

**MINUTES OF TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL HELD AT:-**

**TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Tuesday 24 June 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Megan Jones (Chairman), S. Lintern, C Dyke, Lynne Thomas  
and J Bonetto

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: -Helen Edmunds, Charlotte E Griffin, Mel Timothy and Fred Meech:-  
Apologies also received from PCSO Marcus Chick and PC Richard  
Williams.

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

**MINUTE No: 1/6/14 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Councillor Jill Bonetto declared an interest in all planning applications and took no part in the discussions on these items

**MINUTE No: 2/6/14 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Marcus Chick submitted the following written information:-

- Following an email complaint In relation to MR. MILES, I attended his address, no reply but left a police note through the door asking him to contact me
- Following complaints of vehicle obstruction the PCSO attended South View but did not see any obstructions
- The Ferris coaches parking on HEOL CROCHENDY, I have spoken with Richard about this, and we could ask them to not park opposite the junction, but other than that there are no other restrictions to them parking on this road
- I have not received any further calls in regards to off road bikes on the Taff-trail in Nantgarw
- A couple of burglary calls to the GLAN Y FFORDD street and CLOS HEULWEN which is at the end of GLAN Y FFORDD. So far nothing has been stolen, subjects have gained access to a garage, and a rear garden of a property but there has been no items reported stolen
- There is talk of a Neighbourhood watch being set up in Taff's Well, this is currently in hand,

**Resolved:-**

PCSO Chick's report be noted

**MINUTE NO: 3/6/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Councillor Bonetto requested that the minutes reflected the fact that she had not agreed with the decision to put an article on the council's website in respect of her being asked to leave a meeting to discuss a new campaign to secure the future of Welsh Education and Language in the local community. With this clarification the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

**MINUTE No: 4/6/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes.

## **MINUTE NO: 5/6/14 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S INTERNET POLICY**

The Clerk reported that whilst the Community Council has an agreed Internet Policy recent events have shown that additional 'safeguards' and protocols need to be established to ensure that information placed on the web is checked and verified by an external source.

The majority of information, minutes, financial records, planning applications etc are already externally verified, and do not need revision however, there is a problem with the current procedures related to the Community Council's "local news page" where factually incorrect information was recently published causing distress to the organisation concerned and embarrassment to the Council and its Members.

Whilst a formal apology has been made to the organisation this incident could have been avoided if the information had been externally verified and it is therefore recommended that, in future, articles published on the 'local news page' be verified and agreed with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council before publication.

#### **Resolved:-**

The Council, after reviewing its current internet practices resolves that, in future, articles published on the 'local news page' be verified and agreed with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council before publication.

### **AN INCREASED ROLE FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S**

At its last meeting the Clerk reported that a 'working group' lead by Mick Antoniw AM had been examining the implications and possible future roles for Town and Community Councils as outlined in the Williams report. The group had produced a report which it would like to present to the Welsh Government in June and requested that the council review the report and confirm that it endorses the content of the report.

In addition, the Council has been requested to nominate a member of the Council to participate in any future publicity.

The Council subsequently resolved:-

1. The Community Council noted that the report is intended to be a 'discussion document' and on this basis is happy to endorse the report.
2. That Councillor Jill Bonetto act as the Council's nominated representative to this committee

The AM had subsequently confirmed that a meeting has been arranged with the Minister for Local Government, Lesley Griffiths AM, for Monday 7 July at 12.30pm in the Senedd where representatives from each of the Town/Community councils can witness the handing over of the report to the minister.

The AM suggested that it would be appropriate for each of the town/community councils to be present at this meeting and requested the Council to submit the name(s) of at least 1 member of the council who would act as the Council's represent at this event for the necessary security and visitor arrangements to be completed.

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor Jill Bonetto be nominated as the Community Council's representative

## **MINUTE No: 6/6/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Cllr Sandra Lintern**

- Expressed concern that the 'fly over bridge' over the A470, from Yr Hendre was difficult to use owing to the trees growing either side of the bridge. In addition, the member reported that one tree had taken root on the bridge. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter with the appropriate authority.
- Noted that the County Council had 'sprayed' the overgrowth to the pathways at Yr Hendre and thanked Councillor Jill Bonetto for her swift action in resolving this matter.
- Noted that there was a large accumulation of Japanese Knotweed outside Ferris Garage, Cardiff Road and requested that the invasive species officer be informed

### **Cllr Megan Jones**

- Reported that there appeared to be a problem of rat infestation in the vicinity of South View. One possible cause could be the large amount of litter in the gardens of 16 and 19 South View. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the public health section of the County Council to seek advice what can be done to remove the rubbish.

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### **Cllr Lynne Thomas**

- Asked if anything could be done about repairing the broken wall at Oakfield, Glan-y-Llyn Square as it was causing a hazard on the footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter.
- Noted that whilst the Council's contractor had undertaken work on "Pop factory lane" it was not up to the usual standard and some of the brambles were still very long. The member also noted that we had not received a monitoring report from the contractor. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the contractor about these matters.

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

- Informed members that she was also experiencing difficulty in monitoring the grass cutting contract and no work appears to have been undertaken in Cemetery Road
- Expressed concern about the amount of 'overgrowth' protruding through the retaining wall between Glan-y-Llyn and the Swan public house. The member was concerned that the overgrowth could damage the wall and stated that in some parts it caused a problem for pedestrians. It was agreed that these observations would be passed on to the appropriate department of the County Council
- Expressed concern that the trees at the top end of Cemetery Road had grown so large that they were 'canopying' across the road, thereby reducing visibility. The Member requested that this matter be brought to the attention of the appropriate department

### **Cllr Jill Bonetto**

- Gave a comprehensive report on her County Council activities.
- Informed Members that the complaints/issues involving the Tawelyfryn area were still being investigated and the member hoped to give a more comprehensive reply at the next meeting.
- Informed members that, following her intervention, the footpaths in Yr Hendre had been sprayed.
- Informed members about the new 18 member planning committee and the changes to the way that planning applications were now determined. As a member of the new committee the member could not comment on applications presented to the community council for their observations.

**MINUTE No: 7/6/14 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for May/June 2014.

**Resolved:**

Members approved payment of June's accounts in the sum of £1824.19

**MINUTE No: 8/6/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

14/0620/10	Mr L Davies Persimmon Homes East Wales Llantrisant Business Park Llantrisant	Redevelopment of site to provide 70 dwellings with ancillary car parking, open space, access arrangements and landscaping at:- LAND OF CARDIFF ROAD RHYDYFELIN PONTYPRIDD CF37 5LG	Members noted that the application related to the Hawthorn area and not Taff's Well and Nantgarw
14/0652/10	Miss L Carpenter 17 Bron Haul Pentyrch Cardiff CF15 9TA	Change of use of part of ground floor from residential to head office for cleaning company business. First floor to remain as residential use at:- 1 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RA	As there appears to be very limited provision for car parking the community council has some reservations in respect of the proposed head office for a cleaning company business and possible traffic movements from the site

**MINUTE No: 9/6/14**

No Members of the Public attended the meeting

**MINUTE No: 10/6/14 Dates of future meetings**

The next three meetings of the Community Council will be as follows:

- July - Monday 28 July 2014 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- September- Thursday 25 September 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- October - Tuesday 28 October 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm.

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