

**Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:-
Taff's Well Library on Monday 26 April 2010**

PRESENT: Cllrs: - C Dyke (Chairperson) J Bonetto, Megan Jones, S Lintern, L Thomas, Tracy Williams, C E Griffin, & A. Evans.

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Pat Prothro, Fred Meech and Rachel Price PSCO .

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/04-10- DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None recorded.

MINUTE No: 2/04/10: POLICE MATTERS:

No Police representatives attended the meeting because of shift duties. However, PSCO Rachel Price gave her apologies and hoped to attend the next meeting.

MINUTE NO: 3/04/10: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 29 March 2010 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/04/10: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

MINUTE NO; 5/04/10 CLERK'S REPORT

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER; -FOOTPATH No. 80 CAERPHILLY.

The Clerk reported that the above order was made, by the County Council on the 31st March 2010.

The effect of the order will be to:

- (1) Divert the public footpath running from a point (A on the order map) on the south side of Old Nantgarw Road approximately 30 metres south of the centre of the property known as Coed Alban, Old Nantgarw Road, Nantgarw proceeding in a south-south easterly then easterly direction for a distance of approximately 75 metres terminating at a point (C on the order map) at the common boundary of No. 19 and No. 20 Parc-y-Nant, Nantgarw,
- (2) (2) create an alternative footpath commencing at a point (D on the order map) metres south-east of the centre of the property known as Coed Alban and proceeding along the fence line that runs parallel to the property known as 20 Parc-y-Nant for a distance of 42 metres to terminate at a point (C on the order map)

The Clerk confirmed that any representations or objections to the order must be received by the 12 May 2010.

Members were requested to determine if they have any representations they wish to make in respect of this matter.

Resolved:

Whilst members had concerns that the new entrance might damage the existing stone boundary wall it was agreed that no formal objection would be made. However, the County would be requested to ensure that the new pathway had clear signage indicating that this was a public footpath.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – TAFF’S WELL ALLOTMENTS- WATER SUPPLY

At the previous meeting it was agreed that the Allotments Association would in future assume responsibility for the water supply at the allotments/community garden. In recognition of this it is agreed that the community council would provide an annual payment/grant of £250.

Members were requested to note that payment for the forthcoming financial year has been included in this month’s financial payments.

Resolved:

That the payment be noted

RENEWAL OF WEBSITE ADDRESS

Members were requested to note that the annual renewal of the Community Council’s Website domain name: www.taffswellandnantgarwcc.com was due for payment. The cost of the annual renewal is £15 p.a. + VAT making a total of £17.63.

Members were requested to note that payment for the forthcoming financial year has been included in this month’s financial payments.

Resolved:

That the payment be noted

RENEWAL OF INTERNET SERVICES

The Clerk reported that the cost of supplying the Council’s internet services was £24 per month. The annual agreement was due in April 2010 at a cost of £288 p.a.

Members are requested to note that payment for the forthcoming financial year has been included in this month’s financial payments.

Resolved:

That the payment be noted

ALLOTMENTS – TREE FELLING

The Clerk informed Members that the Community Council had received a number of complaints about the indiscriminate felling of trees both on the Council Allotments and the adjacent fields. It would appear that this “problem” had been caused by one individual who took it upon himself to cut down some trees in order to give more light to his allotment plot.

Whilst the Allotments Chairman has taken immediate action to stop this practice the Clerk had formally written to the association outlining the Council’s position in this matter and reminding the association of the “memorandum of agreement” that is in place which states that: - “The association must ensure that the use of the site does not cause a nuisance to local inhabitants or other users.”

A copy of the letter was circulated to Members who approved the Clerk’s action in these matters.

In addition, the Clerk reported that an individual had informed the Allotments Association that he had “title” to the land at Parish Road and expressed concern that it was being used by the Association. After a full discussion it was:

Resolved

That the Clerk would contact the individual to establish his claim and would simultaneously check the ownership details with the Land register

MINUTE No; 6/04/10 MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Audrey Evans

Informed Council Members; that motor vehicles were still carrying out “U turns” at the traffic lights, on the junction of the Tawelfryn Estate, the Member was concerned that there had already been one near miss and requested the police monitor this junction with a view to prosecuting the offenders.

Had noted that a surveying team was taking measurements on the land at 12 Heol-y-Coed and asked if the Clerk was aware of any developments in this area. The Clerk confirmed that he had not received any notification of work in this vicinity but would investigate the matter with the planning department and inform the member of his enquiries.

Cllr L Thomas

Informed members that she had noted that there was a large amount of “Japanese Knotweed” growing on Parish Road, the main concentration was just past the 3 houses and before the bridge. The Member was concerned that if action was not taken to eradicate the Knotweed it could affect the allotment site. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this matter to the “invasive species officer” of the County Council and request that action be taken.

Cllr S Lintern

Requested that the “invasive species officer” also be requested investigated the problem of Japanese Knotweed that was establishing itself throughout the Nantgarw area.

Requested that the local PCSO be asked to investigate the problem of “underage drinking” that appeared to be taking place in the vicinity of the cycle track, by the Nantgarw Roundabout, a large number of beer cans had been discarded either on the path or thrown into the hedge leading off the path. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this matter to the attention of the PCSO.

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.

Asked if any progress had been made, with the post office, in respect of the request to site an additional postbox on Tyr Waun Road, opposite the OAP flats? The Clerk confirmed that the Council’s letter had been acknowledged but he had not heard anything further. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to pursue this matter.

Expressed concern that there was a considerable amount of “dry overgrowth- rubbish” surrounding the gas container sited opposite the flats, on Tyr Waun Road. The Member was concerned that this posed a possible fire hazard and requested that the County council be asked to clear the overgrowth and rubbish in the vicinity of the gas container.

Cllr C E Griffin

Requested an update on the removal of the dilapidated bus shelter outside of the co-operative store, the Clerk confirmed that a contract had been awarded for the removal of the shelter and agreed that he would pursue this matter with a view of ascertaining the time scale for its removal

MINUTE No; 7/04/10 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 £1,656.20.

Total approved expenditure £1656.20

MINUTE No: 8/04/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

10/0278/01	Mr M Swindles Primesight Ltd 2nd Floor 116 New Oxford Street London WC1A 1HH	Internally illuminated wall mounted display unit at: 1 CARDIFF ROAD TAFFS WELL, CARDIFF CF15 7RA.	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
10/0290/10	Mr G Curtis 35 Rhyd-Yr-Helyg Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7SX	Erect single storey rear extension at: 35 RHYD-YR-HELYG, NANTGARW, CARDIFF CF15 7SX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application.
10/0295/10	Coleg Morgannwg Rhondda Campus Llwynypia Tonypanydy CF40 2TQ	Provision of smoking shelter at: NANTGARW CAMPUS HEOL YR ODYN, PARC NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7QX	The Community Council would raise no objection to this application
10/0331/10	Mr & Mrs Payne 14 Abbey Close Ty Rhiw Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7RS	Erect Single storey side extension and chimney at: 14 ABBEY CLOSE TY RHIW TAFFS WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RS	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
10/0364/10	Mr Mark Oliver Wales & West Utilities Limited Wales & West House Spooner Close Coedkernew Newport NP10 8FZ	Provision of a new road access to the rear yard of:- 2 HEOL Y GAMLAS PARC NANTGARW, NANTGARW CARDIFF, CF15 7NZ:	The Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/04/10 PUBLIC SESSION:

No Members of the Public were present at the meeting.

MINUTE No; 10/04/10 Date of Next Meeting

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

Tuesday 25 May 2010 AGM of the Community Council – Tawelfryn Community Centre.

Meeting to commence at 7 pm. This will be followed by the ordinary meeting of the Community Council which will commence no earlier than 7.15 pm

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.

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DATE:.....