

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

**SAINTS MARY & JAMES' CHURCH HALL
TAFF'S WELL**

Monday 26th June 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs: L. Thomas (Chairman), M. Jones, J Bonetto, S. Lintern, H. Edmunds
C. Dyke (MBE), J. Bishop and A. Fowler

APOLOGIES, Cllr: M. Timothy

Also present: Clerk to the Council: Emma Price

MINUTE No: 1/6/17 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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

MINUTE No: 2/6/17 POLICE MATTERS:

No representative was present from the police authority, apologies were given and a report provided by PCSO Claire Quick. The following incidents had been recorded over the past few months:-

- One summons for speeding in Taff's Well
- One report of ASB outside Maes Ifor where youths attempted to gain entry to a cordon following a fire
- Three ASB calls in Yr Hendre with regard to off road bikes
- One burglary Parc Y Nant whereby unknown person have gained entry to an empty house in the process of being renovated. No items stolen however damage caused in gaining entry
- Two thefts from the same motor vehicle in Moy Road. (Potentially persons seeking spare parts for a matching vehicle)
- One from a locker in Coleg Y Cymoedd, one male suspect currently under investigation
- One male remains in custody following the tragic incident where a resident of Ty Rhiw was assaulted and sadly later died from her injuries

MINUTE No: 3/6/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2017 and the AGM meeting held on 25th May 2017 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE No: 4/6/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Councillor J. Bishop advised that following his members report at May's meeting he had spoken with David Brookes at Coleg Y Cymoedd regarding a walk in service at the college library. This is not something being considered at the moment.

MINUTE No: 5/6/17 CLERK'S REPORT

a) 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 £909.79 The Clerk obtained 2 other quotations but the existing policy remains best value and is recommended to the Council

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council has previously entered a 3 year agreement with our insurance company and the policy included cover for the computer equipment / office equipment at the HUB, Ty Rhiw and Tawelyfryn Community Centres. Again the 3 year option is best value.

Resolved:

The Community Council approved the renewal of the Council's Public Liability Insurance Policy in the sum of £909.79 and opted for the 3 year cover.

b) VACANCY FOR CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Following a formal advertisement on the Council's Website and at other local venues, the Clerk reported that one expression of interest has been received from Mrs Jean Hutchinson who resides at 13 The Rise, Tonteg, Pontypridd, CF38 1UY

Resolved:

Following discussions Members unanimously confirmed the appointment of Mrs Jean Hutchinson as a Co-opted member of the Community Council

c) MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2017-2018

Members gave consideration to the renewal notice for continued membership of "One Voice Wales" at a cost of **£479**.

The Clerk reminded Members that One Voice Wales provides legal advice services to Community Councils in Wales and represents the views of Community Councils in negotiations with the Welsh Assembly government. It was strongly recommended that the Community Council renews its membership.

Resolved:

That the Community Council continues its membership of "One Voice Wales" for the financial year 2017-2018

d) CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL TELEPHONE NUMBER

Members were informed that the Clerk has set up the following telephone number and made the necessary changes to the Council's headed notepaper and correspondence.
01443 573082

Resolved:

Members noted the changes to the Council's telephone number.

e) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members received an email from Nantgarw Chinaworks Museum. The Clerk informed the Council that a Financial Assistance application form has been forwarded the Nantgarw Chinaworks Museum but it has not been returned as of yet.

Resolved:

Members deferred this item until an application form has been received.

f) REMOVING DEBRIS AND CUTTING OVERGROWTH ON POP FACTORY LANE

Members are aware that 'Pop Factory Lane' is in the ownership of the Community council and that the Council has previously agreed that the vegetation / brambles would be cut as required.

Work to clear the debris and overgrowth has recently been undertaken by Mr Nick Edmunds. This is his second visit to the area and it will need further assistance before the year is out.

Resolved:

Members requested that Mr Edmunds be thanked for undertaking the above work.

g) COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF RCTCBC

Members gave consideration to the nominations now being sought from all Community/Town Councils for the Community Councillor position on the Standards Committee. The term of office for this position shall be until the date of the next ordinary elections for the Community Council of which the Community Councillor is a member following their appointment.

Resolved:

Members noted the above report

h) THE CHARTER FOR TREE, WOODS AND PEOPLE

Members gave consideration to an email from The Woodland Trust - Charter for Trees, Woods and People.

They are working with local groups and organisations to become Charter Branches to get involved with the initiative.

Resolved:

Members noted the above report and resolved for the Community Council School Governor, Councillor M. Jones to pass the information onto the school.

i) ONE VOICE WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Members gave consideration to the invitation from One Voice Wales for their Code of Conduct Training course on Thursday 4th July 6.30-9.30pm at the Council Offices, Newport Road, Bedwas. Cost for members is £40 each.

The Clerk advised members that she is still awaiting a date from RCTCBC regarding their free Code of Conduct Training.

Resolved:

Members noted the above invitation and resolved to wait for the free RCT Code of Conduct Training.

j) NEWSLETTER FROM NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR WALES

The Community Council received an electronic copy of the newsletter from the National Development Framework for Wales that was recently published. The Clerk has sent the publication out electronically to Members. Unfortunately if a 'hard copy' is required it is suggested that it should only be made available on request as it is otherwise a very expensive exercise.

Subject to Members' approval a copy will be placed on the Council's website

Resolved:

Members noted the above Newsletter and approve that it be placed on the Council's

Website.

MINUTE No: 6/6/17 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Sandra Lintern

- Reported a large tree branch has fallen into the front garden of Numbers 55 - 64 Heol-yr-Hendre. - Councillor Bonetto informed the member that it has been reported to RCTCBC and the tree surgeon is scheduled to visit.
- Asked if the dog litter bin could be located near Yr Hendre bus shelter? Councillor Bonetto agreed that she would liaise with RCTCBC on this matter.
- Expressed concern that there is water running down from Groes Wen onto Old Nantgarw Road and the drains are blocked. – The Clerk is to report to RCTCBC
- Informed Members that she has continued to receive complaints about bus services. It had previously been reported that buses either arrived late or did not turn up at all. - The County Council Member reiterated that in order to progress this matter details of which buses failed to turn up were needed, in addition, recorded information on the days when mini buses were used would be helpful.

Cllr Megan Jones

- Expressed concern about the over grown brambles on Ty Rhiw hill, the lanes at the back of Cardiff Road and the road between Taff's Well and Nantgarw. - Councillor Bonetto advised that it has been reported to RCTCBC. Also the trees at Ty Rhiw will be looked at in October.
- Asked if the County Council could look at the signage for the play areas and amenity land. – The County member informed that it is being looked into.

Cllr Jonathan Bishop

- Informed members that the managing director at GE would be delivering a speech on International Womens Day. Councillor Bishop will be writing an article for a press release following the speech.

Cllr Alun Fowler

- Noted that the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of the estate at Nantgarw is not functioning properly. – Councillor Bonetto agreed to take this to RCTCBC

Cllr Cynthia Dyke MBE

- Expressed concerns that the roots are exposed on a large tree under Skew Bridge towards Pontypridd which could potentially be dangerous in high winds. – The County member advised she would speak to the relevant personnel in RCTCBC
- Reported the growth of Ragweed and the need for it to be removed. – The Clerk to report to RCTCBC.

Cllr Helen Edmunds

- Reported that there are many large buses parked up all day in Treforest between school run times. – Councillor Bonetto advised that she would liaise with Highways to request a visit.
- Expressed concern that due to a house renovation a pallet of bricks had been left in the road outside a house at Glan-y-Llyn. - This will be monitored and reported to the relevant department if more obstructions occur.
- Noted that the traffic signal at Oxford Street is working intermittently. – The County member agreed to report this to the highways department.

Cllr J Bonetto

- Gave a comprehensive report on current issues on the County Council activities and her work with local residents.
- Informed members that the 2 x benches at Ty Rhiw have now been ordered and will be installed within 8 weeks. The invoice will be forwarded to the Clerk for payment.
- Informed Members that she has been elected as Chair for the scrutiny committee at RCTCBC. Members wish Councillor Bonetto every success in this position.
- Informed that the pothole Councillor Jones reported at the entrance to The Views has now been filled.
- Informed members that on the 14th July Cardiff FC will be playing Taff's Well at Taff's Well Football club. There will be no parking allowed on the highway, all vehicles will either park in the network rail carpark or Rhys Davies Transport Yard. Cardiff FC will be in charge of all the marshalling and all bags etc.. will be checked before entering the grounds

MINUTE No: 7/6/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk advised Members that updated details of balances within the Community Council's current and deposit accounts for May-June 2017 had not been received as yet. There is a cross over with address changes.

Resolved:

Members approved payment of the June accounts in the sum of £2,944.59, and agreed to defer the updated balance sheet to July 2017 meeting.

MINUTE No: 8/6/17 –PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

17/0540/10	Mr Jones Ty Hen Old Nantgarw Rd Nantgarw CF15 7UN	Proposed demolition of existing outhouse and construction of single storey front/side extension at: Ty Hen Old Nantgarw Rd Nantgarw CF15 7UN	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application
17/0581/10	9 Bryncoch Taff’s Well Cardiff CF15 7QA	Proposed front and rear extension at: 9 Bryncoch Taff’s Well Cardiff CF15 7QA	Subject to full consultation with neighbouring properties the Community Council would raise no objection to this application

MINUTE No. 9/6/17 – PUBLIC SESSION

There was no public participation at this meeting

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.03 pm.

SIGNED: DATE: