

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

**SAINTS MARY & JAMES' CHURCH HALL  
TAFF'S WELL**

**Monday 23 January 2017**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, S. Lintern, Mel Timothy, Helen Edmunds and Megan Jones

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin, C Dyke and Alun Fowler

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

**MINUTE No: 1/01/17 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: 2/01/17 POLICE MATTERS:**

No representative was present from the police authority and no apologies received.

**MINUTE No: 3/01/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2016 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

**MINUTE No: 4/01/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

**MINUTE No: 5/01/17 CLERK'S REPORT**

**HUB PLATE GLASS WINDOW REPLACEMENT**

The Clerk reported that over the Christmas period a large crack/chip appeared in the plate glass window of the Library Hub and following an inspection it was confirmed that the chip/crack could shatter the window. It was therefore agreed that the window should be replaced as a matter of urgency.

Whilst the contents of the Hub are insured by the Council the building is insured by the landlord who agreed that the window be replaced. However, as the glazier required payment on completion the Clerk, in consultation with members, used plenary powers to pay for the replacement at a cost of £480.00.

**Resolved:**

Members noted the use of plenary powers in respect of this matter and the payment of £480 to Amazing Glazing window contractors

## **COUNCIL VACANCY –CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk submitted, for Members approval, copies of the Application Form Job Description and Person specification for the Council’s vacancy for a new Clerk. In addition, Members agreed the following timetable for the interview process.

Closing date For applications	Friday 10 March 2017		Clerk to undertake initial sift of applicants
Short listing of applicants	Wednesday 15 March 2017	Library Hub 4 pm	Short listing panel Lynne Thomas Jill Bonetto and Helen Edmunds
Interview Short listed applicants	Monday 27 March 2017	Saints Mary and James’ Church Hall. Commence at 4.30pm	Interviewing panel Lynne Thomas Jill Bonetto and Helen Edmunds
Confirmation of appointment by Full Council	Thursday 30 March 2017		
Clerk to send out letter of appointment and contract.  Unsuccessful applicants notified	Friday 31 March 2017		

### **Resolved:**

Members approved the above documents and timetable for the recruitment and interview stages of the appointment of the new Clerk.

## **PLENARY POWERS - FEBRUARY MEETING**

As there will be no Council meeting in February the Clerk requested that plenary powers be authorised to deal with urgent matters that cannot wait until the March meeting.

### **Resolved:-**

In consultation with Members, plenary powers were granted to the Clerk to deal with urgent matters that could not wait until the March meeting.

## **SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE - LIMIT FOR 2017 -2018**

Members received, for information, official notification of the amount of Section 137 Expenditure allowable to Community Council's in the financial year 2017-18.

As required, under audit compliance regulations, Members formally acknowledged receipt of the letter outlining the limits for 2017-2018

### **Resolved:-**

Members noted the appropriate sum of Section 137 Expenditure Limit for the financial year 2017-2018

## **PLANNING APPEAL – 4 YR HENDRE NANTGARW**

Members received a letter, from RCTCBC, informing them that the above applicant had lodged an objection to the conditions imposed on the planning consent which requires the applicant to reduce the section of fence adjacent to the boundary with the highway to a maximum height of 1.5m (as measured from the level of the highway)

The appeal will be determined on the basis of an exchange of written statements and a site visit by the planning inspector.

As the Community Council had previously objected to the height of the fence members instructed the Clerk to reiterate the Council's objections to the planning inspector.

### **Resolved:-**

The Clerk is requested to write to the planning inspector reiterating the Community Council's previous objection in respect of this application.

## **MINUTE No: 6/01/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Cllr Sandra Lintern**

- Expressed concern about a potentially dangerous drain cover on the 'slip road' as you leave the A470 towards Caerphilly. The Clerk agreed that he would locate the exact location, take a photo and forward it to the appropriate department of the County Council
- Noted that there was still a problem with 'dogs mess' caused by a neighbour's dog; Cllr Bonetto informed members that the dog's owner had been identified and the enforcement team were dealing with this matter.
- Informed Members that she continued to receive complaints about bus services and the fact that timetabled buses often do not turn up. Member reiterated that in order to process this matter details of what buses failed to turn up were needed, the member was asked to inform complainants that they need to record the date/times that the buses do not turn up so action can be pursued with the bus company.

### **Councillor Mel Timothy**

- Asked if the dog litter bin located in Tawelyfryn Park could be relocated to the entrance of the estate? Cllr Jill Bonetto agreed that she would liaise with the parks and highway departments on this matter.
- Noted that there was still a major problem with vehicles doing U-turns at the traffic lights on the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. During a two minute period the member recorded five

incidents. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the PCSO to raise this matter with her superiors with a view to action being taken against offenders.

- Noted that 'Cars for Sale' were once again parked on the green at the entrance to the estate. The County member informed the Council that she would once again pursue this matter with the authority and investigate a 'long term solution' to this ongoing problem.
- Asked if any further progress has been made in respect of the refurbishment of one post and supply of a new goal post at Tawelyfryn Park? The County Member informed the Council that this matter was 'in hand' but owing to work schedules might take some time to achieve. The Clerk asked if the County could invoice the Community Council as soon as possible so expenditure could be made in the current financial year.

### **Cllr Helen Edmunds**

- Informed Members that it was the intention of Reverend Zoë King to hold a large Memorial Service in Taff's Well Park on the 12 November 2017 and hoped that the Council and its Members would support the event. It was noted that, whilst the Community Council fully supports this venture and will do all it can to facilitate it some Members are committed to attending Remembrance Day services in their own wards and churches and may not be able to attend. The Council will however do all that it can to make sure the Community Council is represented at this service.
- Reported an abandoned vehicle on the Treforest estate. A PNC check revealed that the vehicle was not insured or taxed and it was subsequently removed by the authority.
- Noted that since 'dog poo bin' had been made available in the street there had been a marked reduction in 'dog mess' in King Street and Church Street.
- Continued to express concern about cars parked on the pavement restricting access to pedestrians with pushchairs and wheelchairs. It was agreed that the PCSO would be asked to look at this matter.

### **Cllr J Bonetto**

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed Members that a detailed traffic survey of Taff's Well and the surrounding district has now commenced. Once completed the Member will organise a public meeting so that residents can have a say in these matters.
- Noted the press and media reports on the possible use of the Forge Masters site. No official application has yet been made but the Member had requested that some light industrial use be retained.
- Informed Members that a special meeting of the County Council has been called to approve the County Council's full involvement in the 'City Deal' proposals.

### **MINUTE No: 7/01/17 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for January 2017.

#### **Resolved:**

Members approved payment of the January accounts in the sum of £1730.23.

### **MINUTE No: 8/01/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

16/1401/10	Mr. Gary Williams DUFFRYN FFRWD MANOR, OLD NANTGARW ROAD NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TE	Erect detached storage building, for storage of spare equipment used in connection with residential/nursing home at:- DUFFRYN FFRWD MANOR, OLD NANTGARW ROAD NANTGARW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TE	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
16/1329/10	Mr Paul Davies Boyes Rees Architects Ltd, Greyfriars Road Cathays Cardiff CF10 3AL	Erection of a new 4 court sports centre at Nantgarw Campus at:- COLEG MORGANNWG HEOL CROCHENDY , TREForest INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TAFF'S WELL CF15 7Q	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0011/10	Mr Andrew Gregory Trewent Design Ltd 80 Waterloo Road, Pentwyn Cardiff CF23 9BH	Rebuilding of single storey side extension and changes/rebuilding of external walls at:- 118 TY RHIW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RY	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
6/1307/10	Mr L Webb Lewis Webb Architects 24 Mill Road Llanishen Cardiff CF14 0XB	Party room/banquet suite extension to the existing restaurant (Bombay Blue).at:- BOMBAY BLUE CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SS	The community council has reservations in respect of this application as it would appear that a large section of the car park will be lost thereby contributing to the already congested traffic parking in the area  Given the close proximity of residential properties there is a potential for noise nuisance and if minded to approve the Council would request a condition in respect of closing times for the establishment

**MINUTE No. 9/01/17 – PUBLIC SESSION**

A member of the public addressed the meeting in respect of her ongoing complaint about the street lighting in Heol y Coed Nantgarw. It was noted that this matter had been raised, at the previous meeting by Cllr Mel Timothy and had been reported by both the Clerk and the County Member Cllr Jill Bonetto.

It was agreed that Cllr Bonetto would pursue this matter with Officers of the County Council and get back to the complainant.

**MINUTE No; 10/01/17 Dates of future meetings**

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

- THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY.
- March meeting: - Thursday 30 March 2017 Tawelyfryn Community Centre.
- April meeting: Tuesday 26 April 2017 at 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 8.15 pm.

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