

## **Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Ty Rhiw Community Centre on Monday 29 March 2010**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: - C Dyke (Chairperson) J Bonetto, Megan Jones, S Lintern, L Thomas

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: - Tracy Williams, Pat Prothro, C E Griffin, A. Evans and Fred Meech.

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

### **MINUTE No: 1/03/10- DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

None recorded.

### **MINUTE No: 2/03/10: POLICE MATTERS:**

No Police representatives attended the meeting.

### **MINUTE NO: 3/03/10: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 February and 8 March 2010 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

### **MINUTE No: 4/03/10: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Councillor Bonetto informed members that she had been unable to contact Cllr Meech in respect of the benches for Tawelfyn but would continue to pursue this matter.

### **MINUTE NO; 5/03/10 CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN – TAFF'S WELL ALLOTMENTS**

##### **WATER SUPPLY**

At its last meeting it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the officers of the association in respect of them assuming responsibility for the water supply at the allotments/community garden. Members agreed that if they were prepared to accept this responsibility the community council would provide an annual payment/grant of £250.

The Clerk reported that the association had now considered this offer and subject to a memorandum of understanding, agreed, that they would accept the councils offer.

##### **Resolved**

It was agreed that the Clerk would draft an appropriate "memorandum of understanding" and inform Welsh Water that all future bills/statements should be sent to the secretary of the allotments association.

##### **LIVESTOCK ON THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AREA.**

The Clerk informed Members that the allotment association had requested a relaxation of the restriction which prohibited on livestock/chickens being sited on the allotments.

With the establishment of the community garden area and the involvement of the local schools the allotments association had requested a relaxation of this policy to allow chickens, a maximum of 12, to be sited on the community garden area. If agreed the proposal was to site the "chicken pens" to the rear of the current stables / adjacent to the wooded area. The association would accept full responsibility for the chickens and would absolve the community council of all responsibility in respect of these matters.

The Clerk reported that in other community garden projects that this is common practice and enhances the overall aspect of the community garden. It also has the advantage of providing a "learning experience for local schools"

The Clerk confirmed that he was happy to recommend that the association be allowed to keep 12 chickens on the community garden area but only on the clear understanding that the restriction on the designated allotments sites remain.

**Resolved**

The request of the allotments association be approved.

**OPEN DAY – COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 19 JUNE 2010**

This item was withdrawn as it was feared that there would be insufficient time to organise a community festival for June.

The council however were fully supportive of having a “community pig roast” event and confirmed it would be happy to sponsor such an event, subject to a maximum cost of £500, when the organising committee felt it appropriate.

**Resolved**

A sum of £500 be set aside, in next year’s estimates, for this purpose.

**NEW BUS SERVICES**

Members received, for information, a copy of a letter from St. David’s and Top Kt Coaches outlining their new “door to door” bus service which is scheduled to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Resolved**

Members noted the content of the letter and agreed that when the service commences details be placed on the Council’s Website.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members received an application for funding for the set up costs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rainbows Group.

The Rainbows are the first steps of the Girl Guides Movement and is open to girls between the ages of 5 and 7 years.

**Resolved**

That a grant of £250 be awarded

**MINUTE No; 6/03/10 MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr J Bonetto**

Informed members that she had received a number of complaints about the poor signage in the Views, it was difficult for visitors to distinguish between north and south views etc. Local residents were often disturbed by “trade’s people” trying to locate a property. The Member requested that the County Council’s Highway’s Department and RCT Homes be asked to look into these matters and provide improved signage.

The Member was also very pleased to report that the Welsh Assembly Government had agreed to continue to support the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA) screening programme and that the Minister, Edwina Hart AM, was making £0.6m available to Local Health Boards to plan and develop the new national screening programme.

**Cllr Megan Jones**

Informed Members of her concern about the condition of the garages within the views, the member understood that RCT homes were conducting a survey of the garages and parking facilities and requested that these matters be brought to their attention along with residents concerns that parking spaces were being taken up by caravans etc which limited the parking spaces available to local residents..

Requested information in respect of the “safer routes to schools programme” submitted by Ffynon Taf Primary school as there appeared to be some confusion on what was included and the routes available to pupils. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a copy of the submission from the County Council and school.

Expressed residents concerns over the new access arrangements for the Taff's Well Rugby Club, the new entrance will mean that vehicles will need to use the designated cycle track. The clerk was requested to ascertain what arrangements will now be made for the safe passage of cyclists.

#### **Cllr S Lintern**

Request that the County Council contact the Post office to see if a Post Box could be placed by the pensioners' complex at the entrance to the Tawelfryn estate. The only other post box is sited at the bottom of the hill which makes access difficult for the elderly. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the post office on this matter.

Expressed concern that the street light at the entrance to Tai Duffryn. was still on during the daytime and had been continually on for over two years. The County Council had confirmed that the light was not in the ownership of the County Council and appeared to have been placed there by the developer when the site was established. The highways department is trying to establish who has responsibility for the light and will take action once "ownership" has been established.

The Member had previously requested that because of the large amount of dog mess on the pavements "dog bins" be provided on the Tawelyfryn Estate. In addition, it was requested that the dog warden be contacted in respect of a stray dog on the estate but no action appears to have been taken by the County Council to resolve these matters.

The Clerk confirmed that he had been informed that it was not county council policy to provide "dog bins" in the streets as responsibility for "dog mess" remained with the owner. The dog warden had been informed about the stray dog and had visited the area but there was no sign of the dog. The Clerk will contact the department and request that a return visit is made.

#### **Cllr C Dyke**

Informed members that she had received a number of complaints about the poor state of the bus shelters within the Community Council's boundaries, the Clerk reminded Members that the Community Council had resolved not to expend further monies on the shelters as these were a County Council responsibility. It was agreed that if complaints are made they should be forwarded to the County Council Member.

Requested that the County Council be informed of the Member's concern about the state of the embankment by the skew bridge on the Cardiff Road, the Member was concerned that a number of trees appeared to be "loose" and she was concerned that they might slip into the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this matter to the attention of the Highways Department.

Informed Members that she had received complaints about the state of the Footpath/Taff Trail in the vicinity of the old railway bridge – Abbey Close, this particular part of the "trail" was overgrown with brambles which made it difficult for those trying to use the trail. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Mr Clive Williams of the Countryside Commission and request action be taken the cut back the brambles.

#### **MINUTE No; 7/03/10 FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts. Members approved payment of the accounts presented in the sum of £1,669.44 which included a grant of £250 grant for the Taff's Well 1<sup>st</sup> Rainbows Group.

Total approved expenditure £1669.44.

**MINUTE No: 8/03/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

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

10/0048/10	Mrs Rachael Price Dorian House Parish Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RP	Change of use for existing buildings: Building 1 - from industrial workshop to art/craft gallery with ancillary coffee shop, Building 2 - from out building to holiday accommodation at: DORIAN HOUSE PARISH ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
10/0082/10	Mr Chris Long 2 Bute Villas Cardiff Road Taff's Well CF15 7QP	Demolish existing garage and construction of block work construction garage at: 2 BUTE VILLAS, CARDIFF ROAD, TAFF'S WELL, CF15 7QP	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application.
10/0056/01	Mrs Rachael Price Dorian House Parish Road Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7RP	1 Fascia Sign (advert consent) at:- DORIAN HOUSE, PARISH ROAD, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RP	The Community Council would raise no objection to this application

**MINUTE No: 9/03/10 PUBLIC SESSION:**

A Member of the public requested that the County Council and Health Centre be asked to provide signage indicating the location of the Health Centre. It was suggested that it could be placed below the Library sign as this was clearly visible from the Cardiff Road.

It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter.

**MINUTE No; 10/03/10 Date of Next Meeting**

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Taff's Well Village Hall.

Meeting to commence at 7 pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

**SIGNED:.....**

**DATE:.....**