

Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:- Ty Rhiw Community Centre Tuesday 28 September 2010

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman), S Lintern, L Thomas, Pat Prothro, C Dyke, Megan Jones,

APOLOGIES, Cllr:- C E Griffin, Fred Meech, Tracy Williams & A Evans

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson and PCSO Chris Roberts

MINUTE No: 1/09/10: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None recorded.

MINUTE No: 2/09/10: POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Chris Roberts outlined recent Police activities in the area and reported on the priorities agreed at the recent PACT meeting:-

PACT Priorities

- Speeding issues within the Village and at Ty Rhiw. The police camera team were to target these areas in the near future.
- Vehicle nuisance at Tawelyfryn.
- Youth Annoyance and Anti Social Behaviour within the Moy Road and Ty Rhiw Areas. A number of Anti Social Behaviour Orders had been issued and the Police will continue take action in respect these problems.

PCSO Roberts informed members that:-

- The Police had been monitoring the parking problems at the school and had spoken to a number of motorists about indiscriminate parking in the vicinity of the school. The situation will continue to be monitored and stronger action taken if the situation does not improve.
- Six parking tickets had been issued to motorists parking on the Zig Zag lines outside to the Co-operative store. The Police had previously issued warning notices but as the situation had not improved stronger action was required.
- Asked members and the Public to be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles collecting "scrap" materials in the area. Whist some were legitimate others were engaged in illegal activities. The police were collecting intelligence in respect of these matters and the public were requested to contact the police with the registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles in the area.

A member expressed concern about the recent parking problems with buses and cars attending the Merthyr FC matches at Taff's Well Rugby Club. PCSO Roberts noted this matter and agreed that a police presence would be preferable on match days.

With no other business PCSO Roberts was thanked for his comprehensive report.

MINUTE No: 3/09/10 PUBLIC SESSION:

No Members of the Public were present at the meeting.

MINUTE NO: 4/09/10: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 July 2010 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 5/09/10: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO; 6/09/10 CLERK'S REPORT

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Members received a copy of a letter, from the County Council, confirming the date and venue for Code of Conduct Training. The training session will be held at Ty Rhiw Community Centre on Tuesday 30th November 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

The Clerk reminded members that this training is a Welsh Assembly requirement that applies to all elected members, both at County and Community level, and request that every effort is made to attend the meeting.

Resolved

That the date, time and venue be noted

INTERNET SECURITY - RENEWAL

Members noted and approved payment of the renewal notice for the Council's Internet Security System at a cost of £57.48

SUMMER RECESS – PLENARY DECISIONS

- 1) During the August recess the following applications were received and following consultation with members the following observation were sent to the County Council.

0/0847/13	Duffryn Ffrwd (Newtown) Estates Ltd 38 Bridge Street Andover Hampshire SP10 1BW	Erection of building for Mixed Use Classes A3 (Food & Drink) & C1 (Hotel) including associated external works (Outline) LAND OFF TYLA GWYN/A468, TYLA GWYN, NANTGARW, CARDIFF, CF15 7TD	“The Community Council have concerns about the access and egress arrangements on this site and consider the development an over intensification of the available land which is the only green area left in the local community. Clearly Class A3 and C1 uses will generate considerably more traffic movement on an already congested roundabout and contribute to more traffic congestion in the area”
10/0863/10	Mr G Hughes 10 Rhyd-Yr-Helyg Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7SW	Erect two storey side extension at: 10 RHYD-YR-HELYG, NANTGARW, CARDIFF, CF15 7SW	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

2) COMMUNAL GARDENS AT YR HENDRE NANTGARW

The Clerk reported that during the summer recess Councillor Lintern had received a letter/petition for the residents of Yr Hendre in respect of the failure of RCT Homes to maintain the communal garden areas at Yr Hendre Nantgarw. Residents were particularly concerned that the grass area between 41-49 Yr Hendre had not been cut this year and that communal hedges were overgrown.

The petition and a letter from the Community Council supporting the residents' concerns were subsequently forwarded to RCT Homes. The Clerk informed Members that RCT Homes had acknowledged that the contractor had failed to carry out the required work and have subsequently rectified the matter and cut the grassed areas.

Members were requested to formally note and approve the action taken in respect of these items.

Resolved

That the Clerk's actions be noted and approved

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – TAFF'S WELL UNITED CHURCH

Members received a grant application from Taff's Well United Church in respect of its Pilots Youth Club Project. The Clerk informed Members that in the previous financial year the Community Council gave a £250 grant to the project.

Members were requested to give consideration continuation funding for this worthwhile project.

Resolved

That grant aid in the sum of £250 be approved

DISABILITY WALES MEMBERSHIP

Members gave consideration to a letter from Disability Wales inviting the Community Council to become an "Associate Non Disability Group" Member of its organisation. The Clerk informed Members that this category was open to groups who support disabled people as part of the work they are involved in, including Town and Community Councils.

Members are requested to give consideration to becoming a Member of this organisation at an annual cost of £45 per annum.

Resolved

That The Community Council become a Member of Disability Wales.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES MEASURE)

The Clerk reported that at the end of July 2010 the Welsh Assembly Government published its proposals for Local Government in Wales together with a 104 page explanatory memorandum which helped explain details of the proposals.

Whilst most of the proposals were of a technical nature and deal with administrative and procedural matters others relate to new duties and responsibilities of local government at County and Community Council level.

In respect of Community Councils the measure will:-

- Make it simpler to set up a community or town council and to set a higher threshold for a community decision to dissolve an existing one.
- Require vacancies to be filled by co-option to be widely advertised locally.
- Provide a power to enable community councils to appoint non-voting youth representatives.
- Require unitary authorities to review their community areas every 10-15 years and report to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (LGBCW)

As the document was 104 pages long copies of the document had only been sent electronically to those members on email.

Resolved

That Members note the changes and instructs the Clerk to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with the new measures.

MINUTE No; 7/09/10 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr C Dyke MBE

1) Reported that the "playground" at Ty Rhiw had finally been cleared. However, no action appeared to have been received in respect of the suggestion, by Cllr Robert Bevan, that the Community Council assume responsibility for the playground, at a peppercorn rental and convert it from a playground into a small park with seating area for local residents. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cllr Bevan with a copy to Lisa Austin, of the County Council's Parks Department, confirming that if the "playground" were transferred to the Community Council they would refurbish it into a Park and maintain the site.

2) Informed Members that she had received a complaint that the boundary wall at 5 Garth View Nantgarw had been damaged by a refuse vehicle and requested the Clerk to contact RCT to establish when it would be repaired.

3) Requested information on the progress being made in achieving Green Flag Status at Taff's Well Park. The Clerk informed Members that he was of the opinion that the scheme was not proceeding but would check on what was happening and let Members know the outcome of his enquiries.

4) Reported that she had received a complaint from a resident on Brynau Road that the trees located with "Bluebell Woods" were severely restricting the light on her property. The occupant had established that the woods were in the ownership of Robert Price Builders Merchants Taff's Well and asked them if they would "cut back" the trees effecting her property. However, Robert Price had informed her that whilst they were happy for the trees to be trimmed she would need to meet the cost involved. The resident sought the help of the Community Council in respect of this matter.

The Clerk informed the Member that whilst the Community Council had no powers in respect of these matters they could write asking the Builders Merchants to give sympathetic consideration to this matter. It was agreed to proceed on this basis.

Cllr Pat Protheroe

Expressed concern over the state of the pathways through Brynau Woods, the Clerk conformed that these matters had been reported to RCT on numerous occasions. However, he would again write to RCT expressing the member's concern.

Cllr S Lintern

1) Requested that RCT be contacted with a request to cut back hedges and overgrowth on Heol -y -Bwnsi, between 20 -29 Yr Hendre. Over the past few years this section of hedging has been allowed to develop but was now restricting the light in the aforementioned properties.

2) Expressed concern that the trees and overgrowth on Quarry Lane Nantgarw and on the pathway to the bridge, over the A470 was severely restricting pedestrian usage of these "pathways" and made the area dangerous during the hours of darkness. The Clerk was requested to write to RCT and request that action be taken to cut back the overgrowth.

3) Requested that the County Council be contacted in respect of the poor condition of the cemeteries at Glyndwr Chapel, Cardiff Road and at Tabor Street Taff's Well. Both sites were completely overgrown and some of the headstones appeared to be unstable. It was further agreed that the Clerk would contact the Vicar of Taff's Well United Church to try to establish if these sites were still consecrated ground.

4) Requested that the Clerk contact RCT Homes in respect of the damaged boundary walls a numbers 12 & 13 Yr Hendre. It would appear that these Walls were damaged by a refuse vehicle some two weeks ago. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue these matters.

5) Request that the Street Lighting Department be informed that the following street lights, numbers 2, 3, 7 & 8 on the Old Nantgarw Road were not working. The Clerk agreed to report these matters via the County's internet reporting site.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

Asked what progress was being made to treat the Japanese Knotweed problems within the Community Council's boundaries?

The Clerk confirmed that the following areas Cardiff Road, Taff's Well Park, the Cycle Link to Nantgarw, Sustrans Taff Trail, Nantgarw Church Lane and the Allotment site had now had their first treatment. The Invasive Species Officer had confirmed that whilst monies had been allocated to continue treatments within these areas there were insufficient funds to develop the programme further and that the Community Council may be required to contribute for further treatments on the allotments site.

Once budgets are confirmed he will again contact the Community Council and let us know what work will be included in next year's programme.

Cllr Jill Bonetto

1) Informed Members that she has received a number of complaints about the speed of cars through Bwnsi Lane Nantgarw. The lane was extensively used by horse riders and the Member requested that the county Council be asked if a sign could be erected warning motorists to be aware a horses riders in this vicinity.

2) Reported back on a meeting that had been held by Coleg Morgannwg. At the meeting residents were informed of a proposal to close Taff's Well Library and transfer its facilities to the new college. Residents were clearly concerned about this matter and had approached the Community Council for their help in opposing the closure. During discussion it was agreed that the Community Council needed further information on this matter and requested the Clerk contact the County Council to establish exactly what was being proposed and what time scales involved? It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a series of questions in respect of this matter and circulate them to members prior to sending them to the County Council.

It was agreed the matter would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion.

MINUTE No; 8/09/10 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 as follows:

August accounts £1604.87. September accounts £1156.25. In addition, Members approved grant aid to Taff's Well United Church Youth Club in the sum of £250 and agreed to become Members of Disability Wales at a cost of £45 per annum

Total approved expenditure £3056.12

MINUTE No: 9/09/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

10/0794/10	Mr Kevin Dodd 99 Rhiw'r Ddar Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7PB	Proposed 2 storey extension to side with additional rear sun-lounge. New car port to side of property at:- 99 RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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10/0841/10	Mr Martin Tipples Ty Rhiw Farm Beechwood Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RZ	Extend the existing dwelling to provide lounge, kitchen/dining at ground floor and two additional bedrooms at first floor at:- TY RHIW FARM BEECHWOOD ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7R	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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MINUTE No; 10/09/10 Date of Next Meeting

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

Tuesday 26 October 2010 – Tawelfryn Community Centre commencing at 7 pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

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DATE:.....