

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

**TY RHIW COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday 27 January 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Megan Jones, (Chairman), Mel Timothy, L. Thomas, Helen Edmunds
and C Dyke

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin, J Bonetto, S. Lintern and Fred Meech

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/1/15 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No disclosures of personal interest were recorded

MINUTE No: 2/1/15 POLICE MATTERS:

There was no police representative in attendance and no written report received.

MINUTE NO: 3/1/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The meeting held on 18 December 2014 was confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/1/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/1/15 CLERK'S REPORT

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE - LIMIT FOR 2015-16

Member received a copy of the official notification applicable to the amount of Section 137 Expenditure Limits allowable to Community Council's in the financial year 2015-16

Resolved:

Members noted the appropriate sum of Section 137 Expenditure for the financial year 2013-14.

PLANNING APPEAL

Members received a copy of a letter, from the County Council's Planning Department, in respect of an appeal against the County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the development of 4 No 4 bedroom dwellings on land to the rear of 58-60 Rhiw'r Ddar, Taff's Well.

The Clerk confirmed that this information has been published on the Community Council's website and the Council's objections to the proposed development had been reiterated to the appropriate department

Resolved:

Members noted receipt of the letter and the action taken in respect of the appeal.

ALLOTMENT FEES 2015/2016

In order that it may make preparation for its forthcoming AGM the Allotment Association had requested that the Council give consideration to the level of fees in the forthcoming financial year.

The Clerk reminded Members that there has been no fee increase for the past two years with the current fee being £1.75 per perch per annum.

The Clerk reported that having examined other authority charges he had concluded that it is reasonable to make a small increase in charges however the sums involved are small and recommend that the fees be raised to £1.80 per perch but “fixed” for the next two financial years i.e. 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Resolved:

The fees be raised to £1.80 per perch but “fixed” for the next two financial years i.e. 2015/2016 and 2016/2017

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT – 2015-2016

Members gave consideration to the Council’s grass cutting contract and reviewed its current provision. Members noted that a significant amount of the work undertaken was not the direct responsibility of the Community Council and with increased costs these works were becoming unsustainable.

After consideration Members resolved that the current grass cutting contract would not be renewed and work would be undertaken on a ‘when required’ basis but confined to areas in the ownership of the community council or where such works would be of significant benefit to local residents.

Resolved:

The current grass cutting contract would not be renewed and work would be undertaken on a ‘when required’ basis but confined to areas in the ownership of the community council or where such works would be of significant benefit to local residents.

HUB OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Members gave consideration to the expansion of the expansion of Taff’s Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association’s outreach programme to Tawelyfryn Community Centre.

The Council had already agreed, in principal, to fund certain aspects of the project and given the progress made Members were asked to confirm the Community Council’s specific commitment to the project.

After due consideration it was agreed that the Community Council would cover the cost of three (3) computers and one (1) printer for the IT facility at the centre at an approximate cost of £1500.

In addition, the Council would take responsibility for payment of the Internet Connection at the centre payable on receipt of 3 monthly invoices. Payments by the Council would be restricted to ‘line rental’ and additional costs would be met by the centre.

The Community Council’s financial commitment will be in tandem with the agreements reached of the host organisation; Taff’s Well and Nantgarw Community Development Association’s, and cease or be extended at the conclusion of the present agreement.

Resolved

1. In respect of the above report the Community Council confirms that it will provide:- three (3) computers and one (1) printer for the IT facility at the centre at an approximate cost of £1500.
2. Take responsibility for payment of the Internet Connection at the centre payable on receipt of 3 monthly invoices. Payments by the Council would be restricted to 'line rental' and additional costs would be met by the centre.
3. The Community Council's financial commitment will be in tandem with the agreements reached with the host organisation - Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Development Associations, and cease or be extended at the conclusion of the present agreement

MINUTE No: 6/1/15 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr C Dyke. MBE

- Expressed concern about the large amount of surface water retained on the roads in Ty Rhiw, caused by protruding drains. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the highways authority and request that a survey be undertaken and the protruding drains reset.
- Noted that a number of Ferris' coaches were being parked on the highway because of 'lack of space at the depot'. The member also noted that the number of coaches at the depot appeared to be significantly over what was agreed in the planning consent i.e. 15 coaches, it was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this matter with the County Council's Planning Department.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Informed members that she and other members of the HUB continue to report the repeated infringements of vehicles parking on the zig zag lines outside the Co-operative Store.
- Expressed concern over Ferris Coaches parked at the junction/traffic lights on the Treforest Estate. It was agreed that the Clerk would also raise this issue with the County planning Department.
- Noted that sections of the fencing, at the old police station Cardiff road were broken, it was agreed that this matter would be reported to the Police authority as they were still the 'owners of the site'
- Noted the continued fly tipping in the lane at the rear of Church Street, the member had spoken to the County Council member who was pursuing this matter.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Reported that PC Richard Williams was arranging for interested members to be trained in the use of speed cameras.
- Informed members of an incident where a car had crashed into the banking, by the community centre, and damaged a number of vehicles then drove off without stopping. Police are investigating this incident.
- Was pleased to report that a new floor was being laid in the community centre.

MINUTE No: 7/1/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for December 2014 and January 2015.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the January accounts in the sum of £1,825.35

MINUTE No: 8/1/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

14/59/10	Mr N Richardson Showcase Cinemas Heol Yr Odyn Park Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7QX	Advertisement consent for 3 new fascia signs for new Costa Coffee within Cinema at:- SHOWCASE CINEMAS HEOL YR ODYN, PARC NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7QX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/1509/10	Miss C Belt 35 Glan-y Ffordd Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SJ	Extension to rear of property, ground floor and first floor at:- 35 GLAN-Y-FFORDD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SJ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/1/15

No members of the public attended the meeting

MINUTE No: 10/1/15 Dates of future meetings

The next three meetings of the Community Council will be as follows:

- February meeting – Monday 23 February 2015 Saints Mary and James' Church Hall
- March Meeting – Thursday 26 March 2015 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- April meeting - Tuesday 28 April 2015 Ty Rhiw Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: