

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

**TAWELYFRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
Thursday 25 JUNE 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas (Chairman) Megan Jones,, J Bonetto, Mel Timothy and S. Lintern

APOLOGIES, Cllrs: - Charlotte E Griffin , Helen Edmunds and C Dyke

Also present: Clerk to the Council Derek Allinson

MINUTE No: 1/6/15 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: 2/6/15 POLICE MATTERS:

No Police representative in attendance.

MINUTE NO: 3/6/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2015 was confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman:

MINUTE No: 4/6/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

MINUTE NO: 5/6/15 CLERK'S REPORT

INSURANCE RENEWAL – PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY

Members received, for approval, a copy of the renewal invoice for the Council's Public liability policy in the sum of £897.39.

Members were reminded that the Council has one year left on a three 3 year agreement with our insurance company.

It was noted that included in the policy is the computer equipment / office equipment at the HUB, Ty Rhiw and Tawelyfryn Community Centres.

Resolved:

The Community Council approved the renewal of the Council's Public Liability Insurance Policy in the sum of £897.39

COUNCIL VACANCY

Follow the bereavement of Councillor Meech the County Council had advertised a casual vacancy on the Community Council and had published the statutory notice required to fill the vacancy.

The Clerk confirmed that this notice had been displayed on the Council's Website, at the Hub and at Tawelyfryn Community Centre. The County Council has not received any request for a formal election consequently the Council is now able co-opt a member to fill the casual vacancy.

Resolved:

Members noted the above report and instructed the Clerk to formal advertise for a co-opted member to fill the vacancy

CROWN GARDEN SERVICES

The Clerk informed Members that whilst the Council's grass cutting contract, with Crown Garden Services, terminated at the end of the financial year the Council had received correspondence from the contractor stating that the last payment, due in April, has not been received.

The Clerk reported that he had checked the Council's financial statements/accounts and it would appear that invoice number 2581 for £175, has not been cashed the 'missing cheque had therefore been 'stopped with the bank' and a new cheque issued.

Resolved:

Members noted the above report and the reissue of the cheque to Crown Garden Services

MINUTE No: 6/6/15 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Once again expressed concern about the increasing problem of 'pot holes' throughout the area. Some resurfacing work had been undertaken on the Caerphilly hill approach road to the A470 but no action had been taken to fill the potholes in Tawelyfryn.
- The member had received a number of complaints about parking in the village, particularly in the vicinity of Tabor Street and the approaches to the railway station. The County member has reported this matter to the traffic enforcement team who have visited and issued 'penalty notices' but the problem still remains
- Was concerned that during recent grass cutting in Yr Hendre large sections were left as the workmen could not get access because of parked cars. The member asked if it was possible to notify residents in advance of grass cutting so vehicles can be moved. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the appropriate department with this request.

Cllr Mel Timothy

- Informed members that the annual electrical testing, at the hall, had revealed that there was a potential problem with CCTV monitoring at the centre. It was agreed that the member would seek a quote to rectify this problem and apply to the council for a 'grant' to cover the cost.
- Informed members that 'damage' had been done to the hall's windows and cladding by a youth who continually kicked a ball at the window despite being asked to desist. The mother of the youth had been contacted and despite photographic evidence refused to accept her son was involved. The Member sought assistance on how to proceed further

on this matter. The Clerk advised that the parent be contacted and informed that, whilst no further action will be taken, on the present damage, any further infringement will be reported to the police as a complaint of criminal damage.

- Expressed concern that whilst resurfacing work had been carried out on the A468 Caerphilly Road, no work had been undertaken on the 'dangerous potholes' at the traffic lights at the entrance to the Tawelyfryn Estate. The County Member gave assurances that this work was to be undertaken but could not give a timescale for when the work would be completed.
- Informed members that once again people participating in events, this time a running race, had completely blocked the turning space at the top of Heol y Gors and when asked to remove the cars had become verbally abusive. The County Member agreed that she would once again 'take up this issue' on behalf of local residents.
- Informed members that the toilets in Taff's Well Park appeared to be closed early thereby causing difficulties for some senior members who needed to use these facilities. It was agreed that the 'Friends of Taff's Well Park' would have another look at this issue.
- Asked if it was planned to produce a Newsletter in the immediate future. The Clerk agreed that there had been a delay in producing the Newsletter but, if members were happy to provide 'copy' he would attempt to produce one over the summer recess.

Cllr Lynne Thomas

- Expressed concern over the increasing number of very large lorries using the village rather than the bypass. It was noted that most of the lorries were coloured yellow and red but the member had not noticed the name of the company. It was agreed that if the company could be identified, the Clerk would write requesting their co-operation in using the bypass rather than going through the village.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Noted that the access gate leading to the pipe over the river, near the Skew Bridge off the road leading to Nantgarw roundabout was still open. Member was concerned that this could encourage children to play on the pipe leading to a possible accident. The Clerk reaffirmed that he had sent two emails in respect of this matter, had received acknowledgments but no promise of action to close the gate.
- Informed members that a large freezer had been 'dumped' by the Cross Keys public house, it was agreed that the clerk would report the matter to the appropriate department of the County Council.
- Had received a complaint that refuse vehicles could not fully negotiate North View as the hedging at 8 and 9 North View had grown outside of the boundaries of the premises and the vehicles could not reverse down the road without damaging the wing mirrors on the hedging. It was noted that the street lamp post was now encased within the hedge. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the occupiers of 8 and 9 North View and request that the hedge is cut back to the perimeters of the lamp post.

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities
- Informed member of the action being taken to deal with 'illegal parking' in the area and the action taken by the enforcement team
- In respect of the building activity at the old police station Cardiff Road, the planning department had confirmed that the required section 106 agreement had still not been signed so 'building construction' could not take place at the moment. However, this did not

preclude the developer ‘tidying up the site’. The member would continue to monitor the situation and see if a condition could be made in respect of access to the site and times of work

- Informed members that RCT had agreed to resurfacing of the roads in Glan-y-Llyn and Moy Road

MINUTE No: 7/6/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the June accounts in the sum of £2752.59

MINUTE No: 8/615 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

15/0441/10	Euro Garages Ltd. Grid Refs: Euro House Haslingden Road Blackburn Lancashire BB1 2EE	Erection of Petrol Filling Station, forecourt and canopy, convenience store with Subway and 2 ATMs, 3 jet washes, 2 service bays, underground fuel tanks. Starbucks Drive Thru Coffee Shop, Mother Hubbards Fish and Chip Shop, parking and landscaping at:- LAND AT HEOL COLEG PARC NANTGARW, NANTGARW CARDIFF CF15 7TR	The Community Council is concerned that despite making representation to the planning department NO details/documents are available on the County Council’s website about this application. The Council has therefore no option but to formally oppose the application and request that the application be deferred until documentation is made available.
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

15/0714/10	Mr G Monk Cefn Court Darren Ddu Road Ynysybwl Pontypridd CF37 3HE	Change of use from Public House into office (B1) on the ground floor; conversion of an existing first floor flat into two self-contained flats and some external alterations at:- CROSS KEYS HOTEL PUBLIC HOUSE CARDIFF ROAD TAFF'S WELL CARDIFF CF15 7SR	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
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MINUTE No: 9/6/15 – PUBLIC SESSION

No Members of the Public were present at the meeting

MINUTE No: 10/6/15 Dates of future meetings

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

- July meeting - Tuesday 28 July 2015 Ty Rhiw Community Centre
- September meeting - Monday 28 September 2015 Saints Mary & James' Church Hall
- October meeting- Thursday 29 October 2015 Tawelyfryn Community Centre

It was agreed that meetings will commence at 7.00 pm.

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

SIGNED:..... DATE: