

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

**SAINTS MARY AND JAMES CHURCH HALL  
CHURCH STREET TAFF'S WELL  
Monday 28 September 2015**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L Thomas (Chairman) Megan Jones, Helen Edmunds, S. Lintern  
and F.E. Jenkins

**APOLOGIES,** Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin, C Dyke, J Bonetto and Mel Timothy

**Also present:** Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

**MINUTE No: 1/9/15 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations were recorded.

**MINUTE No: 2/9/15 POLICE MATTERS:**

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

**MINUTE NO: 3/9/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The meeting held on 28 July 15 was confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

**MINUTE No: 4/9/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Councillor Lintern asked if the benches, previously stored by Councillor Meech had now been recovered. The Clerk confirmed that one bench had been recovered and placed, as agreed, in the allotments.

**MINUTE NO: 5/9/15 CLERK'S REPORT**

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER – Councillor Mrs Frances Elizabeth Jenkins**

At its meeting of 28 July 2015 the Council agreed to the co-optation of Mrs Frances Elizabeth Jenkins to the Community Council.

The Clerk confirmed that Mrs Jenkins had completed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office requirements and undertaken to observe this Council's code of conduct under section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 and was therefore co-opted as a Community Councillor for the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Council.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Jenkins to her first meeting of the Council

**Resolved:-**

Members noted the above report and warmly welcomed Cllr Jenkins to the Community Council.

**SUMMER RECESS – PLENARY POWERS DECISIONS**

The Clerk reported the following decisions taken under plenary powers during the summer recess

1. To note payment of £62.99 in respect of the renewal of Kaspersky Internet Security.
2. Planning applications dealt with under plenary Planning powers

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Community Council's Observation</b>
15/0781/10	Mr C Davies Avondale Construction Ltd 87 Avondale Road Pontrhydyrun Cwmbran NP44 1UB	Construction of new two storey dwelling at:- 12A HEOL YCOED, NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7UE	Whilst the Community Council recognises that this site has been the subject of a successful appeal the Council is still of the opinion that the development is un-neighbourly and would oppose the application.  The Council would also request that the County Council does not permit any easement of its surrounding land to facilitate access.
15/0694/10	Mr E Jones Strongs Partnership Mill House Caerphilly Road Taff's Well CF15 7TA	Construction of new mansard roof structure to provide additional office accommodation in the roof space, including new roof covering, roof windows and pv panels at:- MILL HOUSE, CAERPHILLY ROAD, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7TA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
15/0973/10	Ms C Marley 29 Brynau Road Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7SA	Construction of rear dormer with alterations at:- 29 BRYNAU ROAD TY RHIW TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

15/1074/10	Mr & Mrs P Steele 98 Rhiw'r Ddar Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7PB	Proposed first floor extension to existing house at:- 98 RHIW'R DDAR, TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7P	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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### 3. CONSULTATION ON TRAFFIC ORDER FOR NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON CARDIFF ROAD/ STATION

Following consultation with the chairman and Members the attached letter was sent to the County Council supporting the proposed traffic restrictions in the vicinity of the Railway Station.

**Resolved:**

Members note the decisions taken during the Summer Recess.

### COMPLETION OF AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Members noted the successful completion of the annual audit in respect of the year ended 31 March 2013.

It was noted that that no qualification issues have been identified and that the audit meets the statutory requirements set out in the "accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)

The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate notice in respect of electors' rights has been placed on the Council's website and approved payment of the audit fees in the sum of £384.00.

**Resolved:-**

The Community Council noted the successful the completion of the 2015 Audit and approved payment of the statutory fees in the sum of £384.00

### REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015

Members considered the arrangements for Remembrance Day (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015), and confirm that it wished the Clerk to order the usual 3 wreaths from the British Legion.

**Resolved:**

The Community Council gave consideration to the arrangements for Remembrance Day and confirmed approval for the Clerk to order 2 wreaths from the British Legion and make a donation in respect of the third wreath.

### APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members were requested to give consideration to the following application for grant aid.

#### **TAFF'S WELL COMMUNITY SINGERS**

**Resolved:**

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Taff's Well Community Singers Group

## **COUNCIL DATES FOR 2016**

Members gave consideration to the dates of the Council meetings for the calendar year 2016.

### **COUNCIL DATES FOR 2016**

- January Thursday 28 January 2016 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- February Tuesday 23 February 2016 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- March Monday 28 March 2016 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- April Thursday 28 April 2016. Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- May Tuesday 24 May 2016 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- June Monday 27 June 2016 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- July Thursday 28 July 2016 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- September Tuesday 27 September 2016 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- October Monday 24 October 2016 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- November Thursday 24 November 2016 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- December Tuesday 20 December 2016 Ty Rhiw Community Centre

### **Resolved:-**

Members approved the above dates and venues for its Council meetings for the calendar year 2016.

## **JAPANESE KNOTWEED \_ ROBERT PRICE**

At its last meeting a member reported that she had received a complaint about Japanese knotweed in at Robert Price Timber Yard. The Clerk subsequently wrote to the company requesting action be taken to remove of the knotweed.

The Clerk circulated a letter from Robert Price confirming that the Knotweed had been removed a programme and a plan put in place to eradicate the weed.

### **Resolved:-**

The letter from Robert Price Timber Yard be noted and they be thanked for their swift action in dealing with this matter.

## **LIBRARY HUB – TAWELYFRYN**

The Chairman and Clerk updated members on the progress being made to fully establish a Library Hub at the Tawelyfryn Centre. It was suggested that in order to attract local people a ‘publicity drive’ might be appropriate with a leaflet delivered to each household in the area.

Given the Council’s involvement in the project the Clerk confirmed that it was appropriate for the Council to pay for a leaflet as long as the invoice was made out to the Council.

### **Resolved:-**

The Community Council would pay for a leaflet/publicity material to promote the Library Hub at Tawelyfryn Community Centre.

## **MINUTE No: 6/9/15 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Cllr Lynne Thomas**

- Reported that she had received a number of complaints about the anti social behaviour of individuals using Quad bikes in the Tawelyfryn area. The Clerk confirmed that this matter had been reported to the police and a 'action plan' was being prepared to deal with the individuals involved.
- Informed members that Japanese Knotweed appeared to be growing in the garden of 'The Spice Connoisseur, Cardiff Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owner in respect of this matter.

### **Cllr Helen Edmunds**

- Expressed concern over the height of the grass on Nantgarw Roundabout. Whilst it was appreciated that not cutting the grass was ecologically sound, and saved money, the present height presented a danger to users who cannot see other traffic approaching the roundabout and, as a consequence there had been a few near misses. In addition, people disembarking from busses and crossing the road cannot see approaching vehicles as the grass is so tall. In the past there were trees/shrubs that were removed to give clearer vision for road users. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Member and ask if she could speak to her officials about getting the grass cut as soon as possible.
- Had received complaints about the excessive speed of traffic along Yr Hendre, particularly in the vicinity of the nursing home. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the local PCSO and ask that consideration be given to some form of speed enforcement along this Road.

### **Cllr Sandra Lintern**

- Informed members that she had, once again, received complaints about a dog biting people in the area. It would appear that the dog owner resided in the Tawelyfryn Flats and has previously been spoken to about this matter. The Clerk informed members that individuals, who had been bitten or 'attacked' by the dog should contact the police and ask that action be taken on the owner. In the meantime the Clerk would draw this matter to the attention of the PCSO and ask her to contact Cllr Lintern on this matter.
- Asked what action was being taken to deal with the increasing potholes in Glan-y-Llyn and on the Tawelyfryn estate. The Clerk conformed that these matters had been reported and some of the potholes had been attended too. It was understood that these areas were 'on the list for resurfacing' but this depended on the financial resources available to the County Council.
- Asked if any progress had been made to with the Hedges in Tawelyfryn which were now completely out of control and causing problems for local residents. The Clerk referred to previous discussions on this matter where the County Member was going to speak to County Officials. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring this issue to the attention of the County Member.

### Cllr Megan Jones

- Raised the issue of the continuing problem of ‘mud slides’ on the pathways in Brynau Woods and asked if the County Member could use her influence to see if a permanent solution could be made to deal with this problem. At present the mud appears to be just shovelled back onto the embankment and slips again as soon as it rains. The Member asked if ‘railway sleepers’ or other form of barrier could not be put in place to hold back the mud?
- Had been asked to raise the issue of the flooding at the base of the pedestrian footbridge, over the A470. It was appreciated that some action had been taken to resolve this matter but access to the bridge was still problematic during heavy rain. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask our County Member to have another look at this issue.

### Cllr F E Jenkins

- Expressed concern about vehicles failing to stop for the pedestrian crossing, by the Co-operative store Cardiff Road. This was partly, but not exclusively, due to the fact that vehicles park on the Zig Zag lines obscuring people waiting to cross the road. The member was going to undertake a survey of the infringements that could be used as evidence to support improvements to safety at the crossing. One suggestion was that a ‘Pelican Crossing’ be installed, this idea was supported, by the members present, and it was agreed that the Clerk would raise this suggestion with the County Member.
- Noted that during inclement weather the ‘unofficial path out of the railway car park’ became quite slippery, particularly on the embankment, the member was concerned that it would be easy for someone to slip and fall into the road and suggested that either British Rail make the path official and tarmac it or repair the fence to stop people using this ‘short cut’. In addition, the member raised the issue of the rubbish that had accumulated on the railway line in the vicinity of King Street. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Network Rail in respect of these items.
- Asked if action could be taken to clear the pathway leading, from the river to Gwaelod y Garth Primary as it was overgrown making it difficult for parents/children to pass. Members noted that, in the past, the County had taken action to clear the pathway, it was agreed that Councillor Bonetto be asked if the county could have a look at this problem.
- Members expressed concern at the escalating of cars negotiating Church Street, King Street and Garth Street. The Streets were quite narrow and there had been a number of minor collisions when vehicles travelling in opposite directions tried to pass each other. In order to make the area more safe it was proposed that the County Council be approached and ask that a “one way system” be considered all traffic entering via Church Street and exiting via Garth Street. Whilst members were generally in favour of this proposal it was agreed to consult/ballot all of the local residents on this matter. The clerk be asked to draw up an appropriate letter on this matter.
- Noted that Taff’s Well signs to the village were obscured by ‘commercial signage’. It was suggested that maybe larger; more prominent signs could be erected. One suggestion was that the sign could read: - **You are entering Taff’s Well home of Wales’ only Thermal Spring.** This would also help in publishing the Spring and possible attract more visitors. It was agreed that the County Member be asked if the County could look at this proposal.

**MINUTE No: 7/9/15 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented Members with updated details of balances within the Community Council’s current and deposit accounts for August and September 2015.

**Resolved:**

Members approved payment of the August accounts in the sum of £1,726.72 and the September accounts in the sum of £2281.33, including a grant of £250 to the Taff’s Well Singers. .

**MINUTE No: 8/9/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

15/1206/10	Mr M Barlow National Amusements Inc. 846 University Ave. Norwood MA	Internally illuminated advert sign to front elevation at:- SHOWCASE CINEMA HEOL YR ODYN TREForest INDUSTRIAL ESTATE Taff’s Well CF15 7QX	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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**MINUTE No: 9/9/15**

No members of the public attended the meeting

**MINUTE No: 10/9/15 Dates of future meetings**

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

- October meeting- Thursday 29 October 2015 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- November meeting – Tuesday 24 November 2015 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- December meeting - Monday 21 December 2015 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.12 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE: .....