

**Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:-
Ty Rhiw Community Centre Tuesday 29 June 2010**

PRESENT: Cllrs: - J Bonetto (Chairman), S Lintern, L Thomas, Pat Prothro, C E Griffin, Tracy Williams & A Evans.

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech, C Dyke and Megan Jones

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

BEREAVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Council was informed of the recent bereavement of Councillor Megan Jones's husband. As a mark of respect Members observed a moment's silence.

MINUTE No: 1/06/10: DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None recorded.

MINUTE No: 2/06/10: POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Chris Roberts' outlined the reasons for the change in personnel at the Taff's Well Station.

- The previous PCSO was on light duties as she was expecting a baby and PCSO Chris Roberts had been drafted into the area to provide cover.
- PC Andrew Townsend had been reassigned to another area and PC Colin Ridout has been appointed as the new officer for Taff's Well and Nantgarw.
- PCSO Roberts outlined discussions that had taken place in respect of Merthyr Tydfil Football Clubs use of Taff's Well Football Club's field. Some local residents were concerned about the possible parking issues that could arise, on match days, and talks were taking place with Rhys Davies' Transport about the possibility of using their car park on match days.
- PACT priorities for the area had been reconfirmed as "Youth Annoyance" particularly with the Moy Road and Ty Rhiw Areas

PCSO Roberts was thanked for his comprehensive report.

MINUTE No: 3/06/10 PUBLIC SESSION:

No Members of the Public were present at the meeting.

MINUTE NO: 4/06/10: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 May 2010 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 5/06/10: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO; 6/06/10 CLERK'S REPORT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk circulated the following Email from Steve Arnold, Chairman of the Allotments Committee,

Derek,

This is a rather random request based on something I have heard on the grapevine. There has been some talk about Cynthia Dyke making agreements with the Merthyr football club saying that they can use the Taff's Well football club because they are broke? I have no opinions on that, however, it has been said that she is saying the allotment holders can move to a site she has in Ty Rhiw and the top field will be Tarmaced over to create a car park.

Could I just ask that whether there is or is not any truth in this, can it officially be raised at the next Community Council meeting?

The Clerk informed Members that he had replied to the Email confirming that there was no substance to the rumour. It could only be surmised that this was just another example of someone's over active imagination aimed at besmirching the reputation of the Council and its Members and trying to cause trouble.

Resolved:

That the Clerk sends a formal reply confirming that these rumours are malicious and are without foundation.

H.M. LAND REGISTRY SEARCHES

The Clerk reported that following the assertion, by County Councillor Martyn James of Caerphilly County Council that he owned the land commonly referred to as the "piggery" the Clerk was instructed to undertake a land registry search to establish title to the land. These searches had now been completed and it has been established that the three fields, that form the allotments and community garden sites, were in the ownership of the Community Council. In addition, the former railway line that runs through the property was also registered to the Community Council.

Members were informed that all of the land, previously referred to, was registered on the 3 September 1987 under Title Number WA386097.

Councillor James has been informed, both by email and letter, of the results of the searches and asked to remove any property/equipment from the Council's land.

The Clerk was also requested to undertake a land search in respect of the strip of land adjacent to Ffyonnon Taf Primary School. This search indicated that the land was within the ownership of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Council.

The Title being registered on 7 July 2008 under Title Number: CYM405412

Resolved:

That the information be noted

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS PROJECT

The Clerk reminded Members that in March the Community Council agreed to " earmark" £500 as a contribution towards a proposed Pig Roast to publicise the work being undertaken on the development of the community garden element of the allotments project.

The Management Committee, of the Allotments Association, had now requested that this money be used during the combined garden show that is to take place in July. The proposal was for the pig roast to be set up adjacent to the allotments/community garden display stand with the idea of attracting people to the stand and generally create a positive atmosphere. The Clerk confirmed that the monies had already been " earmarked" but as there was a slight change over the original concept of an open day Members approval was required before the monies could be released.

Whilst fully supportive of the concept of a community "Pig Roast" some members questioned, given the rather limited time of the show, if the Garden Show was the best venue for this activity. However, Members were conscious that the whole concept of the community garden was about empowerment and did not wish to dictate to the group when and where the monies should be used.

After full discussion it was agreed that the monies be released but the allotment association be informed of the reservations expressed but confirming that the final decision was a matter for the Association.

Resolved:

That the Clerk be empowered to release the " earmarked funds" to the Allotments Association.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to an application for financial assistance in the name of “Jelly Tots Baby & Toddler Group”. The group meets at the Taff’s Well Village Hall and requested assistance to enable them to purchase new toys, materials for activities etc.

The Clerk confirmed that the group was a “not for profit” organisation and that all monies raised were used in furtherance of the project.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A copy of the DRAFT Summer Newsletter was distributed at the meeting for Members approval. Members discussed the content and made suggestions / amendments to the content

Resolved:

1. That, subject to the amendments, the content of the newsletter be approved.
2. Prior to printing the Clerk will forward a new draft for members’ comments.

MINUTE No; 7/06/10 MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Cllr Audrey Evans

Asked if the Council had received a reply about the dilapidated condition of the garages at Heol Y Coed, The Clerk confirmed that he had received a reply saying that officers were to visit the site but he had not yet heard what action they proposed taking. The Clerk agreed he would follow up on this matter and try to establish exactly what action was proposed.

The Member reported that individuals had been measuring up the land at 12 Heol-y-Coed and asked if the further enquiries could be made to establish what was happening on this site. The Clerk confirmed that he previously contacted the planning department but they had not received any notification of work in this vicinity. He would however make further enquiries to see if a “planning enquiry” request had now been lodged.

Cllr Pat Protheroe

Expressed concern that there were cables protruding from the ground next to the recently installed electrical transformer box situated by the bus stop at Ty Rhiw. The member was concerned that a child or elderly resident could trip over the cables. It was agreed that the Clerk, as a matter of urgency, would contact Western Power in respect of this matter and request that the cables were buried underground.

Cllr J Bonetto

Asked if any further information had been received from RCT in respect of the Caravans parked on South View? The Clerk informed Members that the previous PCSO was pursuing this matter with the County Council. The present PCSO agreed that he would follow up on this matter.

Following the garden review undertaken by RCT homes the Clerk was requested to try to establish what action was being taken, by them, to reduce the visual “eye sore” caused by individuals who refused to maintain their gardens. The Clerk will write to RCT homes requesting this information.

The Clerk confirmed that he had still not received a reply in respect of adequate signage in the views and agreed to pursue this matter once more.

The Member expressed concern that following the sale of a strip of land, behind the children’s’ playground, dilapidated cars were now being kept on the site making it a visual eye sore. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the leader of the Council with a request that action be taken on this matter and to establish if any conditions were attached to the sale about maintaining the land in a proper manner..

Cllr S Lintern

Requested that RCT be contacted with a request that the overhanging trees at Garth View and Heol Y Edwards be cut back

The Member also requested that the Council’s grass cutting contractor be asked to cut back the hedges and trim the verges in Yr Hendre. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor in respect of this matter and request that the work be undertaken.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

Asked if any progress had been made in respect of obtaining the two benches that were stored in Councillor Meech’s garage? The Clerk informed the Members that he had written to Councillor Meech, but the matter still needed to be sorted. It was resolved that the Clerk would again write to Councillor Meech requesting his immediate cooperation.

MINUTE No; 8/06/10 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 £1,647.45.

In addition, it was agreed that the “earmarked” sum of £500 for the Community Allotments Pig Roast be released to the allotments association and a donation of £25 be forwarded to The Pulmonary Rehab Fund Llandough Hospital.

Total approved expenditure £2,147.45

MINUTE No; 9/06/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

10/0462/10	Mr J Davies 2 Tai Duffryn Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7TS	Erect raised decking area at rear of 2 TAI DUFFRYN NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TS	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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MINUTE No; 10/06/10 Date of Next Meeting

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

Wednesday 28th July 2010 - Tawelfryn Community Centre commencing at 7 pm.

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

SIGNED:.....

DATE:.....