

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Ty Rhiw Community Centre on Monday 25 January 2010

PRESENT: Cllrs: - C Dyke (Chairperson) Megan Jones, S Lintern, Pat Prothro and A. Evans

APOLOGIES, Cllrs:- Tracy Williams, J Bonetto, C E Griffin, L Thomas and Fred Meech.

Apologies were also presented by the police authority representatives.

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/01/10- DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None recorded.

MINUTE No: 2/01/10: POLICE MATTERS:

No reports were presented.

MINUTE NO: 3/01/10: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2010 be amended to reflect the decision of the Council to raise the level of fees payable for room hire to £15 per meeting. With this amendment the minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/01/10: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO; 5/01/10 CLERK'S REPORT

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

At its last meeting a Member reported that she had been contacted by a member of the public who told her that someone in the County Council's Street Lighting Department had informed her that if the Community Council purchased a Christmas Tree the Street Lighting Department would connect it to the mains free of charge. Unfortunately, the individual did not get the name of the person she had spoken to.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council to confirm if this was the case and report back at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had pursued this matter with the County Council's Street Lighting Department and has been informed that they cannot find a record of the conversation. They also confirmed that there would be an appropriate charge made to connect the tree. The Clerk requested that this information be confirmed in writing but, to date, no letter has arrived.

ALLOTMENT FEES

The Clerk informed Members that the A.G.M. of the Allotments Association was to take place, at Taff's Well Rugby Club, on Sunday 14th February 2010. Members were requested to give consideration to the level of fees for the next financial year.

Members were informed that the current fee was £1.60 per perch this rate was set in January 2009.

The Clerk reported that the size of the majority of plots was either 5 or 10 perches making the cost to the user £8.00 p.a. for a 5 perch plot and £16.00 p.a. for a 10 perch plot. Whilst this represented very good value it needed to be recognised that the allotments were heavily subsidised by the Community Council and the Clerk therefore recommended that there be a small inflation increase of 5pence per perch.

Members' approved the recommendation that the fees for 2010-2011 be set at £1.65 per perch.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Clerk reported that at the previous meeting Members approved an invoice from Copy Print, in the sum of £310, for printing the winter 2009 Newsletter. Unfortunately, the cheque was not completed and members were requested to note that payment of this item is included within this month's financial statements.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that he had recently updated the Community Council's Website to include provision for "Public Notices" issued by the Council, County Council and Welsh Assembly Government.

Members were pleased to note that, on average, the site was getting over 50 hits per month and that this combined with the allotments website seemed to have been well received by the electorate.

RAILWAY FOOTBRIDGE –TAFF'S WELL

For some considerable time the Council had been trying to get Network Rail to carry out remedial work on the Taff's Well Railway footbridge, which is subject to "water pooling" on the bridge. The Clerk was therefore pleased to report that Network Rail has finally agreed to carry out the work.

MINUTE No; 6/01/10 MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Megan Jones

Requested that the County Council be asked to repair the paving stones, by the traffic lights at the bottom of Ty Rhiw Hill, the paving was very uneven and constituted a danger to users.

Informed members that the timing of the "green man" pedestrian crossing was not working correctly and needed to be looked at, to ensure that there was sufficient time for people to safely cross the road.

It was agreed that these matters would be brought to the attention of the County Council.

Cllr P Prothro

Informed Members that she had received a number of complaints about a caravan that was permanently parked in an area designated as car parking bays, at South Rise, Ty Rhiw.

It was agreed that residents' concerns be brought to the attention of RCT Homes who were responsible for these matters.

Cllr A Evans

Reported the concern of local residents that during the recent bad weather car owners were seen removing large quantities of grit/salt from the designated bins, presumably to use them on drive ways. This practice defeated the object of the bins and caused major problems as the road could not be gritted. It was suggested that the County Council be requested to place notices on the bins informing users that the grit/salt should not be used for this purpose.

Informed members the street light opposite 6 10 Heol Y Coed Nantgarw was "flickering on and off" it was agreed that this matter be brought to the attention of the street lighting department.

Cllr S Lintern

Request that the police be asked to take action against the car owners who consistently park their cars on the double yellow lines at Tyla Gwyn. This practice was more evident on Wednesday and Thursdays. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the police over this matter.

Expressed residents concerns over the recent planning application for class A3 and C1 use (Hotel and Public House/Restaurant) at land off Tyla Gwyn/ A468 Nantgarw, the Clerk informed members that, at its last meeting, the Community Council had raised a formal objection to the proposals and that this objection had been forwarded to the planning department .

Paid compliment to the County Council's Highways Department who had responded promptly to requests for assistance during the recent bad weather.

MINUTE No: 7/01/10 FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Clerk presented Members with details of current balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts. Members approved payment of the accounts presented in the sum of £1,488.76

Total approved expenditure £1488.76

MINUTE No: 8/01/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

09/1326/10	Mr & Mrs D Miles 12 Clos Llewellyn Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7AT	Erect conservatory at: 12 CLOS LLEWELLYN TAFF'S WELL. CARDIFF CF15 7AT	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
09/1386/01	Mr P Craven Segro Plc 234 Bath Road Slough Berkshire SL1 4EE	Signage, 20 in total in various locations at:-:MAIN AVENUE, TREFOREST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PONTYPRIDD CF37 5UR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/01/10 PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public were present for this item.

MINUTE No: 10/01/10 Date of Next Meeting

The following date and venue was confirmed for the next Meeting;

Monday 22th February 2010 - Tawelfryn Community Centre.

Meeting to commence at 7 pm

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

SIGNED:.....

DATE:.....