

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

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

Monday 27 June 2016

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

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin and Megan Jones

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/6/16 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: 2/6/16 POLICE MATTERS:

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

Members expressed concern about the continued absence of a police representative or, if absence was unavoidable a brief written report.

Members were also concerned about the lack of a police presence in the area. Whilst recognising the unavoidability of illness, there has been times when the team were all on leave at the same time, leaving the area without an effective police presence. It was agreed that these concerns be recorded and forwarded to the police authority.

MINUTE No: 3/6/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2016 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/6/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/6/16 CLERK'S REPORT

a) INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

The Council has a statutory duty to publish and report annually to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on allowances and expenses payable to Community and Town Councillors by 30 September each year.

Members received a copy of the Pro forma used to report Member payments for the financial year 2015-2016. Members were requested to note the information and approved publication of the required information.

Resolved:-

Members noted the remuneration report for the financial year 2015-2016 and approve publication of the same.

b) MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

As per the financial regulations the Council had agreed that an expenditure allowance of £100 be paid to all member of the Council for the financial year 2016-2017. These allowances were paid to Members in April 2016.

However in May 2016 a new Member (Councillor Alun Fowler) was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of former Councillor F E Jenkins. As the regulation requires all members to be paid the allowance the new member was therefore entitled to a proportion of the full amount. This would equate to 11/12 of £100 (£91.66). Members are requested to note and approve this payment.

Resolved:-

1. Noted and approved the allowance payment of £91.66 to Councillor Alun Fowler

c) INSURANCE RENEWAL – PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY

Members received, for approval, a copy of the renewal invoice for the Council's Public Liability policy in the sum of £936.29.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council has a 3 year agreement with our insurance company and the policy included cover for the computer equipment / office equipment at the HUB, Ty Rhiw and Tawelyfryn Community Centres.

Resolved:-

The Community Council approves the renewal of the Council's Public Liability Insurance Policy in the sum of £936.29

d) REMOVING DEBRIS AND CUTTING OVERGROWTH ON POP FACTORY LANE

Members had previously agreed that work to remove overgrowth and debris in Pop Factory Lane be undertaken as required.

Following consultation with the Chair and Clerk, work to clear the debris and overgrowth has recently been undertaken by Mr Nick Edmunds who has asked that payment for undertaking the work should be donated to Taff's Well Community Development Association (The Library Hub).

Members are asked to approve payment of the attached invoice in respect of £100.

Resolved :-

1. Mr Edmunds be thanked for undertaking the above work.
2. Members approve payment of £100 in respect of the invoice to clear the debris and overgrowth on Pop Factory lane and note that Mr Edmunds has requested that payment be donated to the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association (the Library Hub)

MINUTE No: 6/616 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Expressed concern about the height of the hedge outside of properties located at 10-11 Yr Hendre and asked if the Community Council would consider cutting back the hedge to a reasonable height. Follow discussion it was agreed the Mr Nick Edmunds be asked to have a look at the problem and take the necessary action to reduce the height. Noted that the Playing fields had been cut, but some areas had been left untouched. It was explained that during the nesting season some areas were left deliberately uncut to encourage 'wild life'
- Asked if the County Council could clean the pathways between 55-64 Yr Hendre and 2-3 Queensway. Councillor Bonetto informed the Member that cutting and cleaning were not being undertaken at this time but would ensure that it was on the list when these activities continued.
- Noted that the pothole in Quarry Lane had still not been repaired. Councillor Bonetto informed the Member that inspectors were due to visit the site this week and, once inspected, will arrange for the work to be undertaken

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed Members that she had reported, on line, the potholes in Church Street, at the traffic lights in the village and outside 27 King street

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Noted that the asbestos dumped between the fence at Garth Street / The Health Centre off Cardiff Road Taff's Well had still not been removed. The Clerk undertook to report the matter once again and the County Member agreed that she would follow up on the issue
- Noted that there was still a problem with Cars for Sale being parked on the green at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. The Clerk confirmed that; as the cars were causing damage to the green this matter had been reported, at least twice, but it was ultimately a matter for the County Council to address as the vehicles were parked on their land.
- The Member informed the Council that she had received a letter from Mr Ian Cryer of Ty Capel, 4 Garth Street requesting that consideration be given to placing an extra 'dog bin' close to the gate entrance to the park. It was agreed that the Community Council would endorse the request and asked Councillor Jill Bonetto to pursue this matter with appropriate officers in the County Council. It was further agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Cryer informing him of the action taken in respect of this matter

Cllr C Dyke MBE

- Reported that she had informed the Council of the potholes in Glan y Ffordd but had been informed that only serious potholes were being repaired at this location as it was due to be resurfaced in the near future.
- Requested that the County give consideration to installing a Zebra/ Panda crossing at the roundabout by the college in Oxford Street. The Member was informed that the County Council were undertaking a consultation exercise on traffic/pedestrian movements in this location and whilst this would be considered, as part of the review, placing a crossing so near the roundabout, is not a favoured option.

Cllr A Fowler

- Expressed concern over the fence at the Nantgarw Garage; the height of the fence restricted the clear view of motorists approaching the corner causing a potential hazard. The member informed the Council that Planning consent for the fence had been previously refused but no action appears to have been taken in respect of enforcing this decision. A number of commercial advertising signs have also been erected on the fence and the member enquired whether these also needed planning consent. The County Member, Jill Bonetto agreed that the situation needed clarification and agreed to take the matter up with the Planning Office.
- Noted that a number of cars appeared to have been dumped in Church Lane, it was agreed that the County Member would also pursue this issue.

Councillor Mel Timothy

- Noted that there was a large pothole outside 8 Heol y Gors it was agreed that the Clerk would report this item to the County Council.
- Noted that the work undertaken at Tawelyfryn Park was amazing but expressed concern about grass cutting and weed control within the park; it was agreed that the Park's Department be asked to address this item
- Recognising that a considerable amount of money had been spent on the park, the Member enquired if the county would grant permission for some "self funded" football posts to be erected. The Clerk cautioned care in this matter as there were legal liabilities that would need to be addressed; it was suggested that, subject to the County Council assuming responsibility for the posts, the Community Council would contribute towards the cost. Councillor Jill Bonetto volunteered to look into this matter with County Officials.
- Reported that there had been incidences of an aggressive dog running free in the park. It was agreed that this matter would be reported to the local PCSO and that the Member would let the Clerk have details of the dog's owner so the matter could be pursued.
- Expressed concern that there was an extremely strong smell of Cannabis emanating from a house in Heol y Coed. It was again agreed that the Member would send the address to the Clerk who would then pursue the matter with the local PCSO

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed Members that she has had mixed reactions to the new street lighting with some people complaining that they were too dim and others full of praise for the new system
- Following concerns about children climbing the trees in Taff's Well Park the Member had made arrangements for the lower branches of the Fir trees to be cut which should rectify the problem
- Had arranged for more visits to be undertaken by traffic enforcement officers to key locations in the area
- Informed members that the County Council had agreed to fund play equipment at Oxford Street play area. In the Oxford Street/Lane area 10 potholes had also been filled.
- Informed Members that the controversial planning application for a single dwelling on land adjacent to Dorian House, Parish Road, Taff's Well has been rejected by the Planning Department.

- Informed members that a “Street Blitz” of Cardiff Road would take place in the near future. This would include jet washing, weed removal and a general cleaning of the area. Increased action had been undertaken by traffic enforcement officers in the area regarding parking violations.

MINUTE No: 7/3/16 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council’s current and deposit accounts for April -May 2016.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the May accounts in the sum of £2,890.00.

MINUTE No: 8/6/16 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

16/0608/10	Mr N Speller 111 Glan y Ffordd Taff’s Well Cardiff CF15 7SP	Addition of porch to front access of house. Installation of downstairs w.c. External appearance to match in with existing materials at:- 111 GLAN-Y-FFORDD TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
16/0180/10	Mr & Mrs Clement 62 Cardiff Road Taff’s Well CF15 7PQ	Alterations to existing residential unit to include subdivision to 2 flats incorporating existing residual office space (Amended site plans received 14th March 2016)at:- 64 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF’S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PQ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

16/0657/23	H Hodgson Network Rail 5th Floor 5 Callaghan Square Cardiff CF10 5BT	Proposed construction of an Access for All footbridge incorporating lifts. Removal of the existing stepped footbridge at:- TAFS WELL RAILWAY STATION, CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PE	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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MINUTE No. 9/6/16 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No; 10/6/16 Dates of future meetings

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

- July meeting: Thursday 28 July 2016 at Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- September meeting: Tuesday 27 September 2016 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- October meeting: Monday 24 October 2016 Saints at Mary & James' Church Hall

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: