

**Minutes of Taff's Well & Nantgarw Community Council held at:-
SAINTS MARY & JAMES' CHURCH HALL
Tuesday 29 July 2014**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Megan Jones (Chairman), L. Thomas, C Dyke, S Lintern, J Bonetto,
Mel Timothy & Helen Edmunds

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Fred Meech and C E Griffin,

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson and PCSO Marcus Chick

MINUTE No: 1/7/14 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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

MINUTE No: 2/7/14 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Marcus Chick gave the following report:-

- There had been an increase in reported Anti Social Behaviour within the area with problems reported in Heol -y- Dderwen and off road bike nuisance in Yr Hendre
- Two incidents of theft/burglary had been reported to units on the Garth industrial Estate with tools taken from the sites. Police enquiries were ongoing in respect of these matters.
- Vehicle licence plates had again been stolen in the area with the latest incident occurring in Heol Edwards
- There had been a particularly incident of robbery in the vicinity of Taff's Well Railway Station where an individual was threatened and their bike stolen.
- An attempted burglary was reported in Sycamore Street but nothing was taken and in Moy Road a 'Dummy CCTV' was stolen

PCSO Chick also informed members that a local resident had asked him to raise the following issue at the meeting: - The overgrowth of vegetation on the Railway Bridge, the poor/outdated signage on the industrial estates and the overgrowth and damage to fencing at the Old Police Station site, Cardiff Road. The Clerk and Members confirmed that these matters had been reported to the appropriate authorities.

There being no other items the chairman thanked PCSO Chick for his comprehensive report.

MINUTE NO: 3/7/14: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 24 June 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/7/14: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no outstanding matters arising from the minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/7/14: CLERK'S REPORT

MONITORING REPORTS ON GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Members received for information copies of the monitoring reports for the Community Council's Grass Cutting Contract for the period up to 2 June 2014

Following a request at the last meeting the Clerk had requested that details of the work undertaken were included on the monthly invoice from the contractor. The Clerk informed Members that this had been agreed and the information was included on this month's invoices.

A number of Members expressed concern about the quality of the work being undertaken. It was agreed that Members would let the Clerk have 'written details' of their concerns so he could raise these issues with the contractor.

Resolved:-

Members noted Clerks report and agreed to let him have written confirmation of their concerns about the quality of the work undertaken.

TAFF'S WELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – INJURY TO JASON JONES 7/4/2014

The Clerk reported that the Council's Insurance Company had notified him that following their repudiation of liability, in respect of the above claim, the Council's Insurers has advised that:- " as there have not been developments or challenges they have decided now is the right time to close their file on the above case".

The Insurance Company had also confirmed that no payments have been made in respect of these matters.

Resolved:-

Members noted the above report and that this matter was now closed

DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

The Clerk informed Members that the National Executive Committee of One Voice Wales had requested that all Councillors be made aware of their responsibilities under Data Protection Legislation and have forwarded guidance advice and topic notes compiled from the Information Commissioner's website.

The Clerk confirmed that, given the size of the information, the advice/notes have not been printed but have been forwarded to all members who are receiving Council information electronically.

A 'hard copies' of the guidance are available on request, to the Clerk of the Council.

Resolved:-

Members note the above report and the receipt of the information on Data Protection Legislation

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members gave consideration to the following applications for financial assistance.

- 1. NANTGARW OAP ASSOCIATION**
- 2. TAWELYFRYN YOUTH CLUB**

It was noted that the application by Nantgarw OAP Association was received after the agenda of the meeting had been dispatched and would normally not be presented to this meeting. However, as there was no meeting in August members agreed to make an exception as the application in this case.

Resolved:

That a grant of £250 be awarded to each of the above applications

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Members' received a copy of the Welsh Government's consultation document in respect of the above.

Members noted that with the exception of sections 18 and 19 the Council already complies with all of the information required.

In order to be fully compliant members were requested rescind its previous decision not to publish the political affiliation of members and to add the members ward to their personal information.

Resolved:-

Members noted the content of the consultation document and instruct the Clerk to update the Council's website so the Council is fully compliant with the guidance issued by the Welsh Government

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Clerk reported that Members had expressed concern over the poor condition of parts of the Allotment Community Garden.

Resolved:-

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Allotment Committee Secretary to ask that this matter be raised with the committee with a view to improving the appearance of the site

MINUTE No: 6/7/14 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr. C Dyke MBE

- Informed members of her concern about the quality of the work being undertaken by the Council's Garden Contractor. Work did not appear to be undertaken as the specification. It was agreed that the Member would furnish the Clerk with details her concerns so he could take the issues up with the contractor.
- Reported that she had received a number of complaints the parts of the Taff Tail were now severely overgrown and causing problems to users of the Trail. It was agreed that the Clerk would pass on these comments to both RCT County Council and the Countryside Commission

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Informed Members that their had been a number of Anti Social Behaviour problems in Yr Hendre with a youth causing damage to gardens and property, the Member was able to give a description of the youth and the PCSO agreed that he would investigate these problems and see if he could identify the individual who was causing the problems.

- Reported her concern that a local resident appeared to be conducting a business from his house. A number of cars, in various state of repair, were parked on the road waiting for repairs to be undertaken. Most of the vehicles were untaxed and one had its wheels removed and was mounted on 'blocks'. The Member expressed concern over the possible danger to children as the vehicle could easily be pushed off the blocks. The Member was able to give the PCSO details of the house concerned and he agreed to follow up on these matters including contacting RCT homes about a possible business venture being undertaken from one of its properties.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Expressed her concern over the continuing problem of cars parking on the "zig zag lines" outside the Co-operative store and the almost non existent enforcement of traffic violations throughout the village.
- Expressed concern that the overgrowth of vegetation/bushes, in the vicinity of the Cross Keys Inn, was forcing pedestrians off the pavement and on to a busy main highway. The Clerk confirmed that he has reported this matter twice to the County Council but would again pursue the matter. The County Council Member also agreed that she would follow up on this issue.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Once again expressed concern over the cyclists who were speeding down Heol-Y-Gors hill when they exited the Taff Trail. The County Council Member confirmed that she had raised this issue but had received an unsatisfactory response. She was again pursuing the matter and had contacted the Cabinet Member in respect of this issue.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Informed Members of concerns about the 'poor standard' of work recently carried out by the Council's contractor on Pop factory lane. Whilst the brambles had been cut back they had only been done to waist height and they were already causing a problem. The Clerk agreed that he would pursue this matter with the contractor.
- **Noted with concern the poor condition of parts of the Allotment Community Garden. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Allotment Committee Secretary to ask that this matter be raised with the committee with a view to improving the appearance of the site**

Cllr Jill Bonetto

Councillor Bonetto gave Members a comprehensive report on the work she had undertaken within the area and a review of current RCT activities. These included:-

- Reporting back on the recent 'activities in the park day'
- Notified members that Taff's Well Park had been awarded Green Flag Status for 2014
- Reported on the action taken in respect of speeding cyclists in Heol- y- Gors and the flooding of the bridge over the flyover
- Informed Members of the current negotiations taking place in respect of a lease for the Pavilion
- Informed Member of the 'land sale' in the vicinity of the Nantgarw Industrial site and the possible benefits that may take place of the land behind Oxford Street Community Centre

MINUTE No: 7/7/14 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of accounts in the sum of £3,371.44 included in this sum was a grant of £250 each to the following voluntary organisation plus, post dated salary payment and Inland Revenue cheques for August.

MINUTE No: 8/7/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

14/0699/10	Mr Ricketts KW Bell Ltd Whimsey Industrial Estate Steam Mills Road Cinderford Gloucestershire GL14 3JA	Amendment to slab levels of six of the eight affordable housing flats as approved under application 13/0744/10 at:- MARTON HOUSE CAERPHILLY ROAD, NANTGARW, TAFFS WELL, CARDIFF, CF15 7TA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0831/10	Mr R Parker The Boat House Store House Row Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7TB	Erect two storey extension at:- BOATHOUSE COTTAGE, STORE HOUSE ROW, NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0867/19	Mr A Emanuel 21 Parc-y-Nant Nantgarw Cardiff CF15 7	30% crown reduction of trees along boundary at:- 21 PARC-Y-NANT NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TJ	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0368/10	Mount Stuart Developments Ltd Grid Refs: Merlin House 1 Priory Drive Langstone Newport NP18 2HJ	Demolition of single storey element, replaced with 2 storey office extension and re-cladding of existing façades at:-] UNIT 10, MOY ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7QR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

14/0892/10	Mr Ben Earing Ffynnonwen Farm Groeswen Cardiff CF15 7UU	Conversion of former public house to five apartments (Amendment to previously approved application 13/0764/10) at:- 17 CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RB	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0664/10	Mr A Stevens 87 Glan-Y-Ffordd Taffs Well Cardiff CF15 7	Erect Log cabin in rear garden at:- 87 GLAN-Y-FFORDD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SL	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
14/0899/19	Mr N Fisher Pen y Bryn Rhiw'r Ddar Taff's Well Cardiff CF15 7RD	Two large lower limbs of Oak which overhang property to be removed. Oaks to rear of property also pruned to remove any overhanging limbs and crown reduced/thinned at:- PEN Y BRYN RHIW'R DDAR TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7PD	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No: 9/7/14 PUBLIC SESSION:

No Members of the public were present

MINUTE No; 10/7/14 Dates of future meetings

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

- September meeting Thursday 25 September 2014 Tawelyfryn Community Centre
- October meeting- Tuesday 28 October 2014 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- November meeting Monday 24 November 2014 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall

All meetings to commence at 7 pm.

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

SIGNED:..... DATE: