clerk write to the County Council and ask that "salt bins" be installed on the Ty Rhiw Estate.

Cllr. Audrey Evans

- Requested that the Clerk write to planning department/ local PCSO about cars which were being parked on the green area adjacent to the A468 (Cardiff Road and Heol Y Dderwen). The cars were being advertised for sale and causing damage to the green.

- Expressed concern that vehicles were still undertaking U turns at the traffic lights at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate.

Cllr. Megan Jones

- Once again expressed concern about the lack of action by the County Council in dealing with the large number of potholes in the area. The Clerk confirmed that these matters were being reported but lack of finance and the large numbers of potholes throughout the County meant that there would be significant delays in getting the work undertaken.

Cllr. L Thomas

- Supported the concern expressed by Cllr Jones about potholes in the area and drew attention to the very poor condition of Cardiff Road between Taff's Well and Nantgarw.
- Informed members that following the recent rain water was once again congregating on the road outside Ferris' garage. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this matter and request that the drains be cleared at this location.
- Requested that the Clerk investigate the purpose of a large blue metal container that was parked, half on the road and half on the pavement, at Bryn Coch.

Cllr. Sandra Lintern

- Noted that the broken panes of glass had not been replaced in the bus shelter at Queensway. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been reported but would send a follow up email on this matter.
- Expressed concern that the boundary wall located at Dyffryn Frwd OAP complex which was demolished by a tree last year has still not been rebuilt. The Clerk was requested to write and see if any progress could be made on this matter.
- The Member reported that motor cycles and a car had been racing through the Tawelyfryn Estate, this had become a regular occurrence, normally on a Tuesday and Wednesday at about 6 pm. It was agreed that this matter would be forwarded to the local PCSO.
- Requested that a "dog waste bin" be provided outside of the local play area/playground.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Following an enquiry at the last meeting as to whether the County Council provides "traffic indication mirrors" the Clerk had contacted the authority but they had stated this was not part of their remit.
- Asked if the Clerk could ascertain who had purchased the land on the site of the former play area at Ty Rhiw.

MINUTE No; 7/2/12 FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for February 2012.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the February accounts in the sum of £4,699.16 which included a grant of £250 to the **Alzheimer's Society**

MINUTE No: 8/2/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

11/1218/10	Mr A Cena Riverside Garage Cardiff Road Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7RE	Change of use from car sales to car wash and car sales (amended site plan received 27/01/12) at:- RIVERSIDE GARAGE, CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RE	Members noted that the Clerk had informed the planning department that its original letter of objection still stands. The original grounds for objection were as follows:- <i>Insufficient car parking spaces on the site leading to increased parking on Cardiff Road</i> <i>Concerns in respect of drainage on the site</i>
12/0137/10	Mr S Arnold Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Garden 36 Glan-y-Ffordd Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7SJ	Construct a compost toilet at:- TAFFS WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY GARDEN END OF FOREST ROAD, TAFF'S WELL.	The Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/2/12 PUBLIC SESSION:

No issues raised under this agenda item

MINUTE No; 10/2/12 Dates of future meetings

- The March meeting will be held at Ty Rhiw Community Centre on Thursday 29 March 2012
- The April meeting will be held at Saints Mary & James' Church Hall. Tuesday 24 April 2012

All the above meetings will commence at 7pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED:..... **DATE:**