

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

TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 24 January 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, S. Lintern and Mel Timothy

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin, Megan Jones, Helen Edmunds and C Dyke.

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/1/16 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: 2/1/16 POLICE MATTERS:

No representative was present from the police authority and no apologies presented

MINUTE No: 3/1/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2015 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/1/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/1/16 CLERK'S REPORT

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE - LIMIT FOR 2016-17

Members received, for information, a copy of the official notification informing the Council of the amount of Section 137 Expenditure allowable to Community Council's in the financial year 2015-16. As required, under audit compliance regulations, Members were required to formally acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Resolved:

Members noted the appropriate sum of Section 137 Expenditure for the financial year 2016-17.

ALLOTMENT FEES 2016/2017

In order to aid preparation of the Allotments Association AGM the Clerk requested that Members give consideration to the level of fees in the forthcoming financial year.

In the previous year the Council agreed that the fees be raised to £1.80 per perch but "fixed" for the next two financial years i.e. 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. Members were requested to reaffirm this decision.

Resolved:

Members reaffirmed that the fees for the financial year 2016/2017 be fixed at £1.80 per perch.

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TREFOREST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PARC NANTGARW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER

Members noted that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council had started its statutory consultation on the above Local Development Order (LDO)

The LDO would grant planning permission, subject to exclusions, limitations and conditions for the developments specified by the LDO. This would remove the need for formal planning applications for certain developments, with the aim of encouraging further development on Treforest Industrial Estate and Parc Nantgarw.

A copy of the draft order and statement of the Local Planning Authority's reasons for making the order had previously been circulated to members, who have electronic access and 'hard copies' were also available from RCTCBC or by request to the Clerk

Resolved:

Whilst the Community Council appreciates the advantages of the local Development Order (LDO) it does have a concern that the democratic process could be corroded and would ask that the County Member be advised and consulted on all proposed developments /expressions of interest within the LDO.

In this way residents will be reassured that their local elected representative is not totally removed from the decision making process and will be able to provide a safeguard against undesirable or intrusive developments.

MINUTE No: 6/1/16 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- The Member asked for clarification on the reply she had received asking for permission to erect direction signage to the Gospel Hall. The Clerk confirmed that the County had stated that a sign could be erected on the corner of the land in the ownership of the Hall but it was not their policy to provide signage on the area adjacent to the roundabout. The Clerk confirmed that he was happy to raise this issue again but was not hopeful of a successful outcome
- Noted that the owner of a property in Quarry Lane had extended their boundary fence to encompass the grass verge and asked if it was known whether the grass verge had been purchased from the highway authority? This information was not immediately available. However it was agreed that as the extended boundary fence was not causing any problem no further action would be taken on this matter.
- Informed member of her concern that "cars for sale" were being parked on the grass verge at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. The cars were causing damage to the verge and potentially caused a hazard as motorists stopped/slowed down to view the cars. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter with the County Council.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Informed Members that she had a discussion with an individual who was putting up signage to advertise the new housing development. She inquired why the signage was removed each night and replaced each morning. The member was told that, in this way, no planning permission was required. The Member queried if this was correct. The Clerk informed the member that his interpretation was that this was right but he would check with the planning office to be sure.
- Expressed concern that cars, presumably from the GE Aviation factory, were making U turns at the entrance to Tawelyfryn Estate, thereby avoiding delays on the A470 roundabout. Whilst it was recognised that, in strict legal terms, no offence was being committed, the practice was dangerous and there had been a few 'near misses' caused by this activity. It was agreed that the Clerk would make the local PCSO aware of Members concerns and also write to GE on this matter.
- Asked if any progress had been made to provide play equipment at Tawelyfryn Park? The County Member confirmed that, following her intervention, money had been allocated in next year's financial budget (2016-2017). Discussions were now taking place with officers about the equipment required and, whilst no date had been set for installation, works would be carried out in the 2016-2017 financial year.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

In her absence the member provided the following written report and asked if the following flooding cases could be reported.

- Informed Members that Superintendent Sally Burke has promised to check out the camera at Glan Y Llyn as the County Member had pointed out it wasn't any use getting lines painted by the camera if they still weren't working
- The Planter has been returned to its proper place outside the Hub, following a traffic incident. Unfortunately, the CCTV in the Co-op doesn't cover that area so it was not possible to identify the vehicle that had mounted the pavement and hit the Planter
- The pothole in King Street has been looked at by RCT workforce but it was raining quite heavily for them to refill it
- Dog mess very prevalent again in Church St.

Cllr Megan Jones

In her absence the member provided the following written report:-

- Requested that the two drains on Forest Road, by the flyover and parallel with the A470 be cleaned as they were blocked and contributing to the flooding in the area.
- Asked if the overgrowth on the opposite side of the road from Ty Rhiw Community Centre could be cut back from over the curb so that the water running down from Abbey close could run into the drain and not down the road. This might improve the situation of local flooding, if not fix the problem. It was agreed that Councillor Bonetto be asked if she could contact the County in respect of this item

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed of her concern that pedestrians were being 'forced out into the road' by builders vehicles parked on the pavement, outside of the old halfway garage site, , this problem was exacerbated by the security fencing which also came out on to the pavement. It was

appreciated that little could be done about the security fence but it was agreed that the local PCSO and traffic enforcement team be asked to look at the vehicles parked on the pavement.

- Noted that when there is a rugby match cars were once again being parked on the pavement and verges in the vicinity of Bryn Coch. Given that this does cause problems for both pedestrians and other road users it was agreed that the local PCSO be asked to look at this matter.
- Expressed concern that there was evidence of ‘young people’ using Forest Road, by the Railway Bridge and South Gate of the allotments, for drug/dope use. This appears to be a regular pattern at night with cars parked up against the South Gate to the Allotments. The member had cleaned away rubbish discarded by those using this area. It was agreed that the PCSO would be made aware of these concerns and ask if a patrol car could occasionally visit the site?

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents including an up date on the problems surrounding the adoption of the highway on the Lovells estate. The member confirmed that the reason the highway was not adopted was because Lovells had not fully complied with the conditions agreed when planning consent was approved including drainage issues that still need to be resolved. Whilst it was appreciated that “double yellow lines” had been put in place this was done by the contractor and consequently were not enforceable by either the police or traffic enforcement officers. The County Member and officers of the Council were trying to resolve these outstanding issues and, in the meantime, residents were advised to raise their concerns with the Lovells management team who were ultimately responsible for the problem.
- Informed members that increased action had been undertaken by traffic enforcement officers.

MINUTE No: 7/1/16 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council’s current and deposit accounts for December 2015 / January 2016.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of accounts in the sum of £ 1,702.24

MINUTE No: 8/1/16 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

15/1571/10	Mr D Hooper Three Locks Cottages Glan-y-Llyn Taff’s Well CF15 7PZ	Demolition of existing shed, and construction of garage with recreational area towards the rear, and overhead storage in loft space at:- 2 THREE LOCKS COTTAGES, GLAN-Y-LLYN TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PZ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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15/1477/10	Mr Alex Long 101 Oxford Street Nantgarw Taff's Well CF15 7SU	Single storey side extension and replacement of existing single storey rear extension at:- 101 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
15/0441/10	Euro Garages Ltd. Euro House Haslingden Road Blackburn Lancashire BB1 2EE	Erection of Petrol Filling Station, forecourt and canopy, convenience store with Subway and 2 ATMs, 3 jet washes, 2 service bays, underground fuel tanks. Starbucks Drive Thru Coffee Shop, Mother Hubbard's Fish and Chip Shop, parking and landscaping. 24 Hours at:- LAND AT HEOL COLEG, PARC NANTGARW, NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TR	The Community Council has reservations in respect of this development and would therefore wish to raise an objection to the application on the following grounds:- 1) The application is on an established flood plain 2) The petrol filling tanks are to be located over previous mine works 3) The proposed 24 hour service, located near residential properties is considered intrusive and would cause considerable nuisance to local residents
15/1458/10	Mr Don James Taff's Well Football Club 22 Brynau Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SA	Erect new 150 seat prefabricated stand to replace existing stand which will sit on a 1m high base of block construction at:- TAFF'S WELL FOOTBALL CLUB PARISH ROAD TAFF'S WELL CF15 7PW	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

15/1616/10	Mr D Hakem 27 Barcelona House Judkin Court Century Wharf Dumballs Road, Cardiff CF10 5AU	Proposed dwelling on LAND ADJACENT TO WOODLAND HEIGHTS CEMETERY ROAD TY RHIW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF	The Community Council has reservations in respect of this development and would therefore wish to raise a formal objection to the application on the following grounds:- 1) The development is a 'back yard' development that is not in keeping with surrounding properties. 2) There are concerns about the access and egress arrangements. 3) Members are concerned that the drainage arrangements are unsatisfactory 4) The development could endanger wildlife in the vicinity of the site
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MINUTE No. 9/1/16 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/1/16 Dates of future meetings

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

- February meeting: Tuesday 23 February 2016: Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- March meeting: Monday 21 March 2016: Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- April meeting: Thursday 28th April 2016: Tawelfryn Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm.

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

SIGNED:..... DATE: