

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

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

Monday 21 March 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, S. Lintern and Megan Jones, C Dyke and Helen Edmunds

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin and Mel Timothy

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/3/16 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: 2/3/16 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.

It was agreed that these comments be passed on to the local PCSO

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

The notes of the inquorate meeting of 23 February 2016 were noted and approval given in respect of the plenary actions taken by the clerk in respect of the decisions taken at the meeting.

The minutes were then confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/3/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/3/16 CLERK'S REPORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

Members received a copy of a letter from the Welsh Assembly Government confirming that the Minister for Public Services has now signed the statutory instruments for the following orders:-

- The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 (No.2016/84)

- The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (No. 2016 / 85)

The Order amends the Model Code of Conduct for local government members, set out in the schedule to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008 as follows:

In addition, the 2013 Act transfers responsibility for maintaining the register of interests of members of community councils from the monitoring officer of the principal local authority (RCTCBC) to the 'proper officer' of each community council (The Clerk to the Council), with effect from 1 May 2015.

The letter also highlighted a number of consequential amendments to the Model Code. The Clerk confirmed that procedures are in place to deal with these matters

Resolved:

1. Members noted the letter from the Welsh Assembly Government and the new role / responsibilities of the Clerk in respect of these matters.

SHARED PURPOSE: SHARED FUTURE – STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT (2015).

Members received a copy of a letter from the Minister for Public Services outlining the Statutory Guidance for the above act.

The Clerk reminded members that the legal duty will only apply to Council's with a gross income or expenditure of at least £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local council's wellbeing plan is published.

At its meeting in October 2015 the Council resolved that whilst it was not legally required to participate it was committed to the principles outlined in the Act and the concept of a shared future but would wish to have more detailed discussions before committing the council to any financial commitments or specific course of action.

Resolved:-

1. Members noted the letter from the Minister for Public Services
2. Reiterates that whilst agreeing, in principle, with the concept the Council would wish to have more detailed discussions before committing the council to any specific course of action.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Members received a copy of a letter from the Planning Inspectorate informing local authorities that decisions on planning applications, for developments of national significance, will now be made by the Welsh Government and not the local planning authority (RCTCBC)

Provisions contained within the legislation require Welsh Ministers to notify the Council of any DNS applications, if requested to do so, and is establishing a register of authorities who require to be notified of and DNS applications.

The Clerk confirmed that he had informed the Planning Inspectorate that the Council would wish to be notified of any DNS within its area and has registered the council's interest in the matters

Resolved:

1. Noted the letter from the Planning Inspectorate in respect of DNS
2. Approved the action taken by the Clerk to register the Council's interest in being notified / consulted on DNS within its area.

VACANCY FOR CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Clerk informed Members that following the resignation of Mrs Frances Elizabeth Jenkins there is a vacancy, for the Nantgarw Ward, and the Council has received an expression of interest in filling the vacancy.

The Clerk, as required by statute, therefore started the procedures required and informed the County Council's Proper Officer of the vacancy who, in turn, issued the formal notice to advertise the vacancy.

The Clerk reported that whilst the Council had wished to deal with the vacancy by means of co-option an individual, from Llantwit Fardre, has informed the County Council's Proper officer that he wishes to have a contested election and has submitted the required petition of 10 signatures to call an election.

Resolved:

1. The Council noted the above report.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following application for financial assistance.

1. **All Stars Gymnastics Club**

Resolved:-

2. Whilst full supportive of the proposed activities the council, reluctantly, are not able to provide financial assistance at this time.
3. Members suggested that the applicant might like to resubmit the application when the club is fully operational.

MINUTE No: 6/3/16 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

The Member asked if the Clerk could report a large pothole in the centre of the road in Quarry lane. This matter had previously been reported but the wrong hole was filled in. In order to identify the correct hole a local resident had highlighted it with spray paint.

In addition, the member noted that the Road sign for Quarry Lane had been 'knocked over' and requested that it be re- erected.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed Members that she had received a number of compliments and one complaint about the removal of the ‘dead tree’ in Sycamore Street; residents were pleased by the speedy action of the Council in dealing with this matter but one resident complained that the Council should replace the tree.
- Noted that the sign in Ty Rhiw Park was contradictory. It stated that no dogs were allowed in the park and then stated that dog owners must clean/remove dog mess for the park. This had led to confusion and, in some cases, confrontation with dog owners. It was agreed that the County Council member would raise this issue and seek to get the sign changed,
- Noted that large cracks were appearing in the walls and ceiling of the Hub; the cracks appeared at the same time that repair work/refurbishment was taking place to the property immediately above the Hub. In addition, the front door was now difficult to open and needed realignment. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the landlord on these matters and request that an inspection be made with a view to repairs being undertaken.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Noted that a very large pothole had ‘opened up’ in West View, the location was as you turn into West View from the main road. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this item to the appropriate department of the County Council.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed of her concern that cars were once again parking on the yellow lines outside of the railway station and asking if traffic enforcement officers could visit the site. In addition, cars were parking on the road outside of the Ex Servicemen’s causing an obstruction not only to the pavement but also to the road as it approached the bridge, as this issue was considered to be dangerous parking it was agreed that the PCSO be asked to look at this matter and take action.

Cllr C Dyke MBE

- Requested that the Clerk contact the river authority and RCTCBC in respect of the ‘bulging’ river wall in the vicinity of Glan-y-Llyn and the Swan Inn.

Cllr J Bonetto

- Expressed concern that once again no police representative was present at the meeting and no apologies or written report presented. It was hoped that the police representative would give an update on what action the police had taken to reintroduce the speed camera in Glan-Y-Llyn
- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents including an update on her discussions with the son of a former council member, Mr Norris, to provide a location for a commemorative bench dedicated to his Father
- Expressed concern that RCT homes were extremely poor at answering correspondence and highlighted an issue where RCT Homes had ‘threatened’ a tenant who had complained about the poor standard of work undertaken by contractors on her property
- Informed members that increased action had been undertaken by traffic enforcement officers in the area in an effort to reduce parking violations in the area.

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 February and March 2016.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of accounts in the sum of £1,954.65 for February and £1870.02 for the March accounts.

MINUTE No: 8/3/16 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| 16/0068/01 | Mr G Buck Central South Consortium Cefn Coed Parc Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7QQ | Erect Advertisement sign at: JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE JES CEFN COED NANTGARW, TAFF’S WELL, CARDIFF CF15 7QQ | Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application |
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MINUTE No. 9/3/16 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No: 10/3/16 Dates of future meetings

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

- April meeting: Thursday 28th April 2016: Tawelfryn Community Centre
- May meeting (including AGM): Tuesday 24 May 2016 at Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- June meeting: Monday 27 June 2016 at Saints 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 8.05 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: