

**MINUTES OF TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD AT-**

TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 19th December 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas, (Chairman), J Bonetto, H. Edmunds, J. Bishop, C. Dyke and J. Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: - M. Jones, M. Timothy, S. Lintern

Also present: Clerk to the Council - Emma Price

MINUTE No: 1/12/17 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Jill Bonetto declared an interest in all planning applications and took no part in the discussions on these items.

Councillor Lynne Thomas declared an interest in Item 5/12/17 (f) Financial Assistance, and took no part of the discussions

MINUTE No: 2/12/17 POLICE MATTERS

No representative was present from the police authority and no apologies presented.

MINUTE No: 3/12/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2017 was confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman

MINUTE No: 4/12/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE No: 5/12/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a) MOTION TO AMEND STANDING ORDERS

Council received a motion from Councillor Lynne Thomas, to amend Standing Orders that no recording, visual or sound, can take place at Community Council meetings.

The amendment will read:

“Elected Members and members of the public are permitted to use social media during Council meetings provided it does not disrupt proceedings. Save for this exemption,

proceedings may not otherwise be photographed, videoed, sound recorded or transmitted in any way outside the meeting without prior permission of the Chairman. Failure to comply with this rule may result in members having to leave the meeting / removal of members of the public.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor Lynne Thomas and seconded by Councillor Megan Jones.

Resolved:

The Community Council gave consideration and resolved to amend the Standing Orders to add the above.

Councillor J. Bishop objected to exclude the recording at meetings. The majority ruled, therefore the Standing Orders will be amended to add the above.

b) SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE - LIMIT FOR 2018 -2019

Members received, for information, a copy of the official notification informing the Council of the amount of Section 137 Expenditure allowable to Community Council's in the financial year 2018-19. As required, under audit compliance regulations, Members were required to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Resolved:

Members noted the appropriate sum of Section 137 Expenditure for the financial year 2017-18.

c) PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Clerk and Chairman gave a report following their meeting with Mr Nigel Wheeler Director of Highway and Street Care Services, and Mr Steve Gammon Director of Enforcement. The Enforcement Officer is due to start the first week of January and a meeting will be scheduled that week to introduce him to Members and discuss the concerns they have.

Resolved:

Members noted the report.

d) TRIVALLIS BLITZ DAY – TY RHIW

Members received a report from the Clerk regarding the Blitz day organised by Trivallis, working with RCTCBC, South Wales Police and the Dogs Trust taking place on the 11th January 2018 between 8am and 4pm.

It is to be held at the Community Centre with refreshments being provided, and members of staff providing help and advice to residents.

The Dogs Trust will be providing free health checks and microchipping.

The aim is to clean up all the pathways / grass cutting / removing any fly tipping and rubbish and cutting back shrubs and hedges.

The day will cover Ty Rhiw / South View / North View and West View. It is not intended to be a one off, and they are also looking to arrange one for the Tawelfryn estate and Nantgarw early next year.

Resolved:

Members noted the above and advised of their availability

e) TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Members received an up to date report from Taff's Well and Nantgarw Allotments Association highlighting the site improvements carried out by the association this past year.

Resolved:

The Community Council noted the above report and requested that the Clerk write to the allotment association to thank them for the work they have undertaken.

f) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members are requested to give consideration to the following applications for grant aid.

TAFF'S WELL AND NANTGARW ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Resolved:

Members gave consideration to the above application and resolved to waiver the allotment fees for 2018/2019

MINUTE No: 6/12/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Jill Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on her work with local residents and issues relating to the County Council including an update on the Traffic Management Review. It was noted that the first consultation and exhibition will hopefully take place in February 2018. The traffic management team will be in contact with Cllr Bonetto on a regular basis and she will arrange a meeting with the Community Council and residents who can voice their concerns.
- Cllr Bishop interrupted Cllr Bonetto and verbally discredited her capacity as County Councillor and Community Councillor. Cllr Bonetto defended her position. The Clerk restored order and the meeting progressed.
- Cllr Bonetto informed members that the 2 benches previously ordered for bus shelters were now in stock. The original bus stop (near the cemetery) that was to receive a bench has been put on hold as a resident has been in contact with concerns that the youths who are causing a nuisance there at the moment will have more reason to hang around that spot. The County Member asked that we look at where these benches can now be situated. At the November meeting, Cllr M. Timothy requested a bench be placed on the grass land at Tawelfryn. Cllr Bonetto advised that this land was not in the ownership of the County Council but belonged to Trivallis.
- Advised members that the bus stop benches have been installed in Taff's Well opposite the Co-Op and outside the bingo hall.
- Informed Members that the Trivallis properties in The View, Ty Rhiw were being upgraded to meet new fire regulations.
- Expressed concern that the flooding outside Ladybirds Cleaning has not been rectified. Ariva and Network Rail are involved, Cllr Bonetto will keep updating on this matter.

Cllr Jonathan Bishop

- Raised concerns that on the number 400 bus the machines for the drivers do not have enough stops listed for passengers between Parc Nantgarw and Maindy Pool. This led one student getting a bus to the wrong end of North Road. The Clerk was requested to pass this onto the appropriate personnel.
- Requested that the Clerk contact the relevant personnel in RCTCBC to request that a bin be placed at the bus stop near the college in Nantgarw.

Following his report Councillor Bishop left the meeting.

Cllr Jean Hutchinson

- Expressed concern that the NatWest Bank in Nantgarw is due to close next year.

Cllr C Dyke MBE

- Informed Members that she had received significant complaints about youths causing a disturbance around Ty Rhiw Community Centre in the evenings. The Member has reported this to PCSO Claire Quick and requested that the Clerk do the same.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Noted that the situation regarding the signs the Member reported at November's meeting had now been removed.
- Informed Mmember's that she had reported Hazelwood vans parked over the cycle path.
- Expressed concern over the state of the Spice Connoisseur building. It has an extremely large crack in the building which seems to be getting bigger. The concern is that the building could be unsafe and collapse. The Clerk was advised to contact the Public Health Enforcement Officers to report.

MINUTE No: 7/12/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for November / December 2017.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the December accounts to the sum of £1539.01

MINUTE No: 8/12/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members' received the following planning applications and **resolved** the following.

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| 17/1286/15 | Former Greenkeepers Cottage, Heol-Peny-y Bryn, Tongwynlais, Caerphilly, CF83 1NG | Removal /Variation of Condition 1 of consent 56/83/1005 to allow unrestricted residential use of the building. FORMER GREENKEEPERS COTTAGE, HEOL-PENY-Y-BRYN, TONGWYNLAIS, CAERPHILLY, CF83 1NG | Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application |
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MINUTE No. 9/12/17 – PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

SIGNED: DATE: